

FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education
Fort Ann, New York

Regular Meeting

August 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. James Seeley, Ed. D., President, opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL James Seeley, Ed. D., President
PRESENT: Mr. James Allen
Mrs. Cathy Graham
Mr. Paul Greene
Mrs. Alison West
Mrs. Pamela White
Mr. Richard Winchell
Mr. Kevin Froats, Superintendent

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Shelley Gregorio, Clerk of the Board, Mr. Alex Bodensieck, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mr. Justin Hoskins, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Mrs. Martha Smith, Ms. Kelly Havens, Mrs. Katie Foran, and Mr. & Mrs. Aaron (Molly) Gordon.

PRELIMINARY ACTION:

Motion by Alison West, second James Allen, approval given to the August 10, 2021 agenda.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Organization/Regular Board of Education meeting.
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Alison West, approval given to Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District hereby appoints Justin Hoskins as Superintendent of Schools, for the period January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, approves the employment agreement, dated August 10, 2021, setting forth the terms and conditions of Mr. Hoskins' employment, and authorizes payment thereunder.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Congratulations was shared to Mr. Justin Hoskins from board and community members.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

Student Accounts Final Report 2020-2021 year included in BoE packets.

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the Warrants of Bills for June 2021:

#A-24 General Fund \$595,159.61

#C-11 School Lunch Fund \$34,649.30

#F-12 Special Aid Fund \$8,408.34

#H-11 Capital Fund \$15,960.00

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Motion by James Allen, second Allison West, approval given to June 2021 Budget Transfer Gen. #A-14; Ref. #42, \$50,000, Ref. #43, \$227,548.61, Ref. #44, \$81,521.23, and Ref. #45, \$32,000.00.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Pamela Wite, approval given to Warrants of Bills for July 2021:

#A-2 General Fund \$295,422.92

#C-1 School Lunch Fund \$3,000.00

#F-1 Special Aid Fund \$80.20

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

There are no budget transfers for the month of July 2021.

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to Be it resolved on August 10, 2021 that the school taxes totaling \$5,347,993.00 will be collected, from the period September 1, 2021 through November 1, 2021 excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. A two percent (2%) penalty will be assessed to tax payments received on or after October 1, 2021 through November 1, 2021. The amount of fund balance in the custody of the School District at the beginning of the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be applied in determining the amount of school tax levy is estimated to be \$734,067.00 Except as authorized by law, such unexpended surplus funds have been applied in determining the amount of the school tax levy.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Academic/Assessment Comm. - Next meeting TBD.

Athletic Comm. –Next meeting TBD

Finance Comm. – Met August 10, 2021; discussed expense, revenue, capital reserve, and cash flow. No borrowing was needed for summer 2021. Reopening 100% in person, buses are being auctioned, and hired Asst. to Head of Building Maintenance.

Policy Comm. – Annual review Policy #5220 Investments, Policy #5410 Purchasing, #5411 Procurement of Goods & Services, #5412 Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials.

Facilities Comm. – Met with CSArch regarding Building Conditions Survey; they will be on campus frequently to review property and facility needs.

Arts Comm. – Next meeting TBD

Wellness Comm. –Next meeting TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Froats shared 2021-2022 reopening plans which include; 100% in-school instruction, busses will be at regular capacity with mask wearing required, encouraging parents to transport their children, students 12 and older will not be required to quarantine if vaccinated, 3-foot distancing

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in classrooms, lunch will be served in the cafeteria. A detailed reopening plan will be sent home to families closer to the end of August to ensure the most current/accurate data is shared.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Organizational/Administrative:

Motion by Paul Greene, second Alison West, approval given to annual review of Policy #5220 District Investments, Policy # 5410 Purchasing: Competitive Bidding & Offering, Policy # 5411, Procurement of Goods & Services, and Policy # 5412 Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Paul Greene, approval given to adopt the 2021-2022 District Level Safety Plan. (Public Hearing held July 6, 2021)

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to adopt the 2021-2022 Building Level Safety Plan. This plan contains sensitive and confidential information and shall not be discussed in open forum.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Pamela White, approval given to the 2021-2022 Comprehensive Wellness Guidance document with Triennial Health & Wellness Assessment.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second James Allen, approval given to offer only in-person instruction as the primary modality for instruction during the 2021/2022 school year. Remote learning as an educational choice will not be offered as a modality except in instances of student quarantine and/or necessitated on days in which a school building cannot be physically open for illness, damage, district transportation needs, COVID-19 Date, NYS mandates, weather conditions, or as REQUIRED by law.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second James Allen, approval given to Resolution (as attached) for TDI/CPHE Transmission Line Project.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West, approval given to contract renewal with SpecEd Solutions for Medicaid reimbursement services for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to transportation contract with Cindy Hoag for student transportation services during the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Motion by Cathy Graham, second Paul Greene, approval given to transportation contract with Rachael Goodge for student transportation services during the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to accept donation from the First Baptist Church Thrift Shoppe in the amount of \$500.00, with sincere appreciation.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second James Allen, approval given to disposal of bus #90, VIN#2C4RDGBG7ER152174, to be auctioned to highest bid.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to disposal of bus #87, 2013 Chevrolet Express 3500 VIN# GB3G2BG2D1151294, to be auctioned to highest bid.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Personnel:

Motion by Paul Greene, second Pamela White, approval given to appoint Timothy Young to a 4-year probationary term as Special Education teacher in the tenure area of Special Education effective September 1, 2021 at MA Step 3, \$44,540.22 and all benefits per the FATA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West, approval given to appoint Brian Cleavland as probationary cleaner effective July 2, 2021 at annual salary of \$26,324.17 (pending CSEA contract) with all benefits per the CSEA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Pamela White, approval given to accept resignation of Brian Cleavland as probationary cleaner effective July 12, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Paul Greene, approval given to accept resignation of Thomas Geer as bus driver effective August 3, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second James Allen, approval given to appoint Kimberly Potter to a probationary position as bus driver effective September 1, 2021 at salary of \$14,370.54 (pending CSEA contract) with benefits per the CSEA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to appoint Robert Martin as per diem bus driver/cleaner effective July 14, 2021 at board approved rate/s (pending CSEA contract) with no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Motion by James Allen, second Alison West, approval given to appoint Jodi MacDuff as per diem bus monitor effective July 19, 2021 at board approved rate (pending CSEA contract) with no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West, approval given to appoint Eric Gadway to a temporary position as custodian effective July 23, 2021 at salary of \$27,582.03 (pending CSEA contract) and all benefits per the CSEA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to appoint Alison Patterson to a probationary position as Assistant to Head of Building Maintenance effective July 27, 2021 at annual salary of \$45,000.00 and per contract agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second Pamela White, approval given to appoint Lynn Larli to a long term substitute position as elementary teacher effective September 1, 2021 at Step 1 MA, \$42,311.42 (to be prorated) with no additional salary and benefits per the FATA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second James Allen, approval given to appointment of mentors for the 2021-2022 school year:

Martha Smith, Level I \$500.00

Jason Humiston, Level II \$100.00

Emily Wood, Level I \$500.00

Caitlin McIntyre, Level I \$500.00

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to the following teacher leaders for the 2020-2021 school year at stipend of \$2,000.00 and no other salary or benefits; Lynn Andrejkovics, Sheila Morris, Heather Wood, Nichole Huskie, Tara Wilson-Monroe, and Janee Prevost.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to appoint Danielle Huff as an alternate parent member to the CSE and CPSE committees for the 2021-2022 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second James Allen, approval given to appoint Heather Havens to a probationary position as account clerk effective June 30, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

Mrs. Molly Gordon thanked administration for hearing community concerns and going forward with two second grade classrooms for the 2021-2022 year.

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Mrs. Martha Smith also expressed thanks to the administration for this decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West, approval given to adjourn to executive session at 7:00 pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendation review, the employment history of a particular person/s and pending legal matters.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second James Allen, approval given to return to public session at 7:28 pm.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

NEW BUSINESS – Continued:

Motion by Paul Greene, second Alison West, approval given to accept CSE/CPSE recommendations on students listed:

#092040149, #092040496, #982420262, #982420261, #982420205

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 21, 2021 BoE meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Alison West, second Richard Winchell, approval given to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio
District Clerk

**PILOT/HOST COMMUNITY APPROVAL RESOLUTION
FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHPE LLC PROJECT**

Board Member Pamela White offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING (A) THE PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CERTAIN PILOT AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CHPE LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHPE LLC PROJECT AND (B) THE PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CERTAIN HOST COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON CIVIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND CHPE LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHPE LLC PROJECT.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District, New York (the "Board of Education"), as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 862 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 890-c of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act"), the Board of Supervisors of Warren County and the Board of Supervisors of Washington County have heretofore appointed the Chairman and members of Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") and have duly caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York the certificates required by Section 856 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, CHPE LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in the Company's interest in certain upland parcels of land and in the Company's interim permit and easement issued or to be issued by the New York State Office of General Services ("OGS") in relation to submerged State-owned land, such upland and submerged lands located in the Towns of Putnam, Dresden, Whitehall, Fort Ann, Hartford, Kingsbury and Fort Edward, and Villages of Whitehall, Fort Ann and Fort Edward, Washington County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the construction, installation and equipping on or under the Land of a fully-buried, up to 1,250-megawatt ("MW") high-voltage direct current ("HVDC") electric transmission line and related infrastructure (collectively, the "Improvements") and (3) the acquisition and installation thereon and therein of certain

related machinery and equipment, including but not limited to, two (2) five-inch diameter HVDC transmission cables (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Improvements and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be used and operated by the Company as a portion of an electric power transmission line from the U.S.-Canada border to New York City; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the undertaking of the Project, the Company will execute and deliver (A) a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility, and (B) certain host community benefit agreements (collectively, the "Host Community Benefit Agreements," and, individually, a "Host Community Benefit Agreement") by and between the Counties of Warren and Washington Civic Development Corporation (the "CDC") and the Company, pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain host community benefit payments to the CDC pursuant to each Host Community Benefit Agreement for the benefit of (1) the Fort Ann Central School District (the "School District") and the other school districts located in the Towns (as hereinafter defined), (2) Washington County, (3) the Towns of Putnam, Dresden, Whitehall, Fort Ann, Hartford, Kingsbury and Fort Edward (collectively, the "Towns"), and (4) the Villages of Whitehall, Fort Ann and Fort Edward; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires that the Fort Ann Central School District, through its Board of Education, as one of the affected tax jurisdictions with respect to the Project Facility, adopt a resolution indicating whether the Board of Education agrees to the terms of the (A) proposed PILOT Agreement, and (B) the proposed Host Community Benefit Agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education, as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of satisfying the requirements contained in the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "UTEP Policy") and the Act, the Board of Education hereby (1) acknowledges notification of any deviation from the Agency's UTEP Policy, (2) waives any formal notice from the Agency of any deviation from the Agency's UTEP Policy, (3) approves the payment terms to be contained in the PILOT Agreement, as substantially described in Schedule A attached, and (4) approves the payment terms to be contained in the Host Community Benefit Agreements, as substantially described in Schedule A attached.

Section 2. The President of the School Board is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Fort Ann Central School District, to execute and deliver a consent to the PILOT Agreement for the purpose of evidencing its approval to the proposed payment terms of the PILOT Agreement, said PILOT Agreement to contain the terms described in Schedule A attached, with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the President of the School Board shall approve, the execution thereof by the President of the School Board to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 3. The President of the School Board is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Fort Ann Central School District, to execute and deliver a consent to the Host Community Benefit Agreement relating to the School District for the purpose of evidencing its approval to the proposed payment terms of the Host Community Benefit Agreement, said Host Community Benefit Agreement to contain the terms described in Schedule A attached, with such changes, variations, omissions and

insertions as the President of the School Board shall approve, the execution thereof by the President of the School Board to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 4. The officers, employees and agents of the Fort Ann Central School District are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Fort Ann Central School District to do all acts and things required or provided for by the applicable provisions of this Resolution in order to ensure compliance with such provisions as they relate to the execution and delivery of the PILOT Agreement and the Host Community Benefit Agreement, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The resolution was duly seconded by James Allen and the resolution was duly adopted by a vote on roll call.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)SS.:
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)

I, the undersigned (Deputy) Clerk of the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the preceding Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District at a regular meeting of the said Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District duly called and held on August 17, 2021; that said Resolution was entered in the minutes of said meeting; and that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original thereof now on file in my office and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said Resolution and of the whole thereof.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of said Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Fort Ann Central School District, New York this 10th day of August, 2021.

BY: Shelley L. Gregorio
(Deputy) Clerk of the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District, New York

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