

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

Regular Meeting

October 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Mr. James Seeley Ed.d., President, opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL            Mr. 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. Alexander Bodensieck, Mr. Justin Hoskins, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Ms. Nichole Huskie, and Mr. Steve Bethel.

PRELIMINARY ACTION:

Motion by Pamela White, second Alison West, approval given to the October 19, 2021 agenda.  
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second, Paul Greene, approval given to the September 21, 2021 minutes.  
Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

School Tax Collector's report included in packets.

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

- # A-5 General Fund \$450,231.92
- # C-2 School Lunch Fund \$1,027.85
- # F- 3 Special Aid Fund \$13,987.60
- # H-2 Capital Fund \$119,937.05

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Richard Winchell, second James Allen, approval given to budget transfer A-2 Ref. #47, \$15,848.51

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Steve Bethel presented 2020-2021 Annual Audit result; The District will deal with the 4% violation of overfunded reserves with a 5-year plan being submitted. Many Districts are facing the same audit results with overfunded reserves due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and closure of school and school activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Academic/Assessment Comm.** – Next meeting TBD

**Athletic Comm.** –Next meeting TBD

**Finance Comm.** – Met virtually October 14, 2021; discussed ongoing COVID testing for all unvaccinated staff, Ambient billing, and status of tax collections.

**Policy Comm.** – No policies on this agenda

**Facilities Comm.** – Next meeting TBD

**Arts Comm.** – Met October 18, 2021; discussed All-County @ Granville, Proctor’s musical theatre review, Alison Ward; All-State Alternate, new Studio Art class successes, Fort Ann Village field trip, NJAHS, great summer 2021 theatre production, and a new projector for auditorium.

**Wellness Comm.** –Next meeting TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Hoskins, Mrs. Discenza, and Mrs. Johnson provide building updates:

Mr. Hoskins: Back to school transition has been tough on students, social, emotional needs are being assessed and addressed, working on Diversity, Equity Inclusion (D.E.I.), engaging teachers to help “sell” their electives to students, more college credit bearing courses.

Mrs. Discenza: Successful open house, John Woodell-Freire has been tremendously helpful, new safe & unsafe touch program, now using Fountas & Pinnell guided reading, PD to be held in November, using SAEBRS; (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener).

Mrs. Lori Johnson: 504 students seem to have been most affected by the COVID Pandemic, started a “supportive study hall” for IEP/504 students, adding a CALEO clinician with Association for Mental Health every Wednesday, conducting a teacher aide training program, again John Woodell-Freire has been a great help, reviewing IEP’s for Indicator 13 compliance.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Organizational/Administrative:

Motion by Alison West, second Pamela White, approval given to accept independent audit as submitted by Jenkins, Beecher, & Bethel, LLP for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second James Allen, approval given to contract agreement with Brianna Murratti for assistive technology evaluation services for students of Fort Ann Central School, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to contract agreement with Warren Washington Association for Mental Health (AMH) to provide satellite counseling services for the Fort Ann Central School District to be effective for the 2021-2022 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Paul Greene, approval given to MOA dated September 20, 2021 between Fort Ann Central School District and CSEA.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Pamela White, approval given to attached resolution to establish October 16 as Rich McCabe Day.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Personnel:

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to unpaid leave for Employee #3243, as bus driver, effective October 4, 2021 through December 3, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Richard Winchell, approval given to accept resignation from Adriana Finley, teacher assistant and lunch room monitor, effective October 13, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second James Allen, approval given to appoint Kori Colvin as elementary lunch monitor for the 2021-2022 school year, to be effective October 12, 2021, at annual stipend of \$1,981.00 (to be prorated).

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Richard Winchell, second Alison West, approval given to accept resignation of Sheila Zimmerman, teacher aide and lunch room monitor, effective October 7, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Alison West, approval given to appoint Dawn Whitney as elementary lunch monitor for the 2021-2022 school year, to be effective October 8, 2021 at annual stipend of \$1,981.00 (to be prorated).

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Alison West, second Cathy Graham, approval given to appoint Mindy Stockman and Heather Shyptycki as elementary homework club advisors for the 2021-2022 school year at salary of \$32.62 per hour.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Paul Greene, second James Allen approval given to unpaid Parental Leave for employee #2327 effective approximately September 19, 2021 through November 29, 2021.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Cathy Graham, second Pamela White, approval given to appoint Erin Clark as teacher aide effective October 13, 2021 at annual salary of \$15,458.21 (pending CSEA contract and to be prorated) and all benefits per the CSEA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by James Allen, second Richard Winchell, approval given to appoint Ashlee Smith as teacher aide effective October 18, 2021 at annual salary of \$15,458.21 (pending CSEA contract and to be prorated) and all benefits per the CSEA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Motion by Richard Winchell, second Alison West, approval given to accept contract agreement with Claire Hippele for long term substitute teacher services provided to the Fort Ann Central School District to be effective approximately November 22, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Pamela White, second Richard Winchell, approval given to adjourn to executive session at 7:27 p.m. 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 Pamela White, second Cathy Graham, approval given to return to public session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

NEW BUSINESS – Continued:

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

#092040695, #092040358, #982420306, #982420311, #982420212, #982420268

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 4 & 5, 2021 Elementary Parent Teacher Conf. ½ day for students

November 10, 2021 Emergency Release Drill Day

November 11, 2021 Veteran's Day; school not in session

November 16, 2021 BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Richard Winchell, second Alison West, approval given to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio  
District Clerk

Fort Ann Central School Board of Education  
County of Washington, State of New York

Resolution for COACH RICH MCCABE DAY

Motion by Alison West Second by Pamela White Motion carried 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstentions

The Fort Ann Central School Board of Education in the Town of fort Ann, Washington County, NY does hereby make the following resolution:

WHEREAS, after being hired in 1980 to the position of Physical Education Teacher for the Fort Ann Central School District Fort Ann, Washington County, New York; and

WHEREAS, after earning and being appointed to the position of Boys Fort Ann Varsity High School Soccer Coach; and

WHEREAS, after Coaching for 40 years as Fort Ann's Boys Varsity Soccer Coach and mentoring his teams to an accumulation of 606 wins; and

WHEREAS, after receiving Section 2 Class D Coach of the year thirteen (13) times and was New York State Small School Coach of the Year in 2011; and

WHEREAS, after Coaching his teams to 21 Adirondack League Titles; and

WHEREAS, after Coaching his teams to 17 New York State Section II Class D Titles; and

WHEREAS, after Coaching his 2015 Season to a New York State Championship; and

WHEREAS, after being inducted into the New York State Soccer Hall of Fame in the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, having a major impact on the growth and maturation of thousands of young men, in the Fort Ann Central School District, and in the Town of Fort Ann, in a positive and influential way.

This Fort Ann Central School Board of Education does hereby declare that Saturday, October 16, 2021 as Coach Rich McCabe Day in a show of appreciation of his dedication and hard work in the betterment of our School District and Community.

James Seeley, President - Aye  
Pamela White, Vice President - Aye  
James Allen, Board Member - Aye  
Cathy Graham, Board Member - Aye  
Paul Greene, Board Member – Aye  
Alison West, Board Member – Aye  
Richard Winchell, Board Member – Aye