



**Fort Edward Union Free School District  
Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
March 31, 2023**

updated 3/30/23

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call Attendance:** Thomas Roche, Ella Collins, James Donahue, Amanda Durkee, Christina Durkee, John Guglielmo, Timothy Clark and Taylor Boucher

**III. Recognition of Successes - None**

**IV. Community Comments:**

A public comment period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes each shall be provided at each business meeting. In an effort to provide an opportunity for all interested speakers, all speakers shall be limited to three (3) minutes during the public comment period. Community members, who wish to address the Board, are requested to complete the speaker request form and submit it to the Clerk of the Board prior to the meeting. Comments regarding agenda items will be taken first. Speakers are reminded of the three-minute time limit. Should the 30 minute time limit expire additional written comments may be taken prior to the meeting's adjournment. A member of the Board or the Superintendent will respond that the BOE received and reviewed the comments.

When members of the public speak to the Board, they shall state their name and address, the name of the organization (if any) which they represent, and the agenda item they wish to comment on. Please be aware that by law individual student information or particular personnel issues cannot be discussed at public sessions of the board. The Board will not permit interruptions, slanderous remarks or "name-calling" by speakers or the audience. We take public comment very seriously and careful notes will be taken. However, the board generally does not respond while the meeting is in public session.

**V. Presentations - None**

**VI. Reports - None**

**VII. Discussion Items - None**

**VIII. Consent Agenda - None**

**IX. Action:**

A. Motion to approve the following resolution to place proposition before voters:

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:** The Fort Edward Union Free School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed before the voters:



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SHALL the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District be authorized to (1) establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be designated, “2023 Capital Reserve Fund” for the purpose of financing the construction and reconstruction of, and the general improvements, renovations or additions to the District’s buildings, facilities, and grounds/athletic fields, including site work, and the acquisition of original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, land acquisitions, and other incidental improvements and expenses required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities or grounds/athletic fields are to be used; (2) fund said reserve to the maximum amount of \$15,000,000; and (3) annually deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund such portion of the General Fund, unallocated fund balance, state aid reimbursement, other reserves, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount. The probable duration of the fund is ten (10) years.

B. Motion to approve the following resolution to place proposition before voters:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District be authorized to purchase a van, at a cost not to exceed \$125,000, paid for with monies from the District’s 2022 “Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund” (Transportation Reserve Fund) and with the use of funds from the Transportation Reserve Fund shall have no impact on the tax levy of the District for the 2023-2024 school year?

C. Motion to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, section 3651(1-a) of the Education Law allows a school board to establish a reserve fund to be known as the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of paying judgments and claims from a tax certiorari proceeding, in accordance with Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward School District Board of Education desires to establish a Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to pay for anticipated liabilities from pending Article 7 cases;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:** The Fort Edward School District hereby establishes a fund to be known as the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund effective July 1, 2023, to be funded by the current fund balance, in the amount of \$20,000, for the payment of tax certiorari judgments and claims resulting from challenges to the 2023 tax roll, and may make future budgetary appropriations or transfers from other reserve funds as permitted by law, to be used in accordance with applicable laws for the purpose of paying tax certiorari claims or judgments for the year in which such monies are deposited in the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund.

X. **Personnel** - None



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- XI. Coaching - None**
- XII. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)**
- XIII. Executive Session**
- XIV. Return to Public Session**
- XV. Adjournment**