



Fort Edward Union Free School District
Meeting of the Board of Education
February 13, 2023

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Board Finance Committee Meeting: 5:30
Regular Board Meeting 6:30

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Oath of Office for Student Board Member:** Ella Aul
- III. Roll Call Attendance:** Thomas Roche, Ella Collins, James Donahue, Amanda Durkee, Christina Durkee, John Guglielmo, Timothy Clark and Taylor Boucher
- IV. Recognition of Successes:**
 - A. Gymnasium Cleanup:** Madelynn LaPelle
 - B. Forts First Responders:** Catherine Briscoe for organizing Fort Edward Rescue Squad, Inc. to visit our After School Enrichment Program
 - C. Forts First Responders:** Ken Mitchell, Mikenzie Willard and Keith Hanna for visiting our After School Enrichment Program and allowing students students to tour the Fort Edward EMS rescue vehicle
- V. 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.
- VI. Presentations:**
 - A. Gregg Diefenbach:**
 1. Update on the 5-year long range plan/pilots - Sarah Bradshaw (fiscal advisor)
- VII. Reports:**



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A. Board Committee Reports (9 Board Committees)

1. Budget, Finance and Audit Committee (Met tonight)
2. Personnel, Grievance and Negotiations Committee (next meeting TBD)
3. Curriculum and Instruction Committee (next meeting TBD)
4. Policy Review Committee (next meeting TBD)
5. Athletic Committee (Met 1/23/23)
6. Strategic Planning Committee (next meeting TBD)
7. Health & Safety of Buildings & Grounds (next meeting TBD)
8. Capital Project Committee (next meeting TBD)

B. Superintendent Report

1. State of Fort Edward School District

C. Treasurer Report (Reports in BOE Packets)

D. K-12 Principal Report

E. Director of Pupil Services

VIII. Discussion Items:

- A. Annex sale/donation (Kris Lanchantin)
- B. Healthy Kids Before and After School Program
- C. Coaches Packet

IX. Consent Agenda:

Although Board action is required, it is generally unnecessary to hold discussion on these items. With the consent of all members, they are therefore grouped and approval is given in one motion. In the event a Board member wants to discuss any item, it is moved to an appropriate place on the agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes for Board Meeting held January 9, 2023.
- B. Approval of Minutes for Special Board Meeting held January 23, 2023.
- C. Approval of Minutes for Special Board Meeting held February 6, 2023.
- D. Approval of Treasurer Reports for January as included in the Board packets.
- E. Approval of Budget Transfers for January as included in the Board packets.
- F. Approval of the Warrants and Claims as included in the Board packets.

X. Action:

- A. Motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations as included in the Board packets.
- B. Resolution to appoint Jessica Smatko as Administrative Intern, effective January 30, 2023.
- C. Motion to approve the resolution to appoint Stephen Neron as Building Maintenance Mechanic, effective February 13, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of the Employment Agreement, dated February 9, 2023.
- D. Motion to approve the contract renewal for health services provided to children that reside in Fort Edward and attend Saratoga Springs City Schools.



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XI. Personnel:

All appointments are subject to change and compensation proration, pending emergency school closing and required reductions in force. All coaching appointments are made pending completion and verification of all required coaching credentials, with the stipend per FETA contract commensurate with experience and no other salary or benefits. All coaching, extracurricular appointments are subject to reduction and compensation proration, pending final student enrollment numbers, and pending the outcome of any potential mergers and emergency school closings.

- A. Motion to appoint Jim Eggleston as Scoreboard Operator effective January 9, 2023 at a rate of salary of \$50 per event.
- B. Motion to appoint Amber Bement as Academic Intervention Services Instructor (English Regents Review Teacher), effective January 12, 2023, at a rate of salary of \$37.00 per hour, as per the FETA contract.
- C. Motion to appoint Kilee Westad as YAC Advisor, effective February 13, 2023, at a rate to be negotiated.
- D. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from Mitchell Suprenant, effective January 27, 2023.
- E. Motion to accept the letter of resignation with the intent to retire from Eric Becker, effective December 1, 2023.
- F. Motion to appoint Hillary Potter as Chemical Hygiene Officer.

XII. Coaching:

All coaching appointments are made pending completion and verification of all required coaching credentials, with the stipend per FETA contract commensurate with experience and no other salary or benefits. All coaching and extracurricular appointments are subject to reduction pending final student enrollment numbers, and pending the outcome of any potential mergers and emergency school closings.

- A. Motion to appoint Nelson Chase as Unified Bowling Coach, effective February 13, 2023, at a rate to be negotiated.
- B. Motion to appoint Catherine Briscoe as JV Softball Coach, effective February 13, 2023, at a rate of pay per the FETA contract.
- C. Motion to appoint Charles Perkins as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, effective February 13, 2023, at a rate of pay per the FETA contract.
- D. Motion to appoint Jason Brayman as Modified Baseball Coach, effective February 13, 2023, at a rate of pay per the FETA contract.

XIII. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)

XIV. Executive Session

I need a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters referring to negotiations with a



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specific entity, as well as the employment of specific individuals.

Any Discussion?

Board of Education Members and other individuals invited into executive session are reminded that all matters discussed during executive session must be kept in the strictest confidence.

As I see that there is no further discussion we will vote.

XV. Return to Public Session

XVI. Adjournment