



Fort Edward Union Free School District
Meeting of the Board of Education
May 8, 2023
updated 5/3/23

Regular Board Meeting 6:30

- 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, Taylor Boucher and Ella Aul (student member)
- III. Budget Hearing**
- IV. Recognition of Successes:**
 - A. Painting canvases to be sold to the public with money to be donated to the Lucky Puppy Adoption Center in Argyle, NY:** Lynelle Colvin, Sofia White, Spencer Smith, Jules Mercier, Calvin Boucher, Felicity Columbetti, Ollie Cutler, Alexa Dubay-Hensler, Ella Duket, Olivia Mattison, Maharet Monroe, Silas Monroe, Liliana Starke, Eva Stewart, Hannah Waterhouse
 - B. "Horsing Around with the Arts" student competition at the National Racing Museum in Saratoga Springs, NY:** Lynelle Colvin, Sofia White, Spencer Smith, Jules Mercier, Felicity Columbetti, Ollie Cutler, Alexa Dubay-Hensler, Ella Duket, Olivia Mattison, Maharet Monroe, Silas Monroe, Eva Stewart
 - C. Fidelis Coloring Contest 2nd Place:** Emily Gardner, Serenity Gamble
- V. Special Recognitions:**
 - A. American Legion Post 574:** Donation of an American flag for the Fort Edward Union Free School District's front yard display
 - B. Bob Bearde:** Organizing the donation of an American flag for the Fort Edward Union Free School District's front yard display
 - C. Lecia Carpenter:** Donation of a new POW flag for the Fort Edward Union Free School District's front yard display
- VI. 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



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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.

VII. Presentations:

- A. After School Enrichment Wrap Up Report - Jessica Smatko

VIII. Reports:

A. Board Committee Reports (9 Board Committees)

- 1. Budget, Finance and Audit Committee
- 2. Personnel, Grievance and Negotiations Committee
- 3. Curriculum and Instruction Committee
- 4. Policy Review Committee
 - a) Need to set a date
- 5. Athletic Committee
- 6. Strategic Planning Committee
- 7. Health & Safety of Buildings & Grounds
- 8. Capital Project Committee

B. Superintendent Report

C. Treasurer Report (Reports in BOE Packets)

D. K-12 Principal Report

E. Pupil Services Report

F. Student Board Member Report

IX. Discussion Items:

- A. Board Seat Vacancy Discussion

X. 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 April 25, 2023.
- B. Approval of Treasurer Reports for April as included in the Board packets.
- C. Approval of Budget Transfers for April as included in the Board packets.
- D. Approval of the Warrants and Claims for April as included in the Board packets.

XI. Action:

- A. Motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations, as included in the Board packets.



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- B. Motion to accept the generous donation of an American flag from the American Legion Post 574.
- C. Motion to accept the generous donation of a new POW flag from Lecia Carpenter.
- D. Motion to approve the second reading of the following revised policies:
 - #1510 - Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure)
 - #3220 - Use of Assistance Animals
 - #3221 - Social Service Dogs
 - #3230 - Public Complaints
 - #3310 - Public Access to Records
 - #5130 - Budget Adoption
 - #5150 - Contingency Budget
 - #5230 - Acceptance of Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the District
 - #5570 - Financial Accountability
 - #5640 - Smoking/Tobacco Use
 - #5683 - Fire and Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats and Bus Emergency Drills
 - #5730 - School Bus Safety Program
 - #5731 - Idling School Buses on School Grounds
 - #5740 - Qualifications of Bus Drivers
 - #6121 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
 - #6140 - Employee Medical Examinations
 - #6150 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Staff)
 - #6160 - Professional Growth/Staff Development
 - #6213 - Registration and Professional Development
 - #6220 - Temporary Personnel
 - #7131 - Education of Students in Temporary Housing
 - #7320 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)
 - #7540 - Suicide
 - #7552 - Student Gender Identity
 - #8110 - Curriculum, Development, Resources and Evaluation
 - #8210 - Safety Conditions and Prevention Instruction
 - #8240 - Instruction in Certain Subjects
 - #8280 - Instruction for English Language Learners
 - #8320 - Selection of Library and Multimedia Materials
 - #8330 - Objection to Materials and Controversial Issues
 - #8340 - Instructional Materials

XII. 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



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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 approve the appointment of Janet Silburn as Piano Accompanist, at a rate of \$500 for six rehearsals and one concert, effective May 8, 2023.
- B. Motion to approve the appointment of Karina Morey as Substitute Teacher effective May 8, 2023 at a rate per the SASTA Contract of \$92.30 per day.

XIII. Coaching - None

XIV. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)

XV. Executive Session

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

XVI. Return to Public Session

XVII. Adjournment