



Fort Edward Union Free School District
Meeting of the Board of Education
May 30, 2023
Special Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Thomas Roche, Ella Collins, James Donahue, Christina Durkee, John Guglielmo and Timothy Clark

Members Absent: Amanda Durkee and Ella Aul (student member)

Others Present: Richard DeMallie, Keaysie Ferguson, Erin Russo, Greg Weeks

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** - Time: 6:02pm
- II. Recognition of Successes** - None
- III. Community Comments** - None
- IV. Presentations** - None
- V. 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 - Amanda Durkee has sent an email to committee members
 5. Athletic Committee
 6. Strategic Planning Committee
 7. Health & Safety of Buildings & Grounds
 8. Capital Project Committee
 - a) Richard DeMallie would like to set a date for this committee; will look into June 13 or June 20
 - B. Superintendent Report**
 1. Congratulations to Hartford-Fort Edward Baseball Team for their Section II Class D Championship. They will be playing in Plattsburgh Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 4:00pm. A spectator bus, for students only, has been organized (the maximum for the bus is 50 students and we are partnering with Hartford to bring their students as well). If they win in Plattsburgh, they play in Amsterdam on Saturday, June 3, 2023.
 2. Thank you to Daniel Boucher and the Youth Basketball Program. Dan sent a letter thanking Fort Edward for the use of the facilities and reported that over 65 students in K-6 participated in Youth Basketball.
 3. Thank you to everyone that came out and voted. He noted that about 180 people voted and about 85% of people helped pass the budget. Thank you again for supporting our school and district.



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VI. Discussion Items - None

VII. Consent Agenda - None

VIII. Action:

- A. Motion made by John Guglielmo, seconded by Ella Collins to approve the bowling merger for all levels between the Fort Edward UFSD and Argyle CSD for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Motion made by John Guglielmo, seconded by Ella Collins to approve the contract renewal for health services provided to children that reside in Fort Edward and attend Prospect Center. Motion carried 6-0.
- C. Motion made by Christina Durkee, seconded by Ella Collins to approve the Fort Edward Recreation Department for facilities request, including transportation for the summer of 2023. Motion carried 5-0-1. James Donahue abstained.
- D. Motion made by Christina Durkee, seconded by John Guglielmo to accept the following results of the of the May 16, 2023 School Budget Vote and Election:
 - 1.School Budget: \$12,449,626.16
 - a) Passed
 - b) 143 Yes
 - c) 37 No
 - 2.Proposition #1: Establish a Capital Reserve Fund
 - a) Passed
 - b) 139 Yes
 - c) 42 No
 - 3.Proposition #2: Purchase a van using Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Reserve Fund
 - a) Passed
 - b) 134 Yes
 - c) 47 No
 - 4.Proposition #3: Transfer a portion of real property (the annex) to the Village of Fort Edward and Town of Fort Edward
 - a) Passed
 - b) 127 Yes
 - c) 54 No
 - 5.Election - no election was held due to the board reduction from nine to seven. Thomas Roche thanked the public for coming out and approving the budget. Motion carried 6-0.
- E. Motion made by Timothy Clark, seconded by John Guglielmo to approve the disposal of the fixed assets as listed in the Board packets. Motion carried 6-0.

IX. Personnel:

All appointments are subject to change and compensation proration, pending emergency school



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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 approve the appointment of Jessica Smatko as Summer Academy Coordinator (K-8), effective May 15, 2023, at a rate \$65 per hour.
- B. Motion to approve the appointment of Hillary Potter as Summer Credit Recovery Teacher/Coordinator (9-12), effective May 15, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract.
- C. Motion to approve the appointment of Nelson Chase as Summer Credit Recovery Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- D. Motion to approve the appointment of Catherine Briscoe as Summer Academy Nurse, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FESS Contract.
- E. Motion to approve the appointment of Susan Holzschuh as Summer Academy Teaching Assistant, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FESS Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- F. Motion to approve the appointment of Olivia Fisher as Summer Academy Teaching Assistant, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FESS Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- G. Motion to approve the appointment of Julie Terrio as Summer Academy Teaching Assistant, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FESS Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- H. Motion to approve the appointment of Nelson Chase as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- I. Motion to approve the appointment of Marianne Stark as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- J. Motion to approve the appointment of John Boucher as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- K. Motion to approve the appointment of Stephanie Bruce as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- L. Motion to approve the appointment of Ryan Herman as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- M. Motion to approve the appointment of Amber Bement as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.



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- N. Motion to approve the appointment of Shannon Smith as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- O. Motion to approve the appointment of Tiffany Wendel as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- P. Motion to approve the appointment of Jodie Brewer as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate..
- Q. Motion to approve the appointment of Kristine Bump as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- R. Motion to approve the appointment of Lisa Tyler as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.
- S. Motion to approve the appointment of Jeff Durkee as Summer Academy Teacher, effective May 31, 2023, at a rate per the FETA Contract to be paid at the bargaining unit members hourly rate.

Thomas Roche requested that a motion be made to approve items A-S. Motion made by Timothy Clark, seconded by Christina Durkee to approve items A-S. Ella Collins questioned the dates of approval. Richard DeMallie noted that the May 15th start date for the Coordinators is because they have already begun working on Summer Academy and Summer Credit Recovery. He further noted that the May 31st date for the teachers is due to the fact that they have one or two meetings scheduled prior to the start of these summer programs. He further indicated that this was past practice and that appointing now does not add extra hours, it would be comparable to what was done in the past. He also stated that the budget for Summer Academy and Summer Credit Recovery was \$50,000 and that we are currently below that, including the few hours that will be put in during May and June. Lastly he noted that \$50,000 is what was spent last year as that was in line with what Fort Edward School District was awarded for their District Comprehensive Education Plan. James Donahue noted that the Summer Academy Program is a great program and that the students that attend are smiling when they come in and still smiling when they leave. Motion carried 6-0.

X. Coaching - None

XI. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)

- A. James Donahue thanked Principal Erin Russo for her assistance in drawing up a student survey for the recreation program.

XII. Executive Session - None



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XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by James Donahue, seconded by Ella Collins to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm.
Motion carried 6-0.