



**Fort Edward Union Free School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 10, 2023 6:30pm**

updated 10/5/23

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Roll Call Attendance:** Thomas Roche, Ella Collins, John Guglielmo, Timothy Clark, Taylor Boucher, Audra Aul
- III. Recognition of Successes:**
 - A. Castleton Honors Band Festival:** Ollie Cutler, Gabriel Glass, Ashton LeGodais, Addison Perkins
 - B. 2023 New England Student Leadership Conference:** Maharet Monroe
 - C. Winning Design of Character Education T-Shirts:** Hannah Schaaf
- IV. Special Recognition**
 - A. Frank Munoff:** Donation of mittens, scarves, and hats
- 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. Patrick Kenneally =** Presenting updated grant information concerning the cafeteria
- VII. Reports:**
 - A. Board Committee Reports (9 Board Committees)**
 1. Budget, Finance and Audit Committee
 - a) Met tonight
 2. Personnel, Grievance and Negotiations Committee
 - a) Met 9/27 = notes included in the BOE packet
 3. Curriculum and Instruction Committee



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- 4. Policy Review Committee
- 5. Athletic Committee
 - a) Met 10/2 = notes included in the BOE packet
- 6. Strategic Planning Committee
- 7. Health & Safety of Buildings & Grounds
- 8. Capital Project Committee
 - a) Meeting scheduled for 10/23

- B. Superintendent Report**
- C. Building Principal Report**
- D. Pupil Services Report**
- E. Building Maintenance Report**

VIII. Discussion Items:

- A. Board of Education Retreat
- B. Dissolution of certain committees
 - 1. Curriculum and Instruction
 - 2. Strategic Planning
 - 3. Health & Safety of Buildings & Grounds
- C. Purchasing Board Docs
- D. Becoming a member of the NYS School Boards Association

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. Approve the minutes for the Board Meeting held September 11, 2023.
- B. Approve the minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting held September 11, 2023.
- C. Approve the minutes for the Personnel, Grievance and Negotiations Committee Meeting held September 27, 2023.
- D. Approve the minutes for the Athletic Committee Meeting held October 2, 2023.
- E. Approve the Treasurer Reports for September as included in the Board packets.
- F. Approve the Budget Transfers for September as included in the Board packets.
- G. Approve the Warrants and Claims for September as included in the Board packets.
- H. Approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations for September as included in the Board packets

X. Action:

- A. Approve the calendar for the 2024-25 budget development.
- B. Approve the contract between the Fort Edward UFSD and Schoolhouse Construction Services, LLC, for capital project management services.



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- C. Approve the updated Exhibit B from Schoolhouse Construction Services, LLC, dated August 8, 2023.
- D. Approve the contract for special education services between the Fort Edward UFSD and Mayfield Central School District for the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. Approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION to approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Fort Edward Union Free School District and the Fort Edward Union Free School District Teachers' Association, dated September 27, 2023 to add Pep Band to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, dated July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- F. Approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION to approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Fort Edward Union Free School District and the Fort Edward Union Free School District Teachers' Association, dated September 27, 2023 to add Football Cheer Coach and Winter Game Day/Competitive Cheer coach to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, dated July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- G. Approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION to approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Fort Edward Union Free School District and the Fort Edward Union Free School District Teachers' Association, dated September 27, 2023 to add eSports/Gaming Club Advisor to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, dated July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- H. Approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION to approve the agreement between the Fort Edward Union Free School District and the County of Washington for the provision for Part Time Special Patrol Officer or Deputy Sheriff Services effective October 10, 2023 through November 10, 2023.
- I. Approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION to approve the agreement between the Fort Edward Union Free School District and the County of Washington for the provision for Full Time Special Patrol Officer or Deputy Sheriff Services effective November 9, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- J. Approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION to approve the tax refund of \$7,870.65 to National Grid as per Form RP556 from Washington County Office of Real Property.
Defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 550 paragraph 7(e). New York State approved the equalization rate at 91.55%. This franchise amount was calculated using a rate of 100%.
- K. Approve the following resolution:
RESOLUTION to approve the issuance of new tax bills in the amounts on the following chart, as per Form RP554 from Washington County Office of Real Property. Defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 550 paragraph 7(e). New York State approved the equalization rate at 91.55%. This franchise amount was calculated using a rate of 100%.

Name	Parcel	Tax Bill Amount	Corrected Tax Bill Amount
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Time Warner	500.-50-1	\$957.14	\$876.26
Verizon	500.-60-3	\$4,683.86	\$4,288.08
First Light Fiber	500.-71-1	\$547.57	\$501.29
First Light Fiber	500.-73-1	\$223.64	\$204.75

L. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION to approve the issuance of new tax bills in the amounts on the following chart, as per Form RP554 from Washington County Office of Real Property. Defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 550 paragraph 2(a). An assessment clerical error values were not updated on the RPSV4 system.

Parcel ID	Correct Assessed Value	Tax Bill Amount	Corrected Tax Bill Amount
163.17-4-29	13,200	\$2,395.40	\$239.54
163.17-4-35	25,600	\$4,645.63	\$464.56
163.17-4-35.1	26,800	\$4,808.95	\$486.34
163.17-4-36	24,400	\$4,427.86	\$442.79

M. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION to approve the issuance of a new tax bill to Jay and Pamela Jablonski, located at tax map number 171.10-3-10, in the amount of \$2,648.13, as per Form RP554 from Washington County Office of Real Property. Defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 550 paragraph 2(c). A clerical error received Basic STAR exemption and the owner is entitled to the Enhanced STAR.

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. Appoint Krista Britt as Weight Room Advisor, effective September 1, 2023, at a stipend rate of pay of \$1549 (1/3 of Scale B, Year 5), as per the FETA contract. Jeff Durkee and Jeff Tully were



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appointed on July 1, 2023 as co-advisors; this will now be split and each will receive $\frac{1}{3}$ of the stipend.

- B. Appoint Sarah Taylor as Drama Club Advisor, effective September 1, 2023, at a stipend rate of pay of \$581 ($\frac{1}{2}$ of the stipend), as per the FETA contract. Marianne Stark was appointed on July 1, 2023 as the sole advisor; this will now be split and each will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the stipend.
- C. Appoint Susan Holzschuh as Enrichment Teaching Assistant for Session 1, Session 2 and Session 3, effective October 11, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$17.79 per hour, as per the FESS contract.
- D. Appoint Mia Seeley as Enrichment Teaching Assistant for Session 1, Session 2 and Session 3, effective October 11, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$21.91 per hour, as per the FESS contract.
- E. Appoint Meredith Hazelton as Enrichment Teacher for Session 1, Session 2 and Session 3, effective October 11, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$37 per hour, as per the FETA contract.
- F. Appoint Nelson Chase as Enrichment Teacher for Session 3, effective October 11, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$37 per hour, as per the FETA contract.
- G. Appoint Christopher Terry as Enrichment Teacher for Session 2, effective October 11, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$37 per hour, as per the FETA contract.

XII. Coaching - None

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 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