



**Fort Edward Union Free School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
September 11, 2023 6:30pm**

updated 9/8/23

- 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 - None**
- IV. Special Recognitions**
  - A. PTO - Donation of playground deck box
  - B. Nemer Motor Group and Tri-County United Way - Donation of school supplies
- 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. Jessica Smatko - Summer Academy
- 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) Want to schedule a meeting = Organizational Chart
    - 3. Curriculum and Instruction Committee
    - 4. Policy Review Committee
    - 5. Athletic Committee
    - 6. Strategic Planning Committee



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- 7. Health & Safety of Buildings & Grounds
- 8. Capital Project Committee

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

**VIII. Discussion Items:**

- A. Board of Education Scholarship
- B. Dissolution of certain committees
- C. Adopting committee meeting notes
- D. AASBA September 21st Meeting
- E. Schoolhouse Construction Services

**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 August 23, 2023.
- B. Approve the Treasurer Reports for July as included in the Board packets.
- C. Approve the Budget Transfers for July as included in the Board packets.
- D. Approve the Warrants and Claims for July as included in the Board packets.

**X. Action:**

- A. Approve the contract between Barbara Fribourg (Consultant Psychologist) and the Fort Edward School effective September 7, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- B. Approve the contract with Newmeadow for the renewal lease of classroom and office space effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- C. Approve the contract with Newmeadow for the new lease of additional classroom and office space effective September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**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.*



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- A. Accept the letter of resignation from Sarah Tucci, as .4 School Psychologist, effective June 23, 2023.
- B. Accept the letter of resignation from Lisa Corlew, as Student Council Advisor, effective September 7, 2023.
- C. Accept the letter of resignation from Kori Dixon, as Aide, effective October 5, 2023.
- D. Accept the letter of resignation from Jason Matala, as Substitute Bus Driver, effective August 31, 2023.
- E. Appoint Nelson Chase as Mentor, effective September 1, 2023, at a stipend rate of pay of \$1000, as per FETA contract.
- F. Appoint Joanna Scotch as Mentor, effective September 1, 2023, at a stipend rate of pay of \$1000, as per FETA contract.
- G. Appoint Nichole Schilling as Mentor, effective September 1, 2023, at a stipend rate of pay of \$1000, as per FETA contract.
- H. Appoint Payton Pauquette as Teaching Assistant, effective September 12, 2023, at a rate of \$16.79 per hour, as per the FESS contract.
- I. Appoint John Walsh as Teaching Assistant, effective September 12, 2023, at a rate of \$16.79 per hour, as per the FESS contract.
- J. Appoint Justice Smith as Aide, effective September 12, 2023, at a rate of \$15.35 per hour, as per the FESS contract.
- K. Appoint Susan MacKenzie as Clerk, effective September 28, 2023, at a rate of \$33,512.37, as per the FESS 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**