

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2016

Board Members Present: President Jamie Docuette, Vice President Laurie Finan, Linda Mrowka, and Thomas Shillo.

Also Present: Superintendent/Principal Karen Goodwin, Board Secretary Alysanne Cochrane, Business Manager James Eagan, and community.

1. School Community Session

1.1 Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance- President Doucette called the meeting to order and led in the pledge at 5:06 pm.

1.2 Public Participation- There were no questions or comments at this time.

1.3 Celebrations

1.3A HOBY Student Leaders- 10th grade students, Nicholas Hall and Isabella Basile, have been chosen as the 2016-2017 HOBY Leaders. These two students will attend conferences this spring where they will develop leadership skills to utilize at FIS.

1.3B Eastern CT Regional Music Participants- 9th grade student, Julia Helal, has been chosen to participate with the Eastern CT Regional Choir and 12th grade student, Emma Cypherd, has been chosen to participate with the CT Regional Band. Both students were required to audition for these competitive programs. They will perform with their respective groups in early January.

1.3C Ne-waza Judo Competition- Four students- Ashley Morrell, Jackson Eastman, Izabel Scroxton, and Kloe Scroxton- competed at this event in Connecticut with Sensei Egnor.

1.3D New England Invitational Gymnast Meet- 5th grade student, Ellie Bloethe, participated in this event winning 3rd overall. Ellie placed significantly well in all of her categories and is looking forward to continuing at future events.

1.3E 2016 NY Living Environment Regents Test Ranking- FIS grade 9 and 10 students ranked number one in all of New York State on the 2016 Living Environment Regents. This is an outstanding accomplishment as there were 681 schools who took this Regents exam.

1.3F 2016 NY Chemistry Regents Test Ranking- The 2016 grades 11 and 12 Chemistry students also ranked number one in all of New York State which included 657 schools. Both the science teacher, Carol Giles, and the students were recognized for these amazing achievements.

1.4 Additions to the Agenda

3.8A. Approval of a Request for Course Reimbursement from Jared Kaplan

**3.8B. Approval of a Request for Course Reimbursement from Jared Kaplan
Pending Available Funds**

3.9 Approval of a Renovation Project Computer Connection Proposal

3.10 Approval of Oil Tank Repairs

2. Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson- There were no questions.

2.2 Business Manager Reports- Mr. Eagan reviewed his reports with the Board. There were no questions or concerns. Vice President Finan expressed her appreciation for Mr. Eagan's dedication and development of new reporting templates.

2.3 Budget Transfers- There were several transfers under \$5,000 that had been approved by the Superintendent per Board policy.

2.4 Notice of Outstanding 2015-2016 Annual Financial Audit-The district received notice that the 2015-2016 audit was still outstanding. The business office is working diligently to complete required reports for the audit.

3. Action Items

3.1 Approval of the Minutes from the November 16, 2016 Board of Education Meeting- Motion made by Linda Mrowka, seconded by Thomas Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.2 Approval of the November 28, 2016 Special Board of Education Meeting- Motion made by Linda Mrowka, seconded by Thomas Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.3 Approval of Suicide Prevention and Intervention Policy #5431- This was a second reading of the policy. Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Linda Mrowka. All in favor/none opposed.

3.4 Approval of Technology Resources and Data Management Policy #8630- This was a second reading of the policy. Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Linda Mrowka. All in favor/none opposed.

3.5 Approval of the Revised Shed Purchase Agreement- This item was tabled.

3.6 Approval of the Spirit Squad as Recommended by the FIS Student Body and Education Advisory Council- Several student expressed that they would be interested in having this club to cheer at basketball games. Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Thomas Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.7 Approval of the Grade 11/12 Field Trip Application to Repertorio Español and El Museo Del Barrio in New York City on April 6, 2017- Christine Anifantakis and Jessica Hall will chaperone this trip. Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Linda Mrowka. All in favor/one opposed.

3.8A. Approval of a Request for Course Reimbursement from Jared Kaplan- Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Thomas Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.8B. Approval of a Request for Course Reimbursement from Jared Kaplan Pending Available Funds- Mr. Kaplan will receive reimbursement for his second course pending

available funds in June 2017. Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Linda Mrowka. All in favor/none opposed.

3.9 Approval of a Renovation Project Computer Connection Proposal- This proposal was to install electrical drops in the A/V room as the new renovation wall prevents hardwiring. The installation will be done by Z&S and will include hookups for three computers and two phones. Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Linda Mrowka. All in favor/ none opposed. Thomas Shillo abstained from voting as he has a personal affiliation with Z&S Contracting.

3.10 Approval of Oil Tank Repairs- This repair is needed to obtain proper permitting for the underground oil tank. The work will be completed by AARCO who has done work on the school's oil tank in the past. Superintendent Goodwin will research if funds can be used from the repair reserve fund for this expense. Motion to approve up to \$25,000 for oil tank repairs made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Thomas Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.

4. Superintendent/Principal Report

4.1 Nana Wall Insulation Solution- The school's architect has designed an aluminum metal closure that will cost approximately \$1,500. The Board had agreed that this was the best presented solution.

4.2 Renovation Project Update-The cabinets in the art room have been fixed and there are few items left on the punch list. The Board did not have any questions.

4.3 Technology Education Classroom Door- Ms. Cochrane is waiting to hear back from a garage door company regarding estimated pricing for a new door. This repair may need to be funded in the 2017-2018 budget.

4.4 Permit for Repair of Underground Oil Tank- The permit plans have been accepted and work can begin in the near future. The district must pay approximately \$300 for the permit which must be completed in the next 60 months.

4.5 Lake Wales/Fishers Island Exchange Update- Superintendent Goodwin submitted an article to the Fog Horn regarding this exchange. Approximately seven applicants will potentially head for Florida in February pending approval at next month's Board meeting.

4.6 Walsh Park Partnership Update- Superintendent Goodwin is working with Walsh Park on partnership details and will report back to the Board.

4.7 APPR Plan Approval- New York State Department of Education approved the district's APPR Plan.

4.8 Bowling Alley- The Board would like to consider asking volunteers to remove waste from the bowling alley but did not want to take any action at the current time.

4.9 NYSIR Insurance Inspection Report/District Actions- The district's insurance holder has requested several fixes including repairs to the sidewalks outside of the school. A request for quotes was sent to several companies, however, only one contractor mentioned that he may send a quote in (it had not been received yet). The Board recommended reaching out to another company.

4.10 Proposal for Repair of Back Road of Faculty Housing- This work would include repairs to the road behind the faculty housing. Community member, Paul Giles, will look further into this opportunity as several residents/companies would be effected and expected to pay for repairs.

4.11 Community Center Student Internship Opportunity- The FI Community Center is looking for a paid intern for the school year and summer. Several students are currently applying for this internship.

4.12 Voyage of the Sloop Venture 2018-2019 Opportunity- This is a 2-3 year Viking Voyage opportunity for FIS students where they would be involved in conducting research for a slave ship reenactment. 25 schools will be selected to watch and research this experience and FIS was chosen as one of the slaves aboard the reenacted ship bought his freedom and live on Fishers Island. The Board agreed that this is a great opportunity for the students.

4.13 Code of Conduct Policy Sections #5300.05-5300.20- This was a first reading of the policy.

4.14 Candidates and Campaigning Policy #2120.1- This was a first reading of the policy.

5. Information Packet for the Board of Education- For informational purposes.

6. Public Participation- There were no comments or questions.

7. Executive Session Entered at 5:58pm- Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Linda Mrowka. All in favor/none opposed.

7.1 Discussion of a Personnel Matter

7.2 Discussion of a Contractual Matter: CAFE Search Servies

7.3 Discussion of a Legal Matter

7.4 Discussion of a Contractual Matter: Fuel Oil Bid

8. Adjournment- President Doucette exited executive session and adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm.

Recorded by Alysanne Cochrane