

**FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Board of Education  
Fort Ann, New York**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 21, 2017**

The Regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 in the Library. Mrs. Amy Bailey, President, opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL**            Mrs. Amy Bailey, President  
**PRESENT:**            Mr. James Allen  
                             Mrs. Cathy Graham  
                             Mr. Paul Greene  
                             Mr. James Seeley  
                             Mrs. Pamela White  
                             Mr. Kevin Froats, Superintendent

**ABSENT:**            Mrs. Jane Sexton

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. Shelley Gregorio, Clerk of the Board, Mrs. Melanie Farrell, Mrs. Michelle Discenza, Mrs. Ann Marie Clark, Mrs. Karin Howansky, Mr. & Mrs. Ken (Kim) Way and Ms. Lauren Ruddy.

**PRELIMINARY ACTION:**

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to the March 21, 2017 agenda.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**Budget Discussion was held.** 2017-2018 Second draft budget is \$11,987,328 which is a .71% increase over the 2016-2017 budget.

Upon motion by James Allen, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to minutes of the February 15, 2017 Regular Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS:**

Upon motion by James Seeley, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to the Warrants of Bills for February 2017:

#36 General Fund in the amount of \$333,667.28  
#37 General Fund Payroll in the amount of \$362,449.62  
#38 Special Aid Fund in the amount of \$32,571.33  
#40 School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$20,675.04  
Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Pamela White, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to budget transfer #7 Ref #6, in the amount of \$24,688.00

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic/Assessment Comm.**-Next meeting TBD

**Athletic Comm.** – Met March 16, 2017; discussed winter wrap up, gymnasium needs with current and 5 year plan. Spring sports are waiting on Mother Nature, Modified teams are still waiting on final numbers, ADK League Championship is same day as our prom, adjustments may have to be made. Winter Awards 3/22/17, spring awards 6/13/17. New scoreboards may be donated. Next meeting 6/6/17.

**Finance Comm.** – Met March 13, 2017; discussed pending revenues, fund balance report, property tax cap. The 1.55% budget increase shown in first draft has been decreased to .71% increase in this second draft. Cook property purchase price was reduced to \$10,000 with property line adjustments made. Portable lift for bus garage will be considered for capital project.

**Policy Comm.** – One policy on this agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> reading #7270 Rights of Non-Custodial Parents

**Facilities Comm.** –Next meeting March 23, 2017 @ 7:30 am

**Arts Comm.** – March 16, 2017 meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled.

**Wellness Comm.** –Next meeting TBD. Mrs. Discenza has been doing backup work with E. Hoffman of Glens Falls Hospital to prepare a wellness document suitable to both the District and grant requirements. She will schedule a committee meeting when that document is available to bring to the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Karin Howansky provided annual library presentation.

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Congratulations to Mr. George Biffer and Ms. Maria Laurenzo on the profoundly successful production of *The Little Mermaid*. Approximately 90 students participated in this event. Boys and Girls basketball teams were both honored as Scholar Athlete Teams, with many honors to individual players.

Ms. Lynn Andrejkovics was named the TCT Federal Credit Union Teacher of the Week.

Facebook has been well received; MS/HS presence on the website will be increased.

Draft School Calendar was shared with Board Members; they were asked to consider a full superintendent day on March 9, 2018 and to prepare to adopt the calendar at the April meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Organizational/Administrative:**

Upon motion made by Paul Greene, seconded by James Seeley, approval was given to contract agreement with the Glens Falls City School District for health services provided to FA student attending school in the Glens Falls CSD in the amount of \$471.05 for the 2016-2017 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Upon motion made by James Allen, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to contract agreement with Corinth Central School District for health services provided to 3 FA students attending school in the Corinth CSD in the amount of \$1,036.78 for the 2016-2017 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Paul Greene, seconded by James Allen, approval was given contract agreement with Terry Hoffman to provide educational consultation services to the Fort Ann CSD at the rate of \$600.00 per day.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Disc: Due diligence was used to provide best service to student.

Upon motion made by Paul Greene, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to contract agreement with Clifford Passen, MD, ND to provide psychiatric evaluation services for one student of the Fort Ann CSD at a cost of \$2,500.00 for the 2016-2017 year.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Disc: Due diligence was used to provide best service to student.

Upon motion made by Pamela White, seconded by James Seeley, approval was given to the second reading of new policy #7270 Rights of Non-custodial Parents.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by James Seeley, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to the following resolution:

Recommend a motion to BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Ann Central School District Board of Education hereby approves, and authorizes the President of the Board to execute, the agreement, dated March 9, 2017, for the purchase of the real property located at 21 Anne Street, Fort Ann, NY from Bernice Cook, and authorizes the placement of the following proposition before the voters for the purchase of same, at a cost to the District of \$10,000, plus usual and customary costs of closing:

**PROPOSITION:**

Shall the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District be authorized to purchase the real property located at 21 Anne Street, Fort Ann, NY from Bernice Cook, and authorizes the placement of the following proposition before the voters for the purchase of same, at a cost to the District of \$10,000, plus usual and customary costs of closing?

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by James Allen, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to the following resolution:

Recommend a motion to approve the following resolution;

SHALL the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire two 66-passenger school buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$219,913; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and trade-in value; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes

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and/or installment purchase contracts of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$215,713, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is hereby directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

### Personnel:

Upon motion by Pamela White, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to appoint Brittany Brayman as volunteer modified softball coach for the 2016-2017 year pending completion of all requirements.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to amend salary for Helene Resnick to reflect Level III Teacher Assistant effective February 25, 2017, with new annual salary being \$14,643.95 (to be prorated) and no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to appointment of Charles Sumner as bus monitor to be effective March 20, 2017 at BoE approved rate of \$16.97 per hour and no additional salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by James Allen, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to reclassification of Donald Sexton to reflect status of active retiree in lieu of full time employee, to be effective October 30, 2015.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Disc: Health Insurance required this action.

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham, seconded by James Seeley, approval was given to reclassification of James Paige to reflect status of active retiree in lieu of full time employee to be effective March 16, 2016.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Paul Greene, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to appoint Noreen Szmul as long term substitute effective approximately April 3, 2017, with first 30 days at sub rate and any additional days at 1 MA annual salary of \$39,085.00 (to be prorated) and no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham, seconded by James Seeley, approval was given to appoint Lauren Ruddy as long term substitute effective approximately April 10, 2017, with first 30 days at sub rate and any additional days at 1 BA annual salary of \$36,598.00 (to be prorated) and no other salary of benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon motion by James Allen, seconded by James Seeley, approval was given to adjourn to executive session at 7:53 pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendation review, the employment history of a particular person(s) and pending or current litigation.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by Paul Greene, approval was given to return to public session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**NEW BUSINESS – Continued:**

Upon motion by James Allen, seconded by Pamela White, approval was given to accept CSE/CPSE recommendations on students listed:

092040301    092040344    092040668    092040669    092040594

092040271    092040671    092040533    092040535

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

April 5, 2017 BOCES Annual Meeting

April 11, 2017 Board of Education meeting @ 6:30 pm

April 25, 2017 BOCES Budget Vote & Election/ Special FA BOE Meeting @ 7:30 am

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion by Cathy Graham, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 6 Nays 0 Abstention 0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio