

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

Regular Meeting

March 15, 2016

The Regular meeting of the Fort Ann Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 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. Tim Gusek
Mr. James Seeley (Seated after appointment and Oath)
Mrs. Jane Sexton
Mr. Kevin Froats, Superintendent

ABSENT: Mr. Paul Greene

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Shelley Gregorio; Clerk of the Board, Mrs. Nanette Blanchard, Mrs. Ann Marie Clark, Mrs. Colleen Mager, Mrs. Karen Ballard and Mr. & Mrs. Ken (Kim) Way, Mr. Goot of The Post Star.

PRELIMINARY ACTION:

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to the March 15, 2016 agenda.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Jane Sexton, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to the minutes of the February 9, 2016 regular board meeting.

Motion carried: Ayes 4, Nays 0, Abstention 1

Abstain: Mr. Tim Gusek

Upon motion made by Jane Sexton, seconded by Cathy Graham approval was given to appoint Mr. James Seeley as Board of Education member effective March 15, 2016.

Motion carried: Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Mrs. Gregorio administered Oath of Office to Mr. James Seeley.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Mr. Kevin Froats provided **current status of 2016-2017 budget** via power point presentation and handouts. This budget includes additional teaching positions, purchase of a truck for the maintenance department, staff development and curriculum writing.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham and seconded by James Allen approval was given to the Warrants of Bills for February 2016:

- #36 General Fund in the amount of \$392,714.58
 - #37 General Fund Payroll in the amount of \$368,259.88
 - #38 Special Aid Fund in the amount of \$36,759.38
 - #40 School Lunch Fund in the amount of \$18,337.23
- Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by James Allen and seconded by Timothy Gusek, approval was given to the budget transfers as listed below for February 2016:

Gen. #6 Reference #6 in the amount of \$6,694.00
Total transfer \$6,694.00

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Academic/Assessment Comm.**- Next meeting TBD.
- Athletic Comm.** – Met 3/10/16; Mr. Allen shared notes.
- Finance Comm.** – Met 3/11/16; Mrs. Bailey shared notes.
- Policy Comm.** – Policies on this agenda #6215 and #6216
- Facilities Comm.** – Met 2/17/16; Mr. Gusek shared notes.
- Arts Comm.** - Next meeting TBD.
- Wellness Comm.** – Next meeting 5/23/16

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Froats provided discussion regarding snow day due to village water shortage, Solar City status, Poverty Conference, 2016 Winter Institute and changes to the 2016 grade 3-8 assessments.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Organizational/Administrative:

Upon motion made by Tim Gusek and seconded by James Allen, approval was given to **Be it Resolved:** That the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 66 passenger bus at a total cost not to exceed \$112,000 or so much thereof that may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said school district and collected in annual installments as provided by the Education Law and Local finance.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Upon motion made by Tim Gusek, seconded by James Seeley, approval was given to accept the quote for school bus for the 2016-2017 school year from Leonard Bus Company for one (1) 66 passenger school bus at a total cost not to exceed \$112,000.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to set the 2015-2016 **Board of Education Organization meeting for Wednesday, July 6, 2016** to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Tim Gusek, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to **adopt the 2016-2017 school calendar** as attached.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Jane Sexton, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to amend the 2015-2016 calendar to reflect days off for **unused snow days** to be taken as available on April 22, 2016.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Jane Sexton, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to amend policy #6215 Probation & Tenure and policy #6216 Disciplining a Tenured Teacher or Certified Personnel.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by James Allen and seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to approve facility use by Eastern Elite AAU basketball team for practice dates to be determined with fees for any costs incurred by the District to be paid by the group. (Coach, Justin Nassivera)

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Jane Sexton, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to the contract for health services in the amount of \$662.94 for students residing in the Fort Ann District and attending school in the Corinth Central School District.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Tim Gusek, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to the merger of Fort Ann CSD varsity and modified golf team with the Hartford CSD golf team effective July 1, 2016.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Personnel:

Upon motion made by James Allen, seconded by Jane Sexton, approval was given to amend salary for Lori Johnson to reflect 17MA+12 effective February 8, 2016 with annual salary of \$58,890 (to be prorated) and no additional benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

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Upon motion made by Tim Gusek, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to appoint Jean Donnelly to a probationary per diem position as bus monitor effective February 22, 2016 at BOE approved rate with no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by James Seeley, seconded by Jane Sexton, approval was given to appoint James Paige to a probationary position as full time bus driver effective March 16, 2016 at annual salary of \$11,761.40 (to be prorated) and all other benefits per the CSEA agreement.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Timothy Gusek, seconded by Jane Sexton, approval was given to accept the resignation of Ann Davis as typist effective February 19, 2016.

Motion carried: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstention-0

Upon motion made by James Allen, seconded by Tim Gusek, approval was given to appoint Gary Tyler as a substitute bus driver effective March 16, 2016 at the approved substitute rate and no other salary or benefits.

Motion carried: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstention-0

Upon motion made by James Seeley, seconded by Tim Gusek, approval was given to appoint Tim Loso as volunteer assistant modified boys' baseball coach effective for the 2015-2016 season, pending completion of all certifications and requirements.

Motion carried: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstention-0

Upon motion made by James Allen, seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to appoint Dan Ward as volunteer assistant JV baseball coach effective for the 2015-2016 season, pending completion of all certifications and requirements.

Motion carried: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstention-0

Upon motion made by Tim Gusek, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to rescind appointment of Caitlyn McIntyre as modified girls softball coach. (We will not field a modified team for the 2015-2016 season).

Motion carried: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstention-0

Upon motion made by James Allen, seconded by Tim Gusek, approval was given to appoint Caitlyn McIntyre as JV girls softball coach effective for the 2015-2016 season at Step B1 year 2 stipend of \$2,786 and no other salary or benefits pending completion of all certifications and requirements.

Motion carried: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstention-0

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion made by Jane Sexton and seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of review of CSE/CPSE recommendations, FATA collective negotiations, employment of a particular person, and pending or current litigation issues at 7:52 pm.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Jane Sexton and seconded by James Allen, approval was given to return to public session at 8:32 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

NEW BUSINESS – Continued:

Upon motion made by Jane Sexton and seconded by Cathy Graham, approval was given to accept CSE/CPSE recommendations on students:

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Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham, seconded by James Allen, approval was given to accept resignation of Timothy Gusek as Board Member effective May 15, 2016, with regret.

Motion carried: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstention 0

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 19, 2016 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

May 3, 2016 Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

May 5, 2016 AASBA Student Awards Dinner at Queensbury Hotel

May 17, 2016 Annual Meeting/Budget Vote @ 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion made by Cathy Graham and seconded by JS, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion carried: Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstention-0

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Gregorio
District Clerk