

**Fort Edward Union Free School District**  
**Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**School Auditorium and 21 Reese Ave Lavallette, NJ by Videoconference**  
**August 12, 2019 ~ 5:00 p.m.**  
Updated 8-12 DAW  
**Agenda**

**Board Committee Meeting- None**

- I. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Community Comments:**

Community members, who wish to address the Board, are requested to complete the speaker request form and submit it to the Board President prior to the meeting. Comments regarding agenda items will be taken first. Speakers are reminded of the five-minute time limit. The Board of Education reserves the right to limit this portion of comments to 30 minutes in order to complete its public business in an efficient fashion. Additional comments may be taken prior to adjournment.
- III. Moment of Silence in recognition of the passing of Scott Stoughton and his service to the Fort Edward School Board**
- IV. Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 District Code of Conduct**
  - a. Motion to open the hearing**
    - i. Hearing opened \_\_\_\_\_ PM**
    - ii. Speakers \_\_\_\_\_**
  - b. Motion to close the hearing**
    - i. Hearing closed \_\_\_\_\_ PM**
- V. Presentation:**

Mr. Ratti - 3 year plan
- VI. Reports:**
  - a. Board Committee Reports (9 Board Committees)**
    - i. Finance Committee (next meeting TBD)**
    - ii. Grievance and Negotiations Committee (next meeting TBD)**
    - iii. Curriculum Committee (next meeting late Fall)**
    - iv. Policy Committee (next meeting TBD)**
    - v. Athletic Committee – (next meeting TBD)**
    - vi. Strategic Planning Committee (next meeting TBD)**
    - vii. Personnel Committee (next meeting TBD)**
    - viii. Building and Grounds Committee for Health & Safety (next meeting TBD)**
    - ix. Building Project Committee ( next meeting TBD)**
  - b. Superintendent Report:**
    - i. BOE Retreat (Thanks)**
    - ii. Building Project Update**
    - iii. New Teacher Orientation (8/27/2019)**
    - iv. School Opening (9/4/2019)**
    - v. NYSSBA Conference (Rochester, Wed. 10/23-- Sat. 10/26)**
    - vi. Audit Letter from Marvin and Co**

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- c. **Treasurer Report**
- d. **Elementary Principal Report**
- e. **High School Principal Report**
- f. **Buildings and Grounds Report**

**VII. Discussion Items:**

- a. Pre-merger study
- b. Building walk-through date
- c. FETA and FEAA negotiations
- d. **Washington County Chargeback (current balance is \$1,765,375.24)**
- e. District Safety Plan Feedback
- f. Washington County Fair 8/19--8/25

**VIII. 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 Boardmember wants to discuss any item, it is moved to an appropriate place on the agenda.

- a. Approve minutes for the July 1, 2019 Re-Organizational Meeting
- b. Approval of Warrants and Claims for July 2019
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report for June 2019
- d. Approval of the Budget Transfers for June 2019

**IX. Action:**

- a. Motion to approve the second reading and final reading of the Fort Edward Policy manual per the following Resolution.  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District (“Board”), has completed a comprehensive review of the policies of the Board; and  
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to such review, many policies are being amended and/or adopted; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Board would like to approve the amended policies, as follows:
  - i. All policies contained in the official “Fort Edward Union Free School District Policy Manual” are hereby approved through second reading effective August 12, 2019.
  - ii. A complete set will be available to the public and posted on the District’s website.
- b. Motion to approve the 2019-2020 District Code of Conduct
- c. Motion to increase the school lunch prices as required by SED to \$2.15
- d. Resolution to confirm the 2019 tax roles, dates, and authorize the tax levy rate at \$27.3991
- e. Motion to accept the CSE/CPSE recommendations as listed in the Board packets.
- f. Motion to approve the revision to June 10, 2019 Board Minutes to reflect the motion made by Michael Glass, second by James Donahue to transfer \$300,000.00 (*not \$3,000,000.00*) from the unrestricted fund balance of the district to the tax certiorari reserve.

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- g. Motion to approve the revision to June 10, 2019 Board Minutes to reflect the motion made by Dr. James Swanson (*not James Donahue*), second by Michael Glass to approve the appointment of Samuel Ratti to a four (4) year probationary appointment to the position 6-12 Principal in the Building Principal tenure area, commencing retroactive to July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022, with credit for his service as a principal intern and further contingent on compliance with the requirements of Education Law Section 3012-d, at a starting salary TBD with all other benefits as negotiated with the Fort Edward Administrators' Association. Motion carried 6-1 - James Donahue opposed.
- h. Motion to approve the District Safety Plan as provided in the June BOE packets. (No feedback was received during the comment period)
- i. Motion to approve the Updated Reserve Fund Plan.
- j. Motion to approve the disposal of fixed assets as listed in the Board packets.

**X. Personnel:**

- a. Motion to appoint Aubrey Murratori, Courtney Phillips and Cylie Millington as unpaid volunteer cheer club advisors
- b. Motion to appoint Alicia LaCross as Key Club Advisor for the 2019-2020 school year at a salary of \$300.00
- c. Motion to appoint Cassy Rosselle per the following resolution:
  - i. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Cassandra Rosselle to a three (3) year probationary appointment (reduced from 4 years due to previous tenure at Stillwater CSD) as a (1.0 FTE) teacher of Special Education in the Special Education tenure area, commencing September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2022, contingent upon compliance with the requirements of the Education Law. Mrs. Rosselle has pending Professional certification in Special Education Grades 5-9 (certificate#pending). Mrs. Rosselle is appointed at a starting salary of \$49,929.00 (Current MA Step 5 of FETA Contract) with all other benefits of the FETA contract, pending the receipt and review of all official transcripts, and required employment paperwork.
- d. Motion to accept the resignation of Alexa Grimes (teaching assistant) effective August 12, 2019.
- e. Motion to accept the resignation of Dawn Smith effective August 21, 2019.
- f. Motion to accept the resignation of Jeanne Kozloski effective August 31, 2019.
- g. Motion to appoint Marianne Stark as the teacher mentor coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year at a salary of \$1500.00
- h. Motion to appoint following teacher mentors for the 2019-2020 school year at a rate per the FETA contract as needed and assigned during the school year, individuals not assigned will not receive compensation: Jason Finn, Nichole Schilling, John Boucher and Lisa Corlew.
- i. Motion to appoint Laurie Desourdy as Detention Monitor for the 2019-2020 school year at a salary rate of \$17.00 per hour.
- j. Motion to restore the School Psychologist position to 1.0 FTE using Community School Aid as provided in the NYS Budget.

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- k. Motion to appoint Andrew Masten as a substitute hourly building maintenance worker at a salary of \$19.37 with no other compensation or benefits, pending the receipt and review of all required employment paperwork.

*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 appointments are pending final student enrollment numbers, and pending the outcome of any potential mergers.*

- l. Motion to appoint Hahnah Saroff as Girls Modified Basketball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year at a rate of salary of \$3,472.00.
- m. Motion to appoint Samantha Godfrey as Girls Modified Volleyball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year at a rate per the FETA contract.
- n. Motion to appoint Maryellen Godfrey as volunteer Girls Modified Volleyball Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

**XI. Executive Session:**

I need a motion to enter executive session to discuss matters referring to the employment of specific individuals and contract/settlement negotiations.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_  
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.  
All in favor \_\_\_\_\_ All Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Any abstentions \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**XII. Return to Public Session**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_

All in favor \_\_\_\_\_ All Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Any abstentions \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_

All in favor \_\_\_\_\_ All Opposed \_\_\_\_\_ Any abstentions \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_