

**Fort Edward Union Free School District
Meeting of the Board of Education**

**Agenda
October 15, 2019
Updated NA**

Board Committee Meeting, Athletic Committee, in Boardroom at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting, in Boardroom at 6:30 p.m.

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. Recognition of Successes:

- a. Certificate presented to Patrick Boucher in recognition of having his story published in the Chronicle Summer Guide magazine.
- b. Certificate presented to Lily Abrams in recognition of her work being published in the Chronicle recently.

IV. Presentations

- a. **Audit Report draft in BOE packets (Charles and Debra Smith, Marvin and Company)**
- b. **Elementary and MS/HS Data (Mrs. Jones and Mr. Ratti)**

V. Reports:

a. Board Committee Reports (9 Board Committees)

- i. Finance Committee (next meeting TBD)
- ii. Grievance and Negotiations Committee (Met 9/23/19,next meeting TBD)
- iii. Curriculum Committee (next meeting late Fall)
- iv. Policy Committee (next meeting prior to November MTG)
- v. Athletic Committee – (Met 10/15/19, next meeting TBD)
- vi. Strategic Planning Committee (next meeting TBD) may need to follow up on public forum
- 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. Building Project
- ii. Community Forum and Survey
- iii. FETA Negotiations
- iv. Washington County Chargeback
 1. Communications with County
 2. Resolution for Bonding
 3. Timetable for Borrowing
- v. FE Recreation Thank You Letter

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

VI. Discussion Items:

- a. Community Forum and Survey
- b. BOCES Program Visit
- c. Board Yearbook Photo at November 12th meeting

VII. 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. Approval of Minutes for the August 12, 2019 and the September 9, 2019 regular Board meetings
- b. Approval of Warrants and Claims for September 2019
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report for August 2019
- d. Approval of the Budget Transfers for August 2019 and 2018-19 Post Audit Budget Transfer

VIII. Action:

- a. Motion to approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations as included in the **October** Board packets.
- b. Motion to approve the resolution with the WSWHE BOCES for Chromebooks
 - i. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the **Fort Edward Union Free School District** desires to authorize the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES to enter into a **five** year lease in order to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being: CoSer 504 Instructional Technology Services. **NOW, THEREFORE**, it is **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the **Fort Edward Union Free School District** authorizes the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES to lease, on the District's behalf, for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed **12,650.00** plus related borrowing fees, plus yearly support and coordination fees during the term of this lease, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education, for a period of **five** year(s); **2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024**.
- c. Motion to approve the additional contract for services with Oak Hill School.
- d. Motion to approve the updated contract for OT/PT services with Advanced Therapy.
- e. Motion to approve the following resolution to amend the appropriations in the 2018-2019 School Budget to reflect the payment made to Washington County.
 - i. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District, Washington County, NY desires to increase the appropriations set forth in the 2018-2019 School Budget to fund contingent expense of payment for tax certiorari for Washington County (\$222,236.97) retroactive to March 11, 2019, Board of Education meeting and, **WHEREAS**, a Board of Education is empowered to appropriate whatever additional amounts are necessary to pay

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contingent expenses when the amount in the approved budget is inadequate; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the School District as follows: Section 1. The budgetary appropriation for the following contingent expense is hereby increased as follows: A 1964.4 Refund on Real Property \$ 222,236.97 Section 2. The increase in the appropriation listed in Section 1 of this resolution shall be funded by the following: A 0864 Tax Certiorari Reserve \$222,236.97

- f. Motion to approve the athletic mergers with Hartford CSD for baseball and softball for the 2020 season.
- g. Motion to approve the athletic merger with Argyle CSD for tennis for the 2020 season.
- h. Motion to approve the Transfer, Relocation, Disposal of Fixed Asset(s) as listed in the Board Packet.
- i. Motion to adopt the resolution to issue serial bonds to pay the chargeback amount owed to Washington County due to the Tax Certiorari settlement with WCC.

i. BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Fort Edward Union Free School District (the "School District") is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,797,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein. Section 2. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the payment due to Washington County (the "County") pursuant to Section 726 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law with respect to certain chargebacks from the County to the School District related to Parcels 163.15-1-4 & 162.-2-20.1 and payment of costs of issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to. Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$1,797,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose entirely from funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to. Section 4. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in

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Subdivision 33-a(a) of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is ten (10) years. Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Section 6. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and whether the Bonds shall be issued with substantially level or declining annual debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the District. Section 7. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable. Section 8. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the

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Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. Section 9. This Resolution, or a summary thereof, shall be published by the District Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Section 10. Barclay Damon LLP, is hereby appointed bond counsel to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein. Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

- j. Motion to approve the intermunicipal transportation contract with Fort Ann CSD for the transportation of special education students.

IX. Personnel:

- a. Motion to appoint Lecia Carpenter to a probationary appointment as a full-time, 12 month secretary, in the clerk-typist civil service area, effective October 7th, 2019 with salary of \$29537.37 prorated, and benefits per the FESS Contract, pending the completion of all necessary requirements. Salary and benefits shall be prorated to reflect the date of BOE appointment.
- b. Motion to appoint Kelly Ricciardelli (formerly Dickenson) as a part-time teaching assistant effective September 23, 2019 with salary based upon an hourly rate of \$14.54 per hour, and benefits per the FESS

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Contract, pending the completion of all necessary requirements. Salary and benefits shall be prorated to reflect the date of BOE appointment.

- c. Motion to appoint Tracey Currie-LaFontaine as a part-time teacher aide effective September 30, 2019 with salary based upon an hourly rate of \$13.10 per hour, and benefits per the FESS Contract, pending the completion of all necessary requirements. Salary and benefits shall be prorated to reflect the date of BOE appointment.
- d. Motion to appoint Hidir Eveland as a part-time teacher aide/bus aide effective October 15, 2019 with salary based upon an hourly rate of \$13.10 per hour, and benefits per the FESS Contract, pending the completion of all necessary requirements. Salary and benefits shall be prorated to reflect the date of BOE appointment.
- e. Motion to appoint Richard Doty as a substitute bus aide/teacher aide effective October 1, 2019 with salary of \$13.23 per hour, and no other compensation or benefits, pending the completion of all necessary requirements.
- f. Motion to appoint Mark Norton as a substitute cleaner effective October 1, 2019 with salary of \$13.56 per hour, and no other compensation or benefits, pending the completion of all necessary requirements.
- g. Motion to appoint William MacNicoll as a substitute cleaner effective October 15, 2019 with salary of \$13.56 per hour, and no other compensation or benefits, pending the completion of all necessary requirements.
- h. Motion to rescind the July 1, 2019 appointment of James Cuyler to the position of J.V Boys Basketball Coach. (Mr. Cuyler took another position elsewhere)
- i. **Motion to appoint the following coaches:** 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.

- 1. **J.V. Boys Basketball Coach: John Hogan \$3849.00**
- 2. **Unpaid Volunteer Assistant J.V. Boys Basketball Coach: Andrew Blumant \$0**
- 3. **J.V. Girls Basketball Coach: Lexi Thomas \$3849.00**

X. Executive Session:

I need a motion to enter executive session to discuss matters referring to the employment of specific individuals.

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: _____

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XI. Return to Public Session

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

Time: _____

XII. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

Time: _____