

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

Agenda January 13, 2020 Updated 1-10-2020

Board Committee Meeting, None
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 a 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 Lillian Utter (Grade 3 Mrs. Smatko's Class) for being recently published in the Chronicle for her essay, "What is the best thing that ever happened to you?"
- b. Certificate presented to Ms. Shauna Brown in recognition of achieving National Board Certification.

IV. Presentations

- a. None

****Board Yearbook Photo RETAKE if all are present****

V. Reports:

a. Board Committee Reports (9 Board Committees)

- i. Finance Committee (met, 1/6/2019 @ 5:30, next meeting 2/24/2020)
- ii. Grievance and Negotiations Committee (Met 9/23/19, next meeting TBD)
- iii. Curriculum Committee (Met 12/4/2019 @ 5:30, next meeting Spring 2020)
- iv. Policy Committee (met 1/7/20, next meeting TBD)
- v. Athletic Committee – (Met 12/19/2019 @5:30, next meeting early Spring)
- vi. Strategic Planning Committee (met, 12/18/19 @ 5:30, next meeting TBD)
- vii. Personnel Committee (next meeting TBD)
- viii. Building and Grounds Committee for Health & Safety (next meeting TBD)
- ix. Building Project Committee (met 12/9/19 @ 5:30, next meeting TBD)

b. Superintendent Report:

- i. Smartbond Security Project
- ii. Energy Performance Audit
- iii. FESS Negotiations
- iv. Graduation Date Follow up
- v. EXCEL Funding (\$202,321.00)
- vi. Insurance Claim (Tech Room Flood)
- vii. Cafeteria (Capital Region BOCES)

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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. Saratoga County School Boards Meeting (January 22 RSVP, January 27 Meeting)
- b. Promote Fort Edward
- c. Pre-Merger Study Next Steps

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 **December 9, 2019 Board Meeting**
- b. Approval of Minutes for the **December 18, 2019 Special Board Meeting**
- c. Approval of Warrants and Claims for **December 2019**
- d. Approval of Treasurer Reports for **November and December 2019**
- e. Approval of Budget Transfers for **December**

VIII. **Action:**

- a. Motion to approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations as included in the **January** Board packets.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, this Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Manager/District Treasurer to close and open multiple bank accounts as outlined and included in the **January** Board packets.
- c. Motion to approve the contract with St Anne's Institute for after school programming. (The program will be paid using the Community School Allocation).
- d. Motion to approve the Fort Edward Budget Calendar as included in the **January** Board packets.
- e. Motion to approve the Outing Club Winter Field Trip. (Itinerary included in Board packets)
- f. Motion to approve 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:

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- i. All policies contained in the official “Fort Edward Union Free School District Policy Manual” are hereby approved effective January 13, 2020.
- ii. A complete set will be available to the public and posted on the District’s website.

IX. Personnel:

- a. Motion to accept, with thanks and gratitude for exemplary service to the Fort Edward School District, the letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2020, for the purpose of retirement from Valerie Zeno.
- b. Motion to accept, with thanks and gratitude for exemplary service to the Fort Edward School District, the letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2020, for the purpose of retirement from Michael Shaver.
- c. Motion to accept, the letter of resignation, effective January 19, 2020, from Hahnah Saroff.
- d. Motion to appoint Joanna Scotch as mentor for Jocelyn Nolan for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year at the rate as listed in the FETA Contract \$1000, prorated to \$600. (6 months - January--- June).
- e. Motion to terminate the appointment of Susan Perkins from the FEH SBO as Co-Business Official effective January 13th, 2020. (She will be retiring from FEH)
- f. Motion to appoint Sharlene Petro-Durgan from the FEH SBO as Co-Business Official effective January 13th, 2020.
- g. Motion to terminate the appointment of Susan Perkins from the FEH SBO as Co-Treasurer effective January 13th, 2020. (She will be retiring from FEH)
- h. Motion to appoint Sharlene Petro-Durgan from the FEH SBO as Co-Treasurer effective January 13th, 2020.
- i. Motion to approve Samuel Ratti as a co-signatory for the extracurricular accounts.
- j. **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. **Rescind the appointment of Unpaid Volunteer Assistant J.V. Boys Basketball Coach:
Andrew Bluman**
- 2. **Appoint Stephen Alheim as an Unpaid Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach**

X. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)

XI. Executive Session:

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

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Time: _____

XII. Return to Public Session

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

Time: _____

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

Time: _____