

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

Agenda August 4, 2020 Updated 8/4

Board Committee Meeting: None
Special Board Meeting: 5:30pm by Video-Conference

Due to COVID-19 concerns in-person public access will not be possible.

Public may access the meeting via phone conference call access number or video conference link.

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Special Board Meeting

I. Call to Order and 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. Fort Edward Cleaning and Summer Staff

IV. Presentations:

- a. None

V. Reports:

a. Board Committee Reports (9 Board Committees)

- i. Finance Committee (next meeting TBD)
- ii. Grievance and Negotiations Committee (Need mtg, 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. Merger Study Update
- ii. Reopening Plan
- iii. Reopening Plan Forum Schedule

c. Treasurer Report: NONE

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- d. **Elementary Principal Report: NONE**
- e. **High School Principal Report: NONE**
- f. **Buildings and Grounds Report: NONE**

VI. Discussion Items:

- a. Reductions

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. none

VIII. Action:

- a. Motion to accept the results of the of the July 28, 2020 School Budget ReVote
 - i. Proposition I: School Budget: Failed: 309 Yes to 318 No

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- b. Motion to approve a Contingent Budget for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$11,179,469.00

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- c. Motion to approve a refund of real property tax in the amount of \$1013.55 to Douglas Pennington per the application received from the Washington County Office of Real Property for parcel # 163.1713-12. (The refund is owed due to clerical error in the town assessor's office.)

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- d. Motion to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$1000.00.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

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All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- e. Motion to approve the disposal of the fixed assets as identified on the list in the Board Packets.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- f. A motion to adopt the following resolution for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - i. WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the New York State Governor declared, under Executive Order 202.4, all schools within New York State to be closed to students no later than March 18, 2020 for a period of two weeks, ending on April 1, 2020; and WHEREAS, various subsequent executive orders were issued by the New York State Governor resulting in the closure of schools to students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and WHEREAS, on or about July 13, 2020, the New York State Department of Health issued interim guidance for in-person instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 schools during the COVID-19 public health emergency for the 2020-2021 school year; and WHEREAS, on or about July 16, 2020, the New York State Education Department released reopening guidance for schools for the 2020-2021 school year. NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education resolves as follows: 1. In an effort to comply with reopening requirements, the Board hereby temporarily suspends any Board policy or administrative regulation/procedure that conflicts with any current or future federal, state, or county law, regulation, executive order, or guidance released for the purpose of reopening of schools during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. 2. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to follow the federal, state, or county laws, regulations, executive orders, or guidance and to take such action as reasonably necessary and proper for the purpose of reopening of schools.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- g. Motion to accept the bid from Leonard Bus Sales for the five year lease of a 21 passenger wheelchair lift equipped bus, at a cost of \$10,741 per year each year. (Bus replaces one that was turned in in June 2020, the lease was voter approved 6/28/2020.)

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- IX. Personnel:** 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

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benefits. All coaching and extracurricular appointments are subject to reduction pending final student enrollment numbers, and pending the outcome of any potential mergers and emergency school closings.

- a. Motion to appoint Shauna Brown as tutor for ESY for a specific student, at a rate of pay per the FETA Contract. (She was previously appointed as interim tutor.)

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- b. Motion to accept the resignation of Jason Finn effective August 1st, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- c. Motion to accept the resignation of Alicia LaCross effective August 30th, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

X. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)

XI. Executive Session:

I need a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters referring to the employment of specific individuals, and pending litigation.

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

Time: _____

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

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All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

XIII. Adjournment

Time: _____

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____