

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

**Agenda  
August 27, 2020  
Updated 8/26**

**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. Reports:**

**a. Superintendent Report:**

- i. Reopening Update (85 Remote Requests)
- ii. Staffing Update (Science, Nurse, SE, Principal, CSE)

**b. Treasurer Report: NONE**

**c. Elementary Principal Report: NONE**

**d. High School Principal Report: NONE**

**e. Buildings and Grounds Report: NONE**

**IV. Discussion Items:**

- a. NYS Funding (20% reduction concern)
- b. PK-12 Principal Posting

**V. 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

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**VI. Action:**

- a. Motion to take the following action concerning the Universal PreK Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Continue the program with District funds to replace funds withheld by NYS **or** Cancel the program for the 2020-21 school year due to funding being withheld by NYS.

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

Discussion:

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

**VII. 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 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. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District hereby abolishes the following positions in the following tenure areas effective August 31, 2020. The Superintendent is directed to notify the affected staff member(s) of this action.

- i. 1 - (.5 - PK Teacher), from the Elementary Teacher Tenure Area

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

Discussion:

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

- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District hereby abolishes the following positions in following areas effective August 31, 2020. The Superintendent is directed to notify the affected staff member(s) of this action.

- i. 1 - (1.0 FTE) Teacher Aide

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

Discussion:

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

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- c. 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 Karen Jones to a three (3) year probationary appointment as a (1.0 FTE) teacher of Science in the Science 7-12 tenure area, commencing September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2023, contingent upon compliance with the requirements of the Education Law. Mrs. Jones holds permanent certification in Science. Mrs. Jones is appointed at a starting salary of \$64055.00 (Current MA30 step 15 of the FETA Contract) with all other benefits and salary reductions per the FETA contract and effective MOAs, pending the receipt and review of all official transcripts, and required employment paperwork.

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

Discussion:

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

- d. 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 Page Toomey to a four (4) year probationary appointment as a (1.0 FTE) teacher of Science in the Science 7-12 tenure area, commencing September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2024, contingent upon compliance with the requirements of the Education Law. Ms. Toomey holds initial certification in Science. Ms. Toomey is appointed at a starting salary of \$44685.00 (Current BA step 1 of the FETA Contract) with all other benefits and salary reductions per the FETA contract and effective MOAs, pending the receipt and review of all official transcripts, and required employment paperwork.

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

Discussion:

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

- e. Motion to appoint Samuel Ratti to the position of 12-month, PK-12 principal in the Building Principal tenure area, effective September 1, 2020. His previously approved probationary period commencing July 1st, 2018 and ending June 30th, 2022, shall be continued with credit for his service as a principal intern and continues to be contingent on compliance with requirements of the Education Law. Mr. Ratti is appointed at a salary of \$79,825.00 (salary will be prorated for September 1, 2020 start date) with all other benefits as negotiated with the Fort Edward Administrators' Association.

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

Discussion:

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

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

**IX. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**X. Return to Public Session** Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**XI. Adjournment** Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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