

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

**Agenda
September 14, 2020
Updated 9/14**

Board Committee Meeting: None
Regular Board Meeting: 6:30pm

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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I. Roll Call Attendance

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II. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

III. 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.

IV. Recognition of Successes:

- a. All Students and Staff on Day 1

V. Presentations:

- a. None

VI. 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. School Opening (Website, Social, Actual)
- ii. Superintendent Days

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- iii. Remote and In Person Learning 10 week concern
- iv. Merger Website and Online Merger Committee Application
- v. BOE Building Walkthrough (postponed no Doodle sent)

- c. **Treasurer Report**
- d. **K-12 Principal Report**
- e. **Buildings and Grounds Report**

VII. Discussion Items:

- a. Building Walkthrough
- b. Advocacy
- c. Audit Committee

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 Board member wants to discuss any item, it is moved to an appropriate place on the agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes for Board Meetings held on 7/7/2020, 8/4/2020, 8/17/2020, 8/27/2020, 8/31/2020
- b. Approval of Warrants and Claims for July 2020 and September 2020
- c. Approval of Treasurer Report for **June** 2020
- d. Approval of the Budget Transfers

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

IX. Action:

- a. **(NONE)** Motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations as included in the Board Packets.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- b. Motion to approve contracting for shared transport of specific students with the Hartford Central School District for the 2020-2021 school year..

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

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- c. Motion to approve contracting for shared transport of specific students with the Whitehall Central School District for the 2020-2021 school year..

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- d. Motion to approve contracting for shared transport of specific students with the Fort Ann Central School District for the 2020-2021 school year..

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- e. Motion to adopt new adult meal pricing for 2020-2021 as required by NYS. Breakfast at Fort Edward shall increase from \$2.25 to \$2.37 plus tax, and lunch shall increase from \$3.93 to \$3.96 plus tax as required by NYS.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- f. Motion to approve the MOA between the Fort Edward School District, the FETA and a specific employee.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- g. Motion to accept the donation from the WoodmenLife Chapter #461 in the amount of \$1000 for school supplies/Chromebooks.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- X. Personnel:** All appointments are subject to change and compensation proration, pending emergency school closing and required reductions in force. All coaching appointments are made pending completion and verification of all required coaching credentials, with the stipend per FETA contract commensurate with

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experience and no other salary or benefits. All coaching, extracurricular appointments are subject to reduction and compensation proration, pending final student enrollment numbers, and pending the outcome of any potential mergers and emergency school closings.

- a. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from the position of 1.0 FTE K-12 Principal from Samuel Ratti Robinson effective end of the day October 14th, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- b. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from the position of 1.0 FTE science teacher from Karen Jones effective September 1st, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- c. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from the position of bus aide from Cindi D'Angelico effective September 1st, 2020

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- d. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from Sandra Mahoney from the position of teaching assistant effective September 9th, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- e. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from Kim Viele from the position of teacher assistant effective September 1st, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

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All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- f. Motion to appoint Joanna Scotch, using applicable grants, donations, and Cares Act Funding, as a teacher mentor for a specific individual per the FETA contract for the remainder of the one year mentoring period. The stipend shall be prorated accordingly.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- g. Motion to appoint ??????, using applicable grants, donations, and Cares Act Funding, as a teacher mentor for a specific individual per the FETA contract.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- h. Motion to appoint Lisa Corlew, using applicable grants, donations, and Cares Act Funding, as a .5 teacher mentor for a specific individual per the FETA contract. The stipend shall be prorated accordingly to reflect .5.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- i. Motion to appoint Marianne Stark, using applicable grants, donations, and Cares Act Funding, as teacher mentor coordinator for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- j. 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 Joy Glass, using applicable grants, donations, Communities Schools allocation, and Cares Act Funding, to the position of part-time cafeteria aide/worker commencing on September 1, 2020. Mrs. Glass is appointed at an hourly rate of pay of \$13.33 per hour (Current starting salary per the FESS Contract is \$13.10 plus credit for previous service)

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with all other benefits and salary reductions per the FESS contract and effective MOAs, pending the receipt and final review of all official documents, and required employment paperwork.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- k. 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 Barbara Seymour, using applicable grants, donations, Communities Schools allocation, and Cares Act Funding, to the position of part-time cafeteria aide/worker commencing on September 11, 2020. Ms. Seymour is appointed at an hourly rate of pay of \$13.33 per hour (Current starting salary per the FESS Contract is \$13.10) with all other benefits and salary reductions per the FESS contract and effective MOAs, pending the receipt and final review of all official documents, and required employment paperwork.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- l. 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 Jeff Durkee, using applicable grants, donations and Cares Act Funding, as a (.8 FTE) long term substitute teacher of Science in the Science 7-12 tenure area, commencing September 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2020 Mr. Durkee holds a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science and is pursuing certification in Earth Science and is appointed 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 _____

- m. 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 Russell Batty, using applicable grants, donations, and Cares Act Funding, to a three (3) year probationary appointment as a (.5 FTE) teacher of Special Education in the Special Education tenure area, commencing September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2023, contingent upon compliance with the requirements of the Education Law. Mr. Batty holds initial certification in Special Education. Mr. Batty is appointed at a starting salary of \$ (Current BA step 1 of the FETA Contract) with all other benefits and salary reductions per the FETA and effective MOAs, pending the receipt and review of all official transcripts, and required employment paperwork.

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Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- n. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to restore Mrs. Debbie LeBaron, using applicable grants, donations, Communities Schools allocation, and Cares Act Funding, from a .9 FTE position as a School Counselor to 1.0 FTE, effective September 1st, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____ Motion to appoint

- o. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to restore Mrs. Joanna Scotch, using applicable grants, donations, Communities Schools allocation, and Cares Act Funding, from a .8 FTE position as a School Counselor to 1.0 FTE, effective September 1st, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____ Motion to appoint

- p. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to restore Mrs. Jocelyn Nolan, using applicable grants, donations, Communities Schools allocation, and Cares Act Funding, from a .9 FTE position as a School Psychologist to 1.0 FTE, effective September 1st, 2020.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____ Motion to appoint

- q. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to restore Mrs. Lorinda Huntigton, using applicable grants, donations, Communities Schools allocation, and Cares Act Funding, from a .8 FTE position as a Physical Education Teacher to 1.0 FTE, effective September 1st, 2020. Mrs. Huntington will add the MS/HS health classes to her teaching load.

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Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____ Motion to appoint

XI. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)

XII. Executive Session:

I need a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters referring to _____

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: _____

XIII. Return to Public Session

Time: _____

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

XIV. Adjournment

Time: _____

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____