

Fort Edward Union Free School District
Meeting of the Board of Education
March 8, 2021

Agenda
Updated 3/6

Board Committee Meeting: 6:00 Finance Committee link available at www.fortedward.org
Regular Board Meeting: 6:30pm link available below

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.

Phone Via Google Meet for Public (US)+1 240-459-8883 PIN: 603 034 082#

Video Via Google Meet for Public (click link) meet.google.com/sgz-zmxd-cgu or type link in browser

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call Attendance

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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.

Comments:

IV. Recognition of Successes:

- a. NHS Student Inductees
b. FE Bowling Team (Adirondack League Champions)

V. Presentations:

- a. Senior Class Officers and Advisors (Sharing Planned Events and Ideas)

VI. Reports:

a. **Board Committee Reports (9 Board Committees)**

- i. Finance Committee (Met tonight and 2/23, next meeting is Monday, March 15 @ 5:30)
- ii. Grievance and Negotiations Committee (next meeting TBD)
- iii. Curriculum Committee (next meeting TBD)
- iv. Policy Committee (next meeting, TBD) Doodle sent, Please respond
- 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)

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b. Superintendent Report:

- i. Merger Study Update (Recap 2/22 and 3/2 Meeting) next meeting is Monday, April 12, 2021
- ii. Advocacy Lobby Day
- iii. Athletics Update
 - 1. Basketball
 - 2. Football
 - 3. Volleyball
 - 4. Golf
 - 5. Base-Softball
- iv. BOCES Annual Meeting and Budget Presentation
 - 1. Prospective BOCES BOE Members
 - 2. RSVP from FE

c. Treasurer Report (Reports in BOE Packets)

d. K-12 Principal Report

e. Buildings and Grounds Report

VII. Discussion Items:

2020-21 and 2021-22 Calendars
Progress to Tenure Reports

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 February, 2021.
- b. Approval of Treasurer Report for January 2021
- c. Approval of Budget Transfers for January and February 2021

Motion for Consent items 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:

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- b. **NONE** Motion to approve the disposal of the fixed assets as listed in the Board packets.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- c. Motion to accept a donation from the Fort Edward Booster Club in the amount of \$14,441.00 and to amend the 2020-2021 school budget to reflect the donation and expenditure of the donated funds. (The Booster Club is making the donation to support the offering of athletic and extracurricular activities for FE students.)

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- d. Motion to approve the 3 year contract with Newmeadow School for the lease of classroom and office space for the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- e. Motion to approve the four month (March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021) contract with Newmeadow School for the lease of one additional therapy space.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- f. Motion to approve the MOA between the District and the Fort Edward Teachers' Association concerning the prorating of coaching stipends for the 2020-21 COVID adjusted Winter sports season.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

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- g. Motion to approve the MOA between the District and the Fort Edward Teachers' Association concerning the prorating of coaching stipends for the 2020-21 COVID adjusted Fall 2 and Spring sports seasons.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- h. Motion to approve athletic mergers for Soccer, Golf, and Cross Country at all levels between the Fort Edward UFSD, and the Argyle CSD for the 2021-2022 school year.

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 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 approve the resolution for BOCES Board Member nominations

- i. BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Edward School District hereby nominates the following individual(s) _____ for election to the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services to fill one of three (3) partial terms, effective April 28, 2021, or as soon thereafter as the individual may be sworn in, and expiring June 30, 2023, and five (5) full terms, one (1) effective April 28, 2021 and four (4) effective July 1, 2021, all expiring June 30, 2024.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- b. Motion to appoint Jeff Durkee to the position of Varsity Boys' Baseball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

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- c. Motion to appoint Lorinda Huntington to the position of Varsity Girls' Softball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- d. Motion to appoint **OPEN** to the position of Modified Boys' Baseball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

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- e. Motion to appoint **OPEN** to the position of Modified Girls' Softball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

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- f. Motion to appoint Jeff Durkee to the position of Modified Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

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- g. Motion to appoint Jeff Durkee to the position of Intramural Football advisor for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- h. Motion to appoint Mike Sullivan to the position of Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year as an unpaid volunteer. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- i. Motion to appoint Amelia Taylor to the position of Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year as an unpaid volunteer. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Discussion:

All in favor _____ All Opposed _____ Any abstentions _____

- j. Motion to appoint Amelia Taylor to the position of Intramural Volleyball advisor for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

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- k. Motion to appoint Page Toomey to the position of Intramural Basketball advisor for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

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- l. Motion to appoint John Boucher to the position of Intramural Basketball Advisor for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of salary as negotiated with the FETA using available donations. The effective date of the appointment shall be set by the Superintendent and communicated to the employee in writing. If the Superintendent does not set an effective date the BOE appointment shall be considered null.

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XI. Second Public Comment Period (if needed)

Comments:

XII. Executive Session:

Time: _____

I need a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters referring to negotiations with a specific entity, as well as 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.

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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 _____