

**Fort Edward Union Free School District**  
**Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**April 19, 2021**

**Agenda**  
**Updated 4/17**

Board Committee Meeting: 5:15 Finance Committee link available at [www.fortedward.org](http://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)+1 216-930-0538 PIN: 903 137 969#

Video Via Google Meet for Public (click link) [meet.google.com/wuj-gxpu-xwz](https://meet.google.com/wuj-gxpu-xwz) or type link in browser

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call Attendance**

a. TRoche\_\_ ATripp\_\_ TTyler\_\_ JCarroll\_\_ CMiles\_\_ ECollins\_\_ JDonahue\_\_ CDurkee\_\_ DShiels\_\_

**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. Megan Boyer, published in the Chronicle with her essay on “Someone She has Known for a Long Time.” (Megan chose to write about her mom Miraluna)
- b. Emily Gardner, published in the Chronicle with her essay on “Someone She has Known for a Long Time.” (Emily chose to write about her mom Sarah)
- c. The following students for artwork being selected for publication in the 2021 Talent Unlimited Journal. (6 total pieces selected this year setting a new record)

Selected Art

Movements of the World  
At Your Fingertips  
Minipulation.  
Untitled  
Be Brave  
Butterfly-man - Charcoal

Student

Kayden Carter  
Benjamin Colvin  
Rachel Diaz  
Miranda Sardina  
Brody Sullivan  
Sofia White

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**V. Presentations:**

- a. Progress to Tenure (will occur in Executive Session)

**VI. Reports:**

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

- i. Finance Committee (Met tonight and 3/15, next meeting is Monday, May 10 @ 5:30)
- ii. Grievance and Negotiations Committee (next meeting TBD)
- iii. Curriculum Committee (next meeting TBD)
- iv. Policy Committee (next meeting, TBD) need to set April or May Date with Mrs. Bessette
- v. Athletic Committee (next meeting, TBD) need to set April or May Date with Mr. Galarneau
- 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 (April 12th meeting postponed to June 14)
- ii. BOCES Connections Newsletter
- iii. Special Meeting to Conduct Annual BOCES Voting (April 27 5:30, via Google Meet)
- iv. NYS and FE Budget Update
- v. FE Summer Programming
- vi. Budget Hearing May 10, 2021 at 6pm
- vii. Budget Vote May 18, 12-8pm in person Main Lobby
- viii. Absentee Ballots available contact Mrs. Bessette

**c. Treasurer Report (Reports in BOE Packets)**

**d. K-12 Principal Report**

**e. Buildings and Grounds Report**

**VII. Discussion Items:**

- Superintendent Search
- School Calendars
- Reorganizational Meeting
- Annex Building and Garage
- NFHS Streaming

**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 Meeting held March 8, 2021.
- b. Approval of Treasurer Reports for February 2021 and March 2021
- c. Approval of Budget Transfers for March 2021 as included in the Board packets

Motion for Consent items by \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_

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

**IX. Action:**

- a. 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. **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 approve the first reading of the following new policies (# and Title)

- i. 6570-Remote Working
- ii. 3520-Extraordinary Circumstances
- iii. 7150-Remote Learning
- iv. 7551-revised- Sexual Harassment of Students
- v. 5633-Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

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

Discussion:

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

- d. **NONE** Motion to approve the second (final) reading of the following new policies (# and Title)

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

Discussion:

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- e. Motion to accept an anonymous donation of \$1000. (The donation was made to support the offering of athletic activities for FE students.)

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

Discussion:

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

- f. Motion to approve the contract with Technical Building Services (TBS) for Temperature Control and Building Automation Services for the period of 4/01/2021 through 3/31/2024.

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

Discussion:

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

- g. Motion to approve the contract with Advanced Therapy to provide PT and OT Services for the 2021-22 school year.

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

Discussion:

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

- h. Motion to approve the MOA between the District and the Fort Edward Teachers' Association concerning the prorating of cheering stipends for the 2020-21 COVID adjusted Fall 2 sports season.

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

Discussion:

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

- i. Motion to approve a refund of real property tax in the amount of \$1072.00 to Christopher and Claudia Mansman per the application received from the Washington County Office of Real Property for parcel # 163.14-4-25. (The refund is owed due to clerical error in the town assessor's office.)

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

Discussion:

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- j. Motion to adopt the Districts 2021-2022 Budget in the amount of \$11,096,764.00 as stated on the Budget Notice & Property Tax Report Card.

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

Discussion:

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

- k. Motion to approve the Fort Edward Recreation Department to use the school buildings, grounds, and buses for the summer 2021 program. The use will be contingent upon the passing of the 2021-2022 budget, adherence to all required COVID protocols and any summer programs that are offered by the school.

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

Discussion:

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

- l. Motion to approve a school holiday on May 28, 2021 due to the remaining balance of snow days, pending at least 2 snow days being available as of that date.

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

Discussion:

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

- m. Motion to approve a school holiday on June 7, 2021 due to the remaining balance of snow days, pending at least 2 snow days being available as of that date.

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

Discussion:

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

- n. Motion to approve a school holiday on June 18, 2021 due to the remaining balance of snow days, pending at least 1 snow day being available as of that date.

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

Discussion:

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

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- o. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar. The calendar is approved empowering the Superintendent to adjust as needed to accommodate the possibility of any unforeseen issues delaying school opening in September 2021.

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

Discussion:

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

- p. Motion to approve the following Senior Class activities (CO 2021). Students and Parents will be required to sign off on appropriate permission and indemnification paperwork for students to participate. The activities are all dependent upon COVID and safety protocols required of the individual venues, the Fort Edward School, and any other applicable entities.
  - i. Senior Prom/Ball on June 5, 2021 or alternate date if necessary
  - ii. Yankee Game Trip on June 6, 2021 or alternate date if necessary
  - iii. Twin Pines (Bolton, NY) day or overnight trip on date TBD.

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 Heather Havens as Chemical Hygiene Officer for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Discussion:

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

- b. Motion to appoint **Nicole Schilling** to the position of Cheerleading 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. (Upon BOE approval of this item the Superintendent will set the effective date retroactively to March 29, 2021)

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Discussion:

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- c. Motion to appoint **Jeff Rescott** 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:

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

- d. Motion to appoint **Page Toomey** 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:

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

- e. Motion to appoint Michael Sharkey, effective April 19, 2021, as a substitute maintenance worker at a rate of pay per the FESS contract, pending the completion of all required employment paperwork.

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

Discussion:

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

- f. Motion to accept the letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2021, from Superintendent, Daniel A. Ward.

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

Discussion:

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

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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.

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_