

**Board of Education Meeting
October 21, 2020**

03:40 *Debra Barbiani*: So I believe we're going to open up the meeting and Jane. Will you start the recording please? Okay. All right. Thank you, very Okay, I'd like to. Ask for a motion to approve the October 21st board meeting as presented.

04:12 *mike weiner*: motion

04:13 *Debra Barbiani*: Can I have a motion?

04:13 *Arlene Hussey*: motion

04:14 *Renee Kates*: get

04:14 *Sean Wall-Carty*:

04:14 *Debra Barbiani*: I've Monk and for a first and Arlene

04:17 *Arlene Hussey*: yes.

04:18 *Debra Barbiani*: second, okay discussion on the motion. Okay hearing none all those in favor. Say I

04:26 *Renee Kates*: I

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04:26 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I

04:27 *Fiorella Muscia*: I

04:27 *mike weiner*: I

04:29 *Debra Barbiani*: any opposed

04:29 *Arlene Hussey*: I

04:31 *Debra Barbiani*: And motion carries. Thank you. Next on the agenda is correspondence, but it don't believe we have any. Next we have. Public recognition and I haven't received notification of public recognition. And next is superintendent's report and I have Dr. Sharkey here. Dr. Sharkey

05:05 *Sally Sharkey*: I good evening everybody. I'd like to start out with. October is School Board recognition month and we had a couple of things that are going on to make sure that we recognize the people that work so hard and volunteer all their time. So I'm going to ask Sarah right now to share her. Screen and show us the announcements that we had the children have this morning on their daily announcements. So Sarah whenever you're ready you can show us

the morning announcements. That would be good. Let's see if she shares. There we go.

05:59 Your Presentation: Good morning Fallsburg family. My name is Kylie Ruiz and today is Wednesday, October 21st, and it is a day two. Please stand for the pledge. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America into the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all the Fallsburg Central School District recognizes the board of education on school board recognition week. The Fallsburg board of education is made of nine individuals who work as one governance team to support the vision of the school district these ladies and gentlemen work tirelessly to make the important challenging and often tough decisions all in the name of school Improvement on all levels as superintendent of schools, Dr. Katz is proud to work with the Fallsburg Board of Education and thanks them for their support and love for our school district. Attention all it's election time. Have you ever wanted to run for class office? Have you seen yourself being the president vice president secretary treasurer of your class or even a representative for your class? Well, here's your chance reach out to your class advisors for petitions petitions are due Monday, October 26th at 2:30 pm. And no later your class advisors are as follows. Have good news for those of you who are in 9th through 12th grade and want to join the future problem solvers team. You guys are ready to have your first meeting of the year. If you haven't already, please contact Ms. Harmon as soon as possible if you're interested, there's still time. You guys will have your meeting sometime later this week. The common Chronicle School newspaper is also ready to have their first meet. Your guys first meet will be on October 27th on Tuesday at 3:30 PM. If you are interested in joining the school newspaper or even just Ms. Moriarty the more the merrier. attending the meet, please contact Brought to you today from the PBIS team is the joke of the day. Of course now. Are you guys ready for this one? I don't think you are. Listen closely. Did you know that there's a concert you can go to that's only 40 cents. Yeah, it's a 50 Cent concert featuring Nickelback. Welcome, it's that's all I have for you today. I hope you have an amazing day. Stay safe wear your mask attend all your classes, and I'll catch you later.

08:31 JOE EOCS: Well, she was

08:33 Sally Sharkey: yes it

08:33 Debra Barbiani: she was

08:34 Arlene Hussey: watching

08:35 Sally Sharkey: they have announcements every morning. They're absolutely they're awesome. I watch them every

08:39 Debra Barbiani: Oh my God, that was very sweet.

08:40 Fiorella Muscia: I really like.

08:43 JOE EOCS: That was

08:45 Sally Sharkey: Right, so she mentioned Dr. Katz

08:46 Debra Barbiani: love

08:49 *Sally Sharkey*: recognition and there was a short article in the paper that I'd like to share with you. It says Fallsburg School Superintendent. Thanks the school board. I was on page 27 of the towns to celebrate recognition the Fallsburg Central school district superintendent of schools Dr. Ivan Katz acknowledges the board of education for selfless service with the following words. The Fallsburg Central School District recognizes the board of education on school board recognition week the Fallsburg board of education is made up of nine individuals who work as one team to support the vision of the school district these ladies and gentlemen work tirelessly to make the important challenging and often tough decisions in the name of school Improvement efforts at all levels. As superintendent in schools. I am proud to work with the Fallsburg Board of Education and thank them for their support and their love for this school district. That was in the paper. So it's not cats. Also. I have a school board recognition week Proclamation. I'd like to read and honor of our board members. So whereas school boards create a vision for what students should know and do and be able to do whereas School boards establish clear standards for student performance. Whereas School boards ensure that student assessments are tied to established standards. Whereas school boards are accountable to the community for operating schools that support student achievement. Whereas school boards align School District resources to ensure that students meet standards. Whereas school boards create a climate that supports the philosophy that all children can learn at high levels. Whereas school boards build collaborative relationships based on trust teamwork and shared accountability and whereas School boards are committed to continuous Education and Training on issues related to student achievement. Now. Therefore we hereby declare our appreciation to the members of the Fallsburg Central School District School Board and recognize the month of October to be school board

11:03 *Arlene Hussey*: Right over to school.

11:04 *Sally Sharkey*: So thank you all for the work that you do every year people don't have an idea of what how many hours and what kind of decisions you're faced with. So on half of the entire District we all thank you all for everything that you do. So

11:21 *Arlene Hussey*: Thank you.

11:23 *Sally Sharkey*: Sarah they do have a small token.

11:23 *Fiorella Muscia*: Thank you.

11:26 *Sally Sharkey*: It's a little ornament and then we'll show you a picture of what it looks like. So Sarah if you can just show a picture. It kind of represents. It doesn't look exactly like that. But it's that's what it is. So we have a small token coming your way and Sarah's gonna show a picture. There it is. So it's a it's an ornament a coaster or an ornament for school board records just a small token of appreciation for everything that you do.

11:56 *Debra Barbiani*: nice

11:58 *Renee Kates*: Thank you. Thank you.

11:59 *Debra Barbiani*: Thank you so much.

12:00 *Fiorella Muscia*: Thank you.

12:01 *Arlene Hussey*: Like, you know, thank you.

12:02 *Sally Sharkey*: right

12:03 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Thank you.

12:07 *Sally Sharkey*: Madam president did you want that quick? Update at this point.

12:12 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah, yes, that would be great. Thank you.

12:15 *Sally Sharkey*: Okay, just I wanted you to know that the remote learning experience has been very challenging but it is going very well. We have most days 93 to 95% participation, which is truly amazing and that is the result of teams getting together. And every time we have an issue or a roadblock your school teams come together to hear them apart take them down and deal with them so they can look very Creative Solutions. And while we know it's not our preferred mode of delivering instruction. We're certainly making it work with the challenges and the tools that we have. So that's an update on that. The other thing that is in the works we are still it's kind of a daily process working on a reopening plans when we come back to school in the hybrid model. We hope to have those plans out soon. Again, there's a lot of different issues. We have to work through and as soon as we get a better understanding of the specific date of opening and the specific. You know the specifics and how that's going to work. We will certainly communicate that with you. It's there's a lot of similarities with what we originally put out in our reopening plan, but based on some changes we do have some modifications but again to tell you all the details right now, they're potentially will change. So that's the update we're working on it. We'll have it to you soon as possible. And the remote experience is going pretty well. I will mention that we have had major issues with connectivity. But again that your school team is always looking for Creative Solutions and those connectivity issues have dwindled. They're they're very small not as frequent. It's much better. So we're we're in pretty good shape. So Just to give you an update.

14:15 *Debra Barbiani*: No, that's that's good to hear. And as far as the hot spots and all that that's been you know, like solved and yeah. Good.

14:24 *Sally Sharkey*: Yes, okay back to you.

14:27 *Debra Barbiani*: Thank you any questions for Dr. Sharky? Okay. Thank you very much. And thank you for the recognition. It's an honor to work with the Board of Education good team. We have a lot of a lot of things that we have accomplished and we will need to work moving forward as well. Thank you all. go down to Administrators report I don't believe there are any there. Let's go to the business report and that is with Mr. Greco.

15:08 *Dan Grecco*: Thank you and good evening, everyone.

15:10 *Arlene Hussey*: Good evening.

15:10 *Debra Barbiani*: Good evening.

15:12 *Dan Grecco*: I believe I have a short presentation if I could share my screen for a moment. So the business report for October 21st, 2020? Are 2021 tax collection as of yesterday the bank collected 14 million \$13,000 \$998.74% or 72.9 4% of the outstanding tax warrant. During the same period last year the bank had collected 14,884,906 dollars and 50 cents or 77.69% of the outstanding tax warrant. We continue to lag behind here and collections of about between four and five percent. The next payments are due on October 31st and November 13th. Does anyone have any questions? If not, then I will just add one thing from the maintenance side the the roof drains at the elementary school that we had talked about for the last two meetings. We will there will be people coming in tomorrow to start working on them to finally repair them. Any other questions? Well, thank you and goodnight.

16:46 *Arlene Hussey*: Thank you.

16:47 *Debra Barbiani*: No, thank you, Dan. Okay. Next on the agenda are the minutes. I'd like to make a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7th 2020 meeting as submitted. I have a motion.

17:01 *JOE EOCS*: with ocean

17:03 *Fiorella Muscia*: second

17:03 *Debra Barbiani*: Joe Is that fiorella?

17:06 *Fiorella Muscia*: Yes.

17:06 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay. Thank you discussion on the minutes. Okay hearing none all those in favor. Say aye.

17:14 *mike weiner*: Hi.

17:14 *JOE EOCS*: I

17:15 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I

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17:17 *Debra Barbiani*: any opposed ocean carries next run to our action items and I have consent items one. I'm sorry K2 through K9.

17:35 *mike weiner*: motion

17:37 *Debra Barbiani*: Mike second

17:39 *Arlene Hussey*: alright

17:39 *Renee Kates*: second

17:39 *Fiorella Muscia*: second

17:41 *Debra Barbiani*: Renee discussion on the consent agenda Okay hearing none. all those in favor say I

17:53 *mike weiner*: I

17:53 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I

17:54 *Fiorella Muscia*: I

17:56 *Debra Barbiani*: any opposed okay a motion carries. Thank you. Okay. Other action items there are none.

18:06 *Arlene Hussey*: I

18:08 *Debra Barbiani*: Second public recognition I have had nothing submitted. We're down to board time committee reports. I can go I could start with Mike.

18:21 *mike weiner*: Yes, we just had a buildings and grounds. We just had a buildings and grounds meeting earlier today with the architects. Looks like the classrooms are progressing and will be ready when the students are ready to come in for a hybrid session. The boiler operations one is going right now. The second should be ready by the time the students come in. There was a discussion about the pool also that we may need more pure time for a section of a wall that Will was a little Troublesome but The pool is still progressing and hopefully soon the line will be going in. And the next meeting next meeting

19:07 *Debra Barbiani*: well, very

19:09 *mike weiner*: will be November 18th.

19:11 *Debra Barbiani*: Good. Okay, great. Thank you, Mike. Renee do you have any four-time committee report?

19:23 *Renee Kates*: Not really. I was sitting at the building some grounds meeting and it was it resourceful and we see a lot of progress happening.

19:36 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah.

19:36 *Renee Kates*: And that's about it for my

19:38 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay.

19:39 *Renee Kates*: commitment.

19:40 *Debra Barbiani*: Great. Thank you very much, Arlene. Do you have wartime or

19:46 *Arlene Hussey*: No, no.

19:47 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay. Thank you. Fiorella

19:52 *Fiorella Muscia*: No.

19:53 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay. Thank you, Sean.

19:57 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Nothing for board time just observation. I have had the chance to jump in a different classrooms as as we're doing virtual learning and I've got to say by and large the staff have been doing an absolute tremendous job in terms of trying to make connections with the students for but you know on on a large portion just trying to take the extra effort a lot of them have in terms of just trying to troubleshoot. They're putting on multiple hats some of them playing a role of it trying to troubleshoot problems as they're trying to teach lessons and things like that. And I just I just wanted to to to make sure to illustrate that point of that. We have some really good folks that are that are on some heroes in terms of trying to make those connections and and trying to learn something new on that and It did. at least and and I hear it just about every day and if Comfort to watch the efforts of the teachers and and some of the challenges that they go through to and and and and trying to just improve their craft so it's really impressive.

21:24 *Debra Barbiani*: it

21:24 *Arlene Hussey*: Sean you watch it from when you go into the high school.

21:29 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Well, everyone's virtual. So I have a group of students that come to my house and I just kind of pop in their room and just watch what's happening. So and then so I can go if I go to the first floor then I'm in bces because my son is in BCES. Yes, so I get to watch that and then

21:46 *Arlene Hussey*: Well, right.

21:47 *Sean Wall-Carty*: if I go to the top four of my house, I'm in high school because I have a

21:49 *Arlene Hussey*: Yeah. but for you

21:51 *Sean Wall-Carty*: group of right, you know, I have a and so I have a group of students in high school that come here and so I just kind of sit there and just listen and see what's happening. And and so it's it's it's really a an interesting Peek behind the scenes on both sides just the the challenges that they have to go through and even with trying to text checks tech support a student in class, you know, it's and that's and and no one really thought about that but just watching that kind of unfold and there's nothing else you can do except watch. It's it's really impressive

22:29 *Debra Barbiani*: Mm-hmm.

22:31 *Arlene Hussey*: I would imagine.

22:32 *Debra Barbiani*: Well, that's great. I agree with you Sean. I you know on that note. I'm glad

that one of our board members are able to see this. I mean you have your little I see that you have a lot of things going on with with the students and it's great and I like the feedback on that. I know that in our other departments too such as our special ed Department. I know families that are very satisfied with that service as well. It's going very well and that's you think about that virtually that you know, it's always a in-person Hands-On type of thing as well as our regular Ed, but that's a tough Department to work with and and kudos to them kudos to all of our other staff and students. It's it's going very well and right.

23:23 *Sean Wall-Carty*: It really is and you know, I know

23:24 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah.

23:25 *Sean Wall-Carty*: it's not perfect and I get it and and and I understand that totally but you know for what we're doing. It just feels really good and to see it and and to be able to see it myself and and you know, it's not it everyone's just working as hard as everyone that I see so far is working as hard as they can.

23:47 *Debra Barbiani*: Yes. Yes. It's a very it. We it Fallsburg all the way everybody cares and and wants success. So thank you for sharing that John. I appreciate that very much.

23:58 *Sean Wall-Carty*: No problem.

24:00 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay joke.

24:05 *JOE EOCS*: Um, I would say just to kind of back up what Sean said when we were looking at this stuff at the beginning of the school year. We were talking about Innovation with Dr. Sharkey. And so I think You know, it's a momentum issue. Once you start to get this thing moving it'll start to build up speed and and skill and depth. So I'm glad to see it's happening. I'm glad to see that that Sean is a fly on the wall watching this. and my daughter every time I walk into a session. She's like I'm like, so what's going on? She's like I'm in class. So I'm like, okay.

24:46 *Sean Wall-Carty*: It's the state no Joe, it's the same thing here, except. I've got three yelling at me going.

24:49 *JOE EOCS*: Yeah.

24:50 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I'm in class. I'm like, okay. Wait, I got it set up where you know, I try to sneak in between break. So yeah.

24:57 *JOE EOCS*: The thing that's important to me is that we're getting more kids to take it seriously. So

25:01 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah.

25:01 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Yes.

25:04 *JOE EOCS*: from our future so and and they are so that that's a good thing. So, I'm happy to hear it.

25:10 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah.

25:11 *JOE EOCS*: up environment Health environment

25:12 *Debra Barbiani*: Now yeah. Yeah it is it is. Thank you Joe. I'm not sure if Kathy joined. I don't know if she's here. Kathy

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25:27 *Debra Barbiani*: okay. Thank you. Thank you very much.

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25:30 *Debra Barbiani*: I think I've everybody.

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25:33 *Dan Grecco*: president barbiani

25:35 *Debra Barbiani*: Yes.

25:36 *Dan Grecco*: I would like to remind the board audits subcommittee that the district's external auditor has requested. a meeting for the exit conference where the June 30th 2020 Financial audit I will ask Miss SATs to send out a

25:53 *Debra Barbiani*: Yes.

25:55 *Dan Grecco*: reminder tomorrow that we need some dates and hopefully we'll be able to get to that quite soon.

26:03 *Debra Barbiani*: Yes, that'll be good. Sarah will send that out and we'll set that up. We'll get the committee. I don't think I don't know if Jennifer Jennifer you here this evening. She's the chair of that committee. We'll get

26:17 *Dan Grecco*: Right, okay.

26:17 *Arlene Hussey*: Of what you ordered?

26:19 *Debra Barbiani*: Yes.

26:19 *Arlene Hussey*: the audit committee

26:21 *Debra Barbiani*: Yes.

26:21 *Arlene Hussey*: Yeah, I'm on that committee.

26:23 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, so an email will be coming out. So look for that, please. Thank you.

26:28 *Dan Grecco*: Thank you.

26:28 *Arlene Hussey*: Okay.

26:29 *Debra Barbiani*: All right. Thank you. All right, I think that's that's it for board time committee reports. and I have no older new business at this time. Do we need an executive session? Hearing none. No. Okay, so could I have a motion to adjourn the October 21st meeting?

26:54 *JOE EOCS*: I'll make the motion.

26:54 *Arlene Hussey*: motion

26:56 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, so we have Arlene and we'll

26:57 *Arlene Hussey*: item

26:59 *Debra Barbiani*: have Arlene and Joe discussion. Hearing none all those in favor. Say aye.

27:04 *Fiorella Muscia*: I

27:04 *mike weiner*: Hi.

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27:07 *Debra Barbiani*: any oppose Motion carries. Thank you all and have a good evening.

27:12 *JOE EOCS*: alright

27:12 *Arlene Hussey*: You too.

27:14 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, bye-bye.

27:15 *Fiorella Muscia*: Not everyone. Bye.

27:16 *JOE EOCS*: then

27:18 *Arlene Hussey*: Bye bye Sally.