

*Board of Education Meeting
June 17, 2020*

Due to technical difficulties, the full transcript of the June 17th meeting is not available. The minutes of the meeting have been included here and the transcript follows.

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, June 17, 2020)

Members present

Debra Barbiani, Joe A Collura, Arlene L Hussey, Katherine J Rappaport, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michael Weiner, Renee O Kates, Fiorella Muscia

Also present: Dr. Ivan Katz, Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Evans, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Daniel Grecco, Business Manager, Sarah Satz, District Clerk

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm by Ms. Barbiani, President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - (An executive session may be called by a majority vote of the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law)

On a motion by Mr. Weiner and Ms. Rappaport, the Board entered Executive Session at 6:15pm for the purposes of discussion potential litigation with the school attorney. All in favor, the motion passes.

The Board resumed the public session at 7:18PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda

The Board approves the agenda as presented.

Motion by Michael Weiner, second by Fiorella Muscia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Debra Barbiani, Katherine J Rappaport, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michael Weiner, Renee O Kates, Fiorella Muscia

Mr. Collura arrived at 7:20 PM

Ms. Hussey arrived at 7:21 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. *Student Board Member*
2. *Comments*

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. *Superintendent's Comments*

Dr. Katz thanked the school community for coming out to support our budget and congratulated Joe, Renee and Kathy for retaining their seats on the Board. He reported that virtual graduation continues to move forward at the high school and the elementary school is planning as well. He thanked everyone involved in the parade and the assistance from Fallsburg PD for their help with the parade and senior send off. He also reported that Chatty Thursdays will begin for students to discuss their thoughts during the current times. Discussion ensued.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

BUSINESS REPORT

1. *Mr. Daniel Grecco Jr., Business Manager*

Mr. Grecco thanked Ms. Satz for her work on the election. Dr. Katz echoed Mr. Grecco's sentiment and thanked her for her work.

Mr. Grecco reported that the District considered and will be awarding bids for services in the 20-21 school year. He also presented on sending monies from the unassigned fund balance to the Tax Certorari reserve, Worker's Compensation reserve and Capital reserve.

MINUTES

1. Minutes

The Board approves the minutes of June 2, 2020 as submitted.

Motion by Michael Weiner, second by Fiorella Muscia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Debra Barbiani, Arlene L Hussey, Katherine J Rappaport, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michael Weiner, Renee O Kates, Fiorella Muscia

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves consent agenda K2 through K18.

Motion by Katherine J Rappaport, second by Joe A Collura.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Debra Barbiani, Joe A Collura, Arlene L Hussey, Katherine J Rappaport, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michael Weiner, Renee O Kates, Fiorella Muscia

2. CSE Recommendations

Resolved, that the special programs and services required by the recommendations in the Pupil Personnel Memorandum No. 16 dated June 17, 2020 shall be implemented by the Board of Education within the time period provided by law, and Be it further resolved, that the proposed appointments set forth below to the CSE, CPSE and Section 504 are hereby confirmed.

3. Policy 3rd Readings and Adoption

The Board approves the third readings and adoption of the following policies: Board Member Training Sexual Harassment of Employees Sexual Harassment of Students Student Records School Safety Teams and Planning Information and Data Privacy, Security Breach and Notifications

4. Bid Awards

The Board approves and awards the following bids for the 2020-2021 school year:

Plumbing Services: Tri-State Mechanical Plumbing & Heating

Universal Pre-Kindergarten: Sullivan County Head Start Inc.

School Medical Physician Services: Amarjit Gill

Physical Therapy Services: Michael Novogrodsky for a 2 year contract

Occupational Therapy: Neuroadept for a 2 year contract

Employee Assistance Program: Corporate Services EAP

5. Warrant and Claims Auditor Report

The Board approves Warrant #22 in the amount of \$2,944,233.50, Warrant #23 in the amount of \$748,774.13 the Claims Auditor Reports dated June 9, 2020.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Board approves the Treasurer's Report for the month ending May 31, 2020.

7. CS Arch Invoice

The Board approves the payment of the following invoices from CS Arch:

#2356 in the amount of \$12,449.12

#2370 in the amount of \$22,417.42

#2417 in the amount of \$6,008.97

8. Prasad

The Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding between PRASAD and the District as outlined in the attached.

9. Atlantic Testing Laboratories

The Board approves the payment of invoice #226963 from Atlantic Testing Laboratories in the amount of \$1,832.50.

10. Change Orders-LeChase Construction

The Board approves the following change orders: CO-2A-02-019 in the amount of \$498.75. CO-2A-02-020 in the amount of \$7,048.53. CO-2A-02-021 in the amount of \$21,525.00.

11. ESGI Data Privacy Agreement

The Board approves the Data Privacy agreement between ESGI and the District for data tracking services as outlined in the attached.

12. Solid Waste Removal Bid

The Board awards the bid for Solid Waste Removal (including recyclable material) to Thompson Sanitation at \$894.14/week based on 42 weeks with year end pickup at \$897.000 for a 30 yard dumpster for a total contract rate of \$38,450.88 for the 2020-2021 school year.

13. Health and Welfare Contract: Monticello

The Board approves the agreement between the District and the Monticello Central School District as outlined in the attached for the 2019-2020 school year for 4 students who reside in Monticello CSD and attend non-public schools in Fallsburg.

14. Health and Welfare Contract: Ellenville

The Board approves the agreement between the District and the Ellenville Central School District as outlined in the attached for the 2019-2020 school year for 5 students who reside in Ellenville CSD and attend non-public schools in Fallsburg.

15. Horizon Engineering Invoice

The Board approves the payment of Invoice # R2019Z-373 - 5 from Horizon Engineering in the amount of \$8,650.00.

16. Siemens Agreement

The Board approve the agreement between the District and Siemens for service and maintenance for the building management (heat) system as outlined in the attached.

17. TSTT Agreement

The Board approves the agreement between the District and Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

18. Appointment: FTA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Jessica Scanna, who holds a Professional New York State Teaching Certificate permitting her to teach in the Speech and Language Disabilities certification area in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the position of Speech Teacher in the Speech tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on 9/1/2020 and to end on 8/31/2024 (unless extended in accordance with the law). This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review (APPR) ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either Effective or Highly Effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement between FTA and the Board of Education and the salary will be based upon Step 1 + 71 credits (pending negotiations.)

Dr. Katz introduced Ms. Jessica Scanna and welcomed her to the Fallsburg Family.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

1. School Budget and Board of Education Election Results

The Board accepts the Election Results of June 9/June 16, 2020 as outlined below:

Number of Paper Ballots: 925

Total Votes Cast: 925

Proposition #1 - Budget

In Favor: 578

Against: 316

For the Seat of Joe Collura

Debra Barbiani: 590

Write In Votes: 11

For the Seat of Renee Kates

Renee Kates: 562

Stephanie Phillips: 235

Write In Votes: 16

For the Seat of Katherine Rappaport

Katherine Rappaport: 509

Write In Votes: 168

Motion by Jennifer Reinhardt, second by Fiorella Muscia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Debra Barbiani, Joe A Collura, Arlene L Hussey, Katherine J Rappaport, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michael Weiner, Renee O Kates, Fiorella Muscia

2. Fallsburg Library Board Election

The Board accepts the Fallsburg Library Board election results as outlined below:

Number of Paper Ballots: 925

Total Votes Cast: 198

For the Seat of Renee Kates

Renee Kates: 606

Write In Votes: 12

For the Seat of Judith Merone

Judith Merone: 549

Write In Votes: 12

For the Seat of Sonia Ward

Katherine Rosado-Houser: 385

Neil Tevelowitz: 230

Write In Votes: 12

Motion by Michael Weiner, second by Fiorella Muscia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Debra Barbiani, Joe A Collura, Arlene L Hussey, Katherine J Rappaport, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michael Weiner, Renee O Kates, Fiorella Muscia

3. Resolution to Remove Monies From and Transfer Monies Into Reserve Funds

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following removal of funds and transfer of funds into the reserves as outlined below:

Whereas the Fallsburg Central School District has been previously authorized by the voters to establish and fund the following reserves;

Now therefore the District recommends the following;

Recommend removing \$60,000.00 from the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund for an outstanding Tax Certiorari.

Recommend adding \$20,000.00 to the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund.

Recommend adding \$491,999.00 to the Workers Compensation Reserve Fund.

Motion by Michael Weiner, second by Fiorella Muscia.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Debra Barbiani, Joe A Collura, Arlene L Hussey, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michael Weiner, Renee O Kates, Fiorella Muscia

Not Present at Vote: Katherine J Rappaport

4. RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER MONIES INTO THE FALLSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – 2018

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2018, the Fallsburg Central School District (the "School District") was authorized by the voters to establish and fund a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York; and that the Fund is to be known as the Capital Reserve Fund – 2018 of the School District (the "Fund"); and

WHEREAS, the Fund was established for the purpose of financing the construction of additions to, and reconstruction of, various School District buildings and facilities, including any costs incidental thereto; the ultimate amount of the Fund shall not be greater than \$5,000,000 plus interest earned thereon; and the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for the Fund shall be: (1) amounts from budgetary appropriations of the School District from time to time, (2) amounts

from unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education of the School District from time to time, and (3) such other sources as the Board of Education of the School District or the voters of the School District may direct, all as permitted by law;

WHEREAS, at the end of the School District's 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, the School District has \$3,000,000.00 in remaining spending authority, excess revenues and unappropriated fund balance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT;

RESOLVED, that the \$3,000,000.00 of the School District's remaining spending authority, excess revenue and unappropriated fund balance be transferred to the Fund; and

RESOLVED, that any expenditure from the Fund be and hereby is subject to voter approval under the terms of the establishment of the Fund.

Motion by Fiorella Muscia, second by Joe A Collura.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Debra Barbiani, Joe A Collura, Arlene L Hussey, Katherine J Rappaport, Jennifer Reinhardt, Michael Weiner, Renee O Kates, Fiorella Muscia

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

BOARD TIME/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Comments

Mr. Weiner reported that Buildings and Grounds committee met.

Ms. Reinhardt reported that the Audit Committee had the Entrance Conference with the Auditor.

Ms. Muscia thanked everyone for being a part of the parade and to the 6th grade teachers for bringing certificates to the students. She thanked all of the election workers for their hard work counting the ballots last night.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

Executive Session - (An executive session may be called by a majority vote of the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law)

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Weiner and Ms. Muscia, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Satz

District Clerk

Transcript:

Debra Barbiani: Mike

Mike Weiner: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Arlene big she's saying yes, Renee. Okay, I see where yep.

Mike Weiner: She's muted.

Debra Barbiani: She's saying yes and myself. So the motion carries. Dr. Katz, I see that there was an appointment on here. Would you like to

Ivan Katz: Absolutely. Thank you.

Debra Barbiani: thank you.

Ivan Katz: I'm like when your attention to the I believe I saw our next person that somewhere on the quality of she still here, but I would like to bring to your attention that we just hired a brand new speech teacher. Her name is Jessica Scanna and she rose the top of our interview process and I would like to welcome her to the Fallsburg family and We look forward to her working with us in the difference. He's going to make for our kids moving forward Jessica. I see you. to say hello. I don't know if there's if you like

Jessica Scanna: Hi everybody. I just wanted to show my appreciation and thank you all for this opportunity. I look forward to working with all staff faculty Administration the students and the board. So thank you very much. I'm very excited for this opportunity. I feel like I've already been a part of the Fallsburg family.

Debra Barbiani: Yes. Congratulations, Jessica. Welcome aboard.

Jessica Scanna: Thank you so much.

Debra Barbiani: All right. Thank you. We're excited.

Jessica Scanna: Thank you.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. Alright, alright, so now we're onto other action items L. And number one is the school budget and Board of Education Board of Education election results. And could I have a motion? I'm sorry, hold on.

+1 845-***-**25: Motion. Oh, I can't.

Debra Barbiani: Just get in. Okay, we have Jennifer.

Jennifer Reinhardt: motion

Fiorella Muscia: second

Debra Barbiani: and fiorella. And this is the motion is to approve the election results and the budget vote. I'm sorry. I just can't read my resolution here the budget results and Board of Education appointments as presented. and all in favor

Mike Weiner: Aye.

Debra Barbiani: I'm sorry. I know that was supposed to be a roll call. I'm sorry, but I hear everyone any opposed. Motion carries. Congratulations to everyone our community our board for their hard work to working with the administration on this really excited about this passing. Thank you so much. Moving on to the library Fallsburg Library collection just get there. Okay recommended motion that the board for Prairie election results as presented.

Mike Weiner: motion

Debra Barbiani: Mike second

Fiorella Muscia: second

Debra Barbiani: fiorella discussion hearing none Okay, do a roll call Renee? See she's saying yes, Jennifer.

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Joe Joe

Fiorella Muscia: Joe

+1 845-***-**05: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: thank you. Fiorella, Kathy.

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: She's a yes Arlene see her there. Yes, myself and motion carries. And I'm sorry about this to our audience. We need to do a roll call. So Sarah can hear us. So thank you for your patience. Okay, we're on to item 3. This is the resolution to remove monies from from and transfer monies into the reserves funds as presented. Can I have a motion?

Mike Weiner: motion

Debra Barbiani: That's Mike second What your first second?

Fiorella Muscia: the second

Debra Barbiani: fiorella discussion on this hearing none. We'll move onto the role Cole. So Mike

be arella.

Mike Weiner: Yes.

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Jennifer

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Joe

+1 845-***-**05: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Renee she's a yes, Arlene. She's a yes myself. motion carries onto resolution for here. This is a resolution to transfer monies into the Fallsburg Central School District's capital reserve fund 2018. May I have a motion?

Fiorella Muscia: motion

Debra Barbiani: Fiorella go,

+1 845-***-**05: all set

Jennifer Reinhardt: second

Debra Barbiani: Okay. We have Joe discussion on the motion. Okay hearing none. Roll call fiorella.

Fiorella Muscia: yes.

Debra Barbiani: Kathy

+1 845-***-**25: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Okay, Mike.

Mike Weiner: Yeah.

Debra Barbiani: Joe

+1 845-***-**05: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Jennifer

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: Renee yes, Arlene. Yes myself motion carries. Thank you. We're on to our

second public recognition. I don't have any recognitions. We're down to board time committee reports. If any board member would like to speak.

Mike Weiner: Yes losing ground.

Debra Barbiani: Go ahead Mike.

Mike Weiner: Yeah Brown's met earlier today full basically coming along nearly done pool area. Looking good. Although it's are moving along pretty quickly.

Debra Barbiani: Good. Thank you, Mike.

Jennifer Reinhardt: Matador entrance meeting basic

Debra Barbiani: Okay.

Jennifer Reinhardt: meeting so I'm really not much to go through. It was the quickest what it meeting I've ever gone through. We have a quicktalker as I order it.

Debra Barbiani: Okay. All right. They're going to reschedule back again. Probably in the fall or summer.

Jennifer Reinhardt: Yeah, they have to do the the middle and then the end meeting.

Debra Barbiani: Okay, very good. Thank you for reporting on that. Okay.

Fiorella Muscia: Can I say something?

Debra Barbiani: Yes. You may go ahead for your Ella.

Fiorella Muscia: Oh, I just really I had wanted to say this anyway, but reiterating back to the parade. I also just wanted to say thank you to everyone who organized that who participated in it. But I also wanted to say thank you to the sixth grade teachers because they actually went to their students houses and presented them with certificates. So I thought that was a really great thing to do for them. So thank you for that.

Debra Barbiani: Yeah.

Fiorella Muscia: One. Other thing. I did want to mention was last night. At the at the counts at the ballot counts. I really just wanted to say thank you for you know, Sarah, of course, but also to the election workers that were out there counting those ballots. Wow, that was really something that's all I have to say. So I just really, you know wanted to say thank you because that was really something something hard to do to sit there and you know, say the names every ballot and so forth. So thank you to all of them who did that. So

Debra Barbiani: Yeah, I agree. Thank you so much. I'm right with you that is you know a challenging day to begin with when you have regular voting, but this was unprecedented with all absentee ballots unheard of and thank you for

Fiorella Muscia: Yes.

Debra Barbiani: sharing and being there to help and assist and thank you to all our workers as well. I appreciate it. Thanks. Anyone else? Okay hearing none. We'll move down. I don't have any older new business unless someone has something to share. Hearing none. Do we have a need for an executive session? No, okay, so we have a motion to

Fiorella Muscia:

Debra Barbiani: So we have a motion to adjourn the June 17th meet Mike.

Mike Weiner: motion

Fiorella Muscia: second

+1 845-***-**25: I can't.

Debra Barbiani: And PRL, okay, and we'll just all those in favor.

+1 845-***-**05: Aye

Fiorella Muscia: Aye

Mike Weiner: I

Debra Barbiani: opposed motion carries.

Jennifer Reinhardt: Aye.

Debra Barbiani: Thank you all for coming. Have a good evening, and we will see you at the next meeting. Good night.

Fiorella Muscia: night, everyone

Mike Weiner: good night.

+1 845-***-**05: Hi.

Matt Evans: Good night.