

**Board of Education Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022**

Present: Bill Bloethe (Vice President), Matthew Edwards (Member), Catherine Edwards (Member), Christian Arsenault (Superintendent/Principal), and Public.

1. Community Session:

1.1 Call to Order- President Jamie Doucette called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

1.2 Additions to Agenda-

1.4B NYS Comptroller Fiscal Score for 2021

4.5 Motion to Regrettably Accept the Resignation of Science Teacher Carol Giles Effective June 30, 2022

1.3 Public Participation- None.

1.4 Celebrations:

A. Agrucultural Grant- We are the recipients of the Cornell Agricultural Grant for this year. The grant was sought out and applied for by the school's Agrucultural Technology Teacher, Adam Murray. The award has been increased to \$10,000 for this year which will fund most Mr. Murray's curriculum supplies.

B. Comptroller Fiscal Score for 2021- The district's fiscal score for last school year was indicated as "No Designation" which is the desired score for school districts. Mr. Arsenault thanked Mr. Eagan and Mrs. Horn for their work in the business office.

2. Business Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson- No questions.

A. Warrant #Pending- January 20, 2022

2.2 Business Manager Reports

A. Revenue- Expense Status Report (November)

B. Treasurer Report (November)

2.3 2021-2022 Budget Transfers: None

2.4 2022-2023 Budget- Mr. Arsenault noted that the Board should reach out to him or Mr. Eagan with any thoughts on next year's budget. The Board will review a first draft of the proposed budget in February for review and comments.

3. Board Committee Reports

3.1 Faculty Housing Committee- No questions on the FHC meeting minutes.

3.2 Safety Committee- The committee meets after the Board of Education meetings to discuss Board recommendations/concerns. The safety committee reviewed the re-opening plan which will be discussed later in the meeting during the action items.

3.3 Personnel Committee- No reports.

4. Action Items

- 4.1 Approval the Minutes of the December 15, 2021 Board of Education Meeting-** Motion mad by Matt Edwards, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.2 Approval of the Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for the 2021-2022 School Year-** Motion mad by Bill Bloethe, seconded by Matt Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.3 Approval of the Updated COVID Re-Opening Plan-** The original plan granted authority to Mr. Arsenault to modified, as needed. The plan has been slightly modified regarding quarantine lengths to become more aligned with the current CDC plan. The safety committee has reviewed the revised plan and it is being presented to the Board for official approval. Mr. Arsenault thanked the faculty and staff for stepping in during this time to ensure there are limited disruptions to student learning. Motion mad by Bill Bloethe, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.4 Approval of the Updated 2021-2022 School Color Calendar-** The calendar reflects the two snow days that are being made up in May. Motion mad by Matt Edwards, seconded by Bill Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.5 Approval to Accept with Regret the Resignation of Science Teacher Carol Giles Effective June 30, 2022-** Mr. Arsenault read a letter from Mrs. Giles to the Board indicating her formal resignation effective June 30, 2022. Mr. Arsenault thanked Mrs. Giles for her many years of service at the Fishers Island School. Motion mad by Matt Edwards, seconded by Bill Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.

5. Administrative Report

- 5.1 Capital Improvement Project-** Mr. Arsenault provided a more detailed description of the add/alternates to add to the previously sent list. Mr. Arsenault provided his opinion of priorities with rationale to give the Board a starting point. Board still hopes that all aspects of the project will happen but prioritized the following in order from most important to least important: air conditioning, roof, windows, and media center.
- 5.2 NEASC Accreditation-** Mr. Arsenault and the faculty continue to work towards district's accreditation process.
- 5.3 Reimbursement for Generator Grant-** No updates.
- 5.4 Walsh Park/FIS Land Sale (Winthrop Drive)-** No updates.
- 5.5 Reservoir Road Potential Land Sale-** The district's attorney, Douglas Gerhardt, joined the meeting to discuss the potential sale of reservoir road. He indicated that the Board completed the first two steps of the selling process which was to declare the property as excess land and to obtain appraisals. The next step is to adopt a resolution to authorize negotiations of a terms of a purchase sale agreement with any interested parties. This would allow the district to solicit offers on the land, review the best offers, and accept the best offer, which can be done in executive session. The Board may then enter contract for the land sale. The Board will need to adopt the resolution to authorize

negotiations at the February meeting. Attorney Gerhardt also noted that the Board is not required to use a realtor.

5.6 Water Testing Inquiry- At the last meeting, a community member had questioned if the Board was required to test for PFO's in the school's water. Mr. Arsenault discussed this topic with appropriate personnel and noted that the district is not required to test for PFO's but that the FI water company will be required to test for those substances beginning in 2022. Attorney Gerhardt weighed in on the conversation to discuss the laws and regulations regarding school water testing. He indicated that the district is following all laws and regulations regarding drinking water. It was agreed that the Board would wait for the local water company to test PFO's since they will be required to this year and there is no imminent indication that there are any in the school's drinking water.

6. Information Packet for Board of Education

6.1 Winter 2021 NYSIR Legal Digest- No questions.

7. Public Participation- None.

8. Executive Session

8.1 To Discuss a Contractual Matter- Motion to enter executive session made by Bill Bloethe, seconded by Matt Edwards at 6:44pm. All in favor/none opposed.

9. Adjournment- Motion to leave executive session and adjourn the public meeting made by Matt Edwards, seconded by Bill Bloethe at 6:55pm. All in favor/none opposed.

Recorded by: Aly Horn