

**Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2022**

**Present:** Jamie Doucette (President), Matthew Edwards (Member), Catherine Edwards (Member), Tom Shillo (Member), Christian Arsenault (Superintendent/Principal), Jim Eagan (Business Manager) 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-**

**4.6 Motion to Regrettably Accept the Resignation of Music Teacher, Chris Dollar, Effective March 17, 2022**

**4.6 Motion to Approve the 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute Music Teacher Posting**

**1.3 Public Participation-** None.

**1.4 Celebrations:**

**A. Q2 Honor Roll-** Mr. Arsenault congratulated the Honor Roll students for the second quarter.

**B. Virtual Open House-** The Tuition Selection Committee hosted a virtual open house on February 9<sup>th</sup>. There were many families in attendance and the event was recorded to send to families who were unable to attend. The application deadline for next school year is February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Business Reports**

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

**A. Warrant #Pending- February 16, 2022**

**2.2 Business Manager Reports**

**A. Revenue- Expense Status Report**

**B. Treasurer Report**

**2.3 2021-2022 Budget Transfers: None**

**2.4 2022-2023 Budget-** The proposed budget was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Arsenault indicated that Board members should reach out to Mr. Eagan with any questions or comments. He also indicated that the March Board of Education meeting will be the final review prior to the Board adopting in April.

**3. Board Committee Reports**

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

**3.2 Safety Committee-** Mr. Arsenault indicated that an additional community member, AJ Eastman, requested to use the school gym to play basketball. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Eastman to use the gymnasium for that purpose and indicated that Mr. Arsenault could make the decision regarding school gymnasium use on a case-by-case basis so long as safety measures continued to be maintained.

**3.3 Personnel Committee-** No reports.

#### **4. Action Items**

- 4.1 Approval the Minutes of the January 19, 2022 Board of Education Meeting-** Motion mad by Matt Edwards, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.2 Approval of the 1.0 FTE Science Teacher Posting-** Motion mad by Matt Edwards, seconded by Tom Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.3 Approval of Resolution for the Board of Education to Determine that it is in the Best Interest of the District to Sell the Premises on the West Side of Reservoir Road with Waterfrontage on the East Side of Fishers Island Sound and Silver Eel Cove, in Accordance with the Provisions of the NYS Education Law-** Motion mad by Tom Shillo, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.4 Authorization for the Superintendent to Enter into Agreement with LifeTouch for School Pictures for Three (3) Years-** Motion mad by Catherine Edwards, seconded by Matt Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.5 Approval of the Superintendent Contract for 2022-2027-** Motion mad by Catherine Edwards, seconded by Matt Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.6 Approval with Regret the Resignation of Music Teacher, Chris Dollar, Effective March 17, 2022-** Motion made by Matt Edwards, seconded by Tom Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.
- 4.7 Approval of the 1.0 FTE Long Term Substitute Music Teacher Posting-** Motion made by Matt Edwards, seconded by Catherine Edwards. All in

#### **5. Administrative Report**

- 5.1 Capital Improvement Project-** Paperwork for the Capital Project have been submitted to the State from the district's architects. Mr. Arsenault indicated that the office would reach out to the district's architects for an updated.
- 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-** A draft of the land sale posting will be given to the Board at the April meeting.
- 5.6 2022-2023 School Calendar Drafts-** The Board reviewed the calendar drafts and is in favor of Draft #1. The Board will review and approve a draft at the next Board meeting.
- 5.7 Mask Survey Results-** Mr. Arsenault reminded the Board that the Governor will make a decision regarding the continued use of mask in early March. As a result, Mr. Arsenault surveyed the staff regarding their comfortability around a "mask-optional" policy. The survey results were shown to the Board. Mr. Arsenault indicated that he will update the Board as soon as he learns additional information.
- 5.8 Principal Observation-** Mr. Arsenault reminded the Board that it is the responsibility of the Board to complete the annual principal observation in accordance with NYS

education law. He will provide the Board with the observation rubric at the next Board meeting.

**6. Information Packet for Board of Education**

**6.1 NYSSBA Virtual Open Meeting Article-** No questions.

**7. Public Participation-** Community member, Mere Doyen, asked if there was a possibility of starting a PTA for Fishers Island School. Both Mr. Arsenault and Mrs. Doucette indicated that it is legal and allowable and that she may gather additional information if she interested in starting a Fishers Island School PTA.

**8. Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn the public meeting made by Matt Edwards, seconded by Catherine Edwards at 6:33pm. All in favor/none opposed.

Recorded by: Aly Horn