

# Board of Education Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017

Board Members Present: President Jamie Doucette, William Blothe, Linda Mrowka and Thomas Shillo, Laurie Finan

Also, Present: Superintendent/Principal Karen Goodwin, Stand in Board Secretary Michele Klimczak, Business Manager James Eagan, Student Liaisons Charles Snyder and Caroline Toldo and community

## 1. School Community Session

1.1 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance- President Doucette called the meeting to order and led in the pledge at 6:04 pm.

1.2 Public Participation- There were no questions or comments at this time.

### 1.3 \*Celebrations

1.3A\* Boys' Locker Room Project: Great job by Ben, Craig and Caroline who painted.

1.3B\* Third Quarter Honor Roll:

1.3C\* 2017 Best Communities for Music: 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in a row, community support in the arts! Thanks to Chris Dollar, the students and the community who support us for this National Award.

1.3D\* Suffolk County Excelsior Program Instructors:

Linda Bean-Accounting  
Carrie Sawyer-Drawing 1

Thanks to Mr. George for finding this program. Chris Dollar may be offering a music class in the fall giving our students the potential to earn 21 college credits!

1.3E\* CT and National Invention Convention Awards: Our four finalists are: Arabella with the Sona Wave is a National Finalist, Lilly with the Out of Sight Light earned a Science and Engineering Award, Constance with the Salt Water Toilet Plumbing System and Andi with the Mobilitizer for visually impaired persons.

1.3F\* Personalized Professional Development- Linda Bean:

Linda took an on-line course for educators on Global Discourse: Connecting teachers, the power of technology for teaching and learning. Her feedback on the course was so well received, she was interviewed for contribution to a national article.

1,4 Additions to Agenda: 3.14 Girls' Locker Room Proposal

**2. Business Office Reports -Financial Reports to be E-mailed to BOE on 5/15/17**

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson- Jim reviewed the email that had been sent out to the BOE.

2.2 Business Manager Reports

A. Budget Status Report as of April 30, 2017-Summary printouts shared.

B. Reconciliation Report Approved by Superintendent and Treasurer- Summary printouts shared.

2.3 Business Transfers: None

2.4 Status of 2016-2017 Audit: Final Audit review scheduled within the next two weeks. A few more documents to be adjusted for 2016. Jim is aiming for the auditor to be able to come out in June

**3. Action Items** (Board Chairman)

3.1\* Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Board of Education Meeting- Motion Made: Linda, Laurie Seconded; All in Favor.

3.2\* Motion: To Approve Policy #5300.45-Code of Conduct-Attendance (Second Reading) Motion Made: Laurie, Tom Seconded; All in Favor.

3.3\* Motion: To Approve Policy #5300.50-Code of Conduct-Discipline of Students with Disabilities (Second Reading) Motion Made: Laurie, Tom Seconded; All in Favor

3.4\* Motion: To Approve, with regret, Carol Doherty's retirement as School Secretary, effective December 31, 2017. Motion Made: Bill, Linda Seconded; All in Favor

3.5\* Motion: To Approve Grades 11/12 Exchange Program Field Trip to Madrid and La Coruna, Spain from February 8-20, 2018 and Spanish Exchange Student Visit to FIS from October 1-18, 2018. Motion Made: Laurie, Bill Seconded; All in Favor

3.6\* Motion: To Approve, Harbor School's use of School Grounds, Home Ec. Room, Gym, and Lavatories May 26-29, 2017. Motion Made: Bill, Linda Seconded; All in Favor

3.7\* Motion: To Approve the FI Fire Department use of School Bus and/or vans to transport runners for Sea Stretcher Marathon on May 28, 2017. Motion Made: Bill, Tom Seconded; All in Favor

3.8\* Motion: To Approve, Island's People's Project Application for use of facility on mornings from 6/29/17-8/11/17. Motion Made: Laurie, Linda Seconded; All in Favor

3.9 Motion: To Approve Grades 7-12 School Trip to Albany, Lake Placid and Montreal on Sept 26-29, 2017 and deposit of \$18,000 pending 2017-2018 Budget Approval (handout). Motion Made: Linda, Bill Seconded; All in Favor

3.10\* Motion: To Approve Revised School Counselor Job Description (Added on PSAT/SAT duties). Motion Made: Laurie, Bill Seconded; All in Favor

3.11\* Motion: To Accept a \$250 donation from Monique Kinsolving for use of School Bus. Motion Made: Linda, Tom Seconded; All in Favor

3.12\* Motion: To name Christian Arsenault as the Principal of the Fishers Island School, effective July 1, 2017. Motion Made: Linda, Bill Seconded; All in Favor

3.13\* Motion: To Approve, the 2017-2018 Board of Education Meeting Dates. Motion Made: Bill, Linda Seconded; All in Favor

3.14 Motion: Girls' Locker Room Proposal. Caroline and Natalie request to paint the girls' locker room. Motion Made: Laurie, Bill Seconded; All in Favor

#### **4. Superintendent/Principal Report**

##### **Prior Business**

###### 4.1 Status of Positions Vacancies-

Principal Position filled

Maintenance/Custodial Position- Six candidates first round interviews this week.

School Counselor Position-Currently posted until May 26<sup>th</sup>

Special Education Teacher Position-Will be posted when the budget passes

##### **New Business**

4.2\* New York's Excelsior Scholarship- see packet, the family salary cap for free tuition will be going up to \$125,000.00.

4.3 Summer Maintenance Project- Supt. Goodwin shared a proposal that she and Mr. Eagan discussed regarding Office reconfiguration, pending discussion with the faculty; Main Office to be moved to front of building in current faculty lunchroom. The faculty lunch room will be moved to the Home Ec. Room to secure office space for Maintenance/Custodial position in main office area. The current main office would become Aly's office and Sharon will have a desk in Jim's current office. The fulltime counselor will be in the current AV room and Gil's past office will continue to be used for Special Education.

4.4 2017-2018 Enrollment Data as of 5/17/17 – Handout shows projection of 36 Fishers Island and 36 CT students.

4.5 Substance Abuse Prevention Intervention Efforts; Outreach Mr. Baeber has integrated a lot into his health classes all year. Recently speakers from Ct Attorney General's Office and the DEA who met with staff and adults and then the students separately. We have a similar offer from NY which we may plan for the fall.

4.6\* Developmental Assets/Leadership Training by SERAC: Six juniors and 6 seniors went to this training with Gil and worked with others from different high schools.

## **5. Information Packet for the Board of Education**

5.1\* Program of Studies 2017-2018 (Distributed at Meeting)

5.2\* ESBOCE Correspondence re: Recent Visit to FIS

5.3\* Letter from Future Viking Hope Ouellette

5.4\* ESBOCES Administrative Budget 2017-2018

5.5\* Letter of Appreciation to Groton Public Library

## **6. Public Participation** – Chris Dollar

Students competed in Music in the Parks on Friday they have moved up another category with high schools with 750 students or less. The band came in third place 4 points behind their 2<sup>nd</sup> place competitor and the chorus came in second place 1.25 points behind the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. Our students are making good use of their rehearsal time.

**At the request of BOE President Jamie Doucette a motion was made by Laurie to adjourn to Executive Session and was seconded by Linda at 6:48pm.**

## **7. Executive Session**

7.1\* Contract Negotiations with Fishers Island Teachers' Association-Memo of Agreement (Confidential to Board Members Only)

7.2 Contract for Principal (Handout)

7.3\* Confidential Legal Opinion re: Potential Sale of School Property

The Board went into public session at 7:03 PM and made the following motions:

7.1. To approve the Teacher Contract Negotiation MOU and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to work with the School Board Attorney to incorporate it into a final contract to be signed by the Superintendent and FITA President.

Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Linda Mrowka; All in Favor

7.2 To approve the contract for the Principal Christian Arsenault, for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. Motion made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Bill Bloethe; All in Favor

**8. Adjournment** – President Doucette adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.