

Board of Education Meeting Minutes January 17, 2018

1. School Community Session: 5:00 p.m.

- 1.1 Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance - 5:03pm
- 1.2 Public Participation: *None*
- 1.3 Celebrations:
 - A. Student Celebration of Carol Doherty: The day before break the FIS students celebrated Mrs. Doherty to her surprise and delight.
- 1.4 Additions to the Agenda:
 - 3.11 The Use of The Employee Benefit Reserve for Carol Doherty's Retirement Pay Out.
 - 4.9 Exploration of Alternative Energy Sources – Wind Turbines

2. Business Office Reports-

- 2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson
- 2.2 Business Manager Reports
 - A. Budget Status Report as of December 31, 2018
 - B. Treasurer's Report Approved by Principal and Treasurer

In discussing the Student Activity Account balances, the Board discussed the need for a policy written for previous graduating classes remaining balances not designated for specific use. Supt. Goodwin indicated that the review/revision of our Student Fundraising Policy will be a priority once the 16-17 Audit has been completed.
- 2.3 Budget Transfers
- 2.4 Audit Status: Deadline is January 30th.
- 2.5 Update on Phone System: Now working and training happened yesterday.

3. Action Items

- 3.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2017 Board of Education Meeting was made by Linda & seconded by Bill. All in favor.
- 3.2 Motion: To Approve the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy #5440 (Second Reading) was made by Robin & seconded by Bill. All in favor.
- 3.3 Motion: To Appoint the Drug Free Workplace Policy #9320 (Second Reading) was made by Robin & seconded by Bill. All in favor.
- 3.4 Motion: To Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the Fishers Island School Board of Education and the Fishers Island Teachers' Association was made by Tom & seconded by Bill. All in favor.
- 3.5 Motion: To Accept the 2015-16 Audit Financial Statements and Management Letter was made by Robin & seconded by Linda. All in favor.

- 3.6 Motion: To Approve the 2015-16 Audit Response Action Plan was made by Robin & seconded by Linda. All in favor.
- 3.7 Motion: To Approve the Fishers Island School Mission Statement was made by Robin & seconded by Linda. All in favor.
- 3.8 Motion: To Approve the Revised Working Conditions and Benefits for Classified Staff was made by Bill & seconded by Linda. All in favor.
- 3.9 Motion: To Approve the End of 2015-16 Year Transfers/Journal Entries was made by Bill & seconded by Tom. All in favor.
- 3.10 Motion: To Approve the Emergency Expenditure of \$48,052 as Quoted by Z&S Contracting, Inc. to Repair the Heating System & Plumbing of Faculty Housing Unit #T7 was made by Bill & seconded by Linda. All in favor with Tom recusing himself from the vote.
- 3.11 Motion: To Approve the Use of the Employee Benefit Reserve for Carol Doherty's Retirement Pay Out was made by Robin & seconded by Bill. All in favor.

4. Administrative Report

Prior Business

- 4.1 Status of Sheds: Date for Z & S to move them will be forth coming and weather permitting.
- 4.2 Board Self-Evaluation: Jamie will print these out for the February BOE meeting.

New Business

- 4.3 Summary of 18-19 Student Recruitment Open House: Eleven potential new students attended the open house. Five students would be entering grade 3-4, three into the 6th grade and 3 into the 9th grade. RJ Burns spoke with families about the ferry, Mike and Chris did a tour for the families with Christian and the student panel did a nice job with the questions put to them. A huge thank you to Aly and Julie for organizing it!
- 4.4 Purchase of Custodial/Maintainer Supplies and Equipment: The tools Edgardo needs to do his job have been discussed and will be purchased for him. He has already saved the school a great deal of money this school year by quickly making repairs to the monkey bars, the leak in the water fountain and a light in the teacher's room.
- 4.5 17-18 Rural Schools Grant Change in State Aid Funding Formulas: Due to changes in Federal Law No Child Left Behind has been changed to Every Student Succeeds Act and the funding has changed. FIS no longer meets the financial (poverty) requirements as a rural school which is now to show 20% poverty/students eligible to receive free and reduced lunch.
- 4.6 18-19 School Calendar Options (First Reading): Chris Dollar discussed the 4 options with the board. After a lengthy discussion he will rework options 3 and 4 to present next month for the second reading.
- 4.7 Process for Development of a Capital Needs Plan for District: We need to look at the big picture once the 2016-2017 audit is finalized. The Board did not want representation on a sub committee instead requested that Supt. Goodwin and Business Manager Egan bring the proposed priorities/plan to the BOE with input from Principal

Arsenault, Maintainer/custodian Crespo and the faculty/staff.

- 4.8 Family and Medical Leave Policy #9520.0 (First Reading): This is to comply with updated NY State laws.
- 4.9 Exploration of Alternative Energy Sources – Wind Turbine: Bill discussed his looking into this through Phoenix Press in New Haven the area. Karen and Bill will further research performance bond requirements and the possibility of harvesting wind energy for the school. It may be able to be installed behind the old bowling alley. Bill will also seek input from Tom Siebens.

6. Information Packet for the Board of Education

- 6.1 NYSIR Property Inspection Results/Follow-Up

7. Board Committee Reports

- 7.1 Faculty Housing: None
- 7.2 Safety: None
- 7.3 Personnel: None

8. Public Participation: *Chris Dollar spoke of Julia and Brooklyn who had a great High School Eastern Regionals concert. In March Constance will perform in the Middle School Eastern Regionals in chorus and Sophia on the clarinet.*

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session Made by Linda & seconded by Bill. All in Favor @ 6:27pm

9. Executive Session

- 9.1 Sale of School Property
- 9.2 Personnel Matter

No actions were taken as a result of Executive Session Discussion.

10. Adjournment

President Doucette adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

In Attendance:

Superintendent Goodwin (via phone), Principal Arsenault, Jamie Doucette, Bill Bloethe, Linda Mrowka, Tom Shillo, Robin Toldo, Jim Eagan, Mike George, Chris Dollar, Michele Klimczak, Caroline Toldo, Nick Oickle