

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

Board Members Present: President Jamie Docuette, Linda Mrowka, , Thomas Shillo, and via phone, William Bloethe

Also Present: Principal Christian Arsenault, High School Teacher Michael George, Teacher's Assoc. Rep./Music Teacher Christopher Dollar, Board Secretary Michele Klimczak, Senior Class President Caroline Toldo, and via phone, Superintendent Karen Goodwin and Business Manager James Eagan.

1. School Community Session

1.1 Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance- BOE President Doucette called the meeting to order and led in the pledge at 5:00 pm.

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

1.3 Celebrations

1.3A Nick Oickle PSAT College Board Recognition- Principal Arsenault reported that Nick has been recognized for scoring in the top 2.5% among all Hispanic/Latino test takers in our region. We are very proud of him.

1.3B Fishers Island Ferry Thank you – The FI Ferry wanted to thank our CT parents for all of the food, meals and treats they have been bringing to them and sent a photo of appreciation.

1.3C Commendations and Congratulations – Principal Arsenault has been accepted to Niagara University District Leader Program which is held in high regard.

1.4 Additions to the Agenda

1.3B Fishers Island Ferry Thank you

1.3C Commendations and Congratulations

3.11 Bank of America Account

3.12 Motion for the Bank of America Account

3.13 Approval the Fitness Club

3.14 Approval of the Debate Club

3.15 Approval of Elementary Basketball & its funding

3.16 Approval of Tuesday Night Co-Ed High School Basketball

Removal of Agenda Items

3.5 Carrie Sawyer Request

3.8 Table Until April Meeting

2. Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson - There were no questions.

2.2 Business Manager Reports – There were no questions.

A. Budget Status Report as of January 31, 2018 – Jim Eagan discussed his report, there were no questions.

B. Treasurer's Report Approved by Principal and Treasurer – Jim Eagan discussed his report, there were no questions.

2.3 Budget Transfers – Principal Arsenault discussed all of the work that Jim Eagan has done reclassifying items on the budget.

2.4 2016-2017 Audit Status -. Jim Eagan stated that there are no changes from last month, the auditors will come out in early April.

2.5 2015-2016 Audit Action Plan – Superintendent Goodwin noted that it is good practice to regularly review personnel who have permission to access WinCap.

3. Action Items

3.1 Approval of the Minutes from the February 21, 2018 Board of Education Meeting- Motion made by Linda Mrowka, seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.2 Approval of the Mission and Vision Policy #0000 – Motion was made by Linda Mrowka and seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.3 Approval of the Purchasing Policy #6700 – Motion was made by Linda Mrowka and seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.4 Approval of the Amendment to Employment Terms for 2018-2019 by and Between FIUSD and Christian Arsenault, School Principal - Motion was made by Tom Shillo and seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.5 Removed

3.6 Approval to Nominate Individual(s) to the ESBOCES Board for Terms Commencing July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2021. No one was nominated.

3.7 Approval to Act on the Request for the Education Grant Expenditure Reimbursement of \$1,200.00 for Jared Kaplan to Complete Coursework in EDUC587- Public Law - This will be tabled until the April meeting.

3.8 Approval to Renew the Tennis Court Lease Agreement – This will be tabled until the April meeting.

3.9 Approval to Appoint Julie Mrowka as the District Treasurer for the Remainder of the 2017-2018 School Year - Motion was made by Robin Toldo and seconded by Tom Shillo, Linda Mrowka recused herself. All in favor/none opposed.

3.10 Approval of the Revised 2017-2018 School Calendar – Motion was made by Linda Mrowka and seconded by Tom Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.11 Approval of Adding Julie Mrowka and Bill Bloethe as Authorized Signers and Christian Arsenault as an Additional Holder to the District Bank of America Account -. Motion was made by Robin Toldo and seconded by Tom Shillo, Linda Mrowka recused herself. All in favor/none opposed.

3.12 Approval of Removing Carol Doherty and Laurie Finan from the District Bank of America Account - Motion was made by Robin Toldo and seconded by Tom Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.13 Approval of the Grade 7-12 Fit Club and its Funding with Mrs. Burns – Motion was made by Linda Mrowka and seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

3.14 Approval of the Debate Club and its Funding with Mr. George – Motion was made by Linda Mrowka and seconded by Tom Shillo. All in favor/ none opposed.

3.15 Approval of Grade 3-6 Elementary Basketball and its Funding with Mr. Baber – Motion was made by Robin Toldo and seconded by Tom Shillo. All in favor/ none opposed.

3.16 Approval of Tuesday Night Co-Ed High School Basketball and its Funding with Mr. Baber – Motion was made by Robin Toldo and seconded by Linda Mrowka. All in favor/ none opposed.

4. Administrative Report

Prior Business

4.1 Update on Recruitment/Acceptance Process – Principal Arsenault reported that 8 new students have been accepted for the 2018-2019 school year. The letters have been sent out and we are awaiting their confirmation.

4.2 Scoreboard and Student Activity Funds – Principal Arsenault has been researching single sided score boards. Estimates for removal of the current score board and installation of a new score board will be forth coming.

4.3 Status of Sheds and School Property Upkeep – The ground conditions are being monitored to determine when it is hard enough to remove the sheds. Eduardo will begin the grounds keeping this week with branch trimming, leaf removal and mulch delivery.

4.4 Board Self-Evaluations –BOE President Doucette has sent these evaluations out to the Board of Education members.

4.5 Wind Energy Exploration – Superintendent Goodwin reported that BOE President Doucette approved the letter to the Utility Company's and Waste Management and sent them out. Friday evening April 13th is the date for the public meeting for further conversation/information on Wind Energy. Pass the word along, the more people who come out to hear and discuss firsthand the better.

4.6 Spanish Room HVAC Unit – Architectural Engineers have determined that the unit needs to be replaced and is under warranty. Superintendent Goodwin has reached out to B. D. and they have subbed this part out to B. C. Heating. B. C. Heating has reached out to the supplier who has in turn reached out to the manufacturer. Further information to come as available.

4.7 School Accreditation Initiative Update – Principal Arsenault has met with the teaching staff to discuss this initiative and to look at where we are as a school on the 5 standards. Today he received the application from NEASC to go over with the staff. More updates to follow.

4.8 Paddle Tennis Court Updates – Superintendent Goodwin reported that Aly Horn sent the entire permit packet with the exception of one document, which was sent by the architect to the NYS Facilities Department. They are claiming they never received it. Aly is recollecting all of the documents and there is someone who will hand deliver these documents to the NYS Facilities Dept. and retain a receipt for them.

New Business

4.9 2018-2019 Budget Presentation - Principal Arsenault began by commending our Business Manager, Jim Eagan on all of the work he has done in the past weeks on this thorough budget analysis. This new budget is grouped by department, which tells us the true costs. Currently we have a quantitative look at the budget with the next step to bring this to the staff to gather the qualitative information. Jim also spoke on many details of the budget, its breakdowns as well as the 2% tax revenue increase.

4.10 Capital Improvement Plan - Superintendent Goodwin has received some safety improvement information from the staff. She also shared that the controllers want the projected costs to be tied to current estimates/data.

4.11 Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review Policy #2410. This was a first reading of the policy.

4.12 Graduation Requirements Policy #4770- This was a first reading of the policy.

4.13 Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities Policy #4773 - This was a first reading of the policy.

4.14 School and Island Safety – In light of the recent devastating school violence in Florida, Superintendent Goodwin brought up the fact that Long Island Superintendents are requesting School Resource Officers at each of their schools. We have previously stated the need for a full time Police/State Trooper on FI, it has not happened. BOE President Doucette stated that the letter which made it all the way to Albany needs to be updated and resent every year until there is a full time, year-round Police/State Trooper on Fishers Island. Superintendent Goodwin will begin drafting another letter for Principal Arsenault and BOE President Doucette to review as well as Chris Dollar working on a letter from the Teachers' Association. Superintendent Goodwin will reach out to the Fire Dept. and our Constables to see if they would also like to weigh in on this need.

5. Information Packet for the Board of Education- For informational purposes.

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1 Faculty Housing – Jim Eagan spoke briefly about an open meeting, attended by 3-4 tenants. The to-do lists were synched with their needs and Eduardo's list, house by house. Tom Shillo brought up the question of who is paying for the sewer issues at a faculty property. Bill Bloethe discussed the regular maintenance of the sewers is not being done by the Town of Southold. The housing committee paid the bill for the recent sewage back up and they will look for reimbursement from the Town of Southold.

6.2 Safety – Nothing to report at this time.

6.3 Personnel – Nothing to report at this time.

7. Public Participation- Chris Dollar shared that Constance Toldo and Sophia Basille participated in the Eastern Regional Middle School Choir and Band for our school's first ever representation. The Choir Chairperson Barbara Comstock King singled Constance out for being an incredible musician. Also, Chris Dollar has been asked to co-chair and organize the Eastern Regional Middle School Orchestra next year!

8. Executive Session Entered at 6:46 pm- Motion made by Linda Mrowka, seconded by Robin Toldo.

8.1 Sale of School Property

8.2 Superintendent contract 2018-2019

9. Adjournment- No action was taken in public session. President Doucette exited executive session and adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm

Recorded by Michele Klimczak