

Board of Education Meeting Minutes November 15, 2017

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

- 1.1 Call to Order by President Doucette 5:02pm
- 1.2 Public Participation: Harry Parker
- 1.3 Celebrations
 - A. Sensei Egnor and Sensei Hunt Receive Jimmy Takemori Award for Lifetime Achievement: Congratulations on this Prestigious Award!
 - B. Suffolk County Health Department Closure of Docket due to Enforcement Actions Taken to Remedy Oil Tank: DONE, We have the permit.
- 1.4 Additions to the Agenda:
 - 3.1B Approve the BOE Minutes from the 9/20/17
 - 3.10 Generator Project Waiver for a Formal Hearing
 - 3.11 Formal Maternity Leave Request by Heidi Blanchard
 - 5.4 The Consideration of How to Honor a Long Time Employee
 - * Request to move the Business Office Reports to the end of the Community Session.

2. Business Office Reports

- 2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson
- 2.2 Business Manager Reports:
 - A. Budget Status Report as of October 31, 2017
 - B. Treasurer's Report Approved by Principal and Treasurer
- 2.3 Budget Transfers: All Under \$5,000
- 2.4 Audit Status: Auditors came out for 3 days in late October. Jim will follow up with them for a date that we will receive the drafts from them.
- 2.5 Update on Phone System: Next week the 2 necessary switches and all wiring should be completed.

3. Action Items

- 3.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2017 Board of Education Meeting was made by Linda, Seconded by Robin. All in Favor.
- 3.1A Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2017 Board of Education Hearing on use of Repair Account Funds was made by Bill, Seconded by Tom. All in Favor.
- 3.1B Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2017 Board of Education Meeting was made by Linda and Seconded by Bill. All in Favor.
- 3.2 Motion: To Adopt Student Wellness Policy #5405 (Second Reading) was made by Linda and Seconded by Robin. All in Favor.
- 3.3 Motion: To Adopt Interscholastic Athletics Policy #5280 # (Second Reading) was made by Linda and Seconded by Robin. All in Favor.

- 3.4 Motion: To Approve the Educational Grant for Jared Kaplan in the Amount of \$1,200 (Course *EDU515: Education Research*) was made by Tom and Seconded by Linda. All in Favor.
- 3.5 Motion: To Approve the Educational Grant for Jared Kaplan in the Amount of \$1,200 (Course *SPEC505: Assistive Technology for Access to the Curriculum*) Pending the availability of funds at the end of the school year was made by Tom and Seconded by Linda. All I Favor.
- 3.6 Motion: To Approve the Drivers' Education Field Trip to the Peekskill, NY DMV was made by Tom and Seconded by Linda. All in Favor.
- 3.7 Motion: To Name EFPR GROUP: Certified Public Accountants as the Financial Auditor for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year (Superintendent Goodwin discussed the hand out) was made by Tom and Seconded by Linda. All in Favor.
- 3.8 Motion: To approve The APPR Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver Application for the 2017-18 School Year was made by Bill and Seconded by Linda. All in Favor.
- 3.9 Motion: To Approve the Following Extracurricular Program Job Descriptions- Interscholastic Coach and Athletic Director was made by Robin and Seconded by Tom. All in Favor.
- 3.10 Motion: To Approve the Generator Project Waiver for a Formal Hearing: (Superintendent Goodwin discussed the hand out) was made by Bill and Seconded by Linda. All in Favor.
- 3.11 Motion: To Approve the Formal Maternity Leave Request for Heid Blanchard was made by Bill and Seconded by Linda. All in Favor.

4. Superintendent Report

Prior Business:

- 4.1 Kudzu Eradication Project Outcome: Principal Arsenault discussed the positive results of the first spraying of the invasive vines. The group will return in the Spring for the respray and then again in the Fall to dig up the roots.
- 4.2 Status of Town Trees Along School Sidewalks/Property: Principal Arsenault discussed that both he and Edgardo had walked the school properties. None of the trees at issue were identified as being on the Town property side of the sidewalks.

New Business:

- 4.3 Board Strategic Planning Retreat with Mary Broderick set for December 6th, 2017. Superintendent Goodwin discussed that Mary is interested in sending out Survey Monkey topics prior to the retreat for feedback.
- 4.4 Early Childhood Education Plan for FIS: Superintendent Goodwin shared her

recommendation for 3 year old Pre-K within the FIS and the importance of this early intervention for our students and families. The BOE gave Superintendent Goodwin the green light to meet with Principal Arsenault to research this further.

- 4.5 FI Library-School Partnership: Superintendent Goodwin, Amy Harris, Beth Arsenault and Robin Toldo are meeting monthly to brainstorm year-round programming, some with IPP funding for both students and families.

5. Principal Report

- 5.1 2017-18 Transition Plan for Computer Based Testing: Principal Arsenault discussed NY State is requiring all grades 3-8 ELA math standardized testing to be computer based. Our plan is to have grades 3, 4 and 7 to be our pilot testing groups this year. There will be practice tests for our students to be comfortable with the new format.
- 5.2 Kindness Diaries Speaking Tour: Principal Arsenault discussed the wonderful presentations done by Leon Logothetis. He was so personable with our kids at the school and on the ferry. Many thanks to Julie Arcelus and her daughter for bringing this visit up and making it happen. Next week there will be a follow up in the school hallways as a reminder for our students with the message of kindness that Leon brought to us. Finally, the library committee is looking into Leon returning to speak again this summer.
- 5.3 Status of Sheds on School Property: Three options were given for paint colors; white, brick red or school theme colors. The fourth option was to move both sheds. The 4th option was given the green light.
- 5.3A Both sheds will be moved by Tom Shillo and those arrangements will be made with Principal Arsenault.
- 5.4 The Consideration of How to Honor a Long Time Employee: Carol Doherty has been a loved and respected part of the FIS for over 30 years and is retiring in December. Ideas were discussed on doing something on the playground with a plaque to thank and honor her for her work and dedication to our students. More details will be forthcoming at the December 20th BOE meeting.

6. Information Packet for the Board of Education

- 6.1 Senior Class Holiday Wreaths are being sold.

7. Board Committee Reports

- 7.1 Faculty Housing: In December the roofing project formal bids should be in. The hand out for the 2753 Whistler A (T7) Shared Furnace was discussed and several new issues did come up: separate electrical panels, hot water heaters, the need to create a true duplex. The BOE has requested further research into option 3. The Faculty Housing Back Road situation was discussed. There are 2 issues: one is the road condition and the second is parking. The committee will need to meet with faculty who reside in these properties for clarification of needs and suggested options.

7.2 Safety: No Report

7.3 Personnel: No Report

8. Public Participation:

Harry Parker expressed the need for a solid hedge or fencing for the safety of the school children and summer IPP children on the street side and parking lot area of the playground. All present agreed that this is a need and will be looked into further.

9. Executive Session: The Board went into Executive session at 6:52PM to discuss thte potential Sale of School Property.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:18PM and adopted the following resolution: Whereas the Board has determined the following property is of no further use or value to the District as of July 1, 2017:

Winthrop Drive Excess Land Parcel #1000-9-10-10

Wheras, the Board of Education of the Fishers Island Union Free School District seeks to sell the above-referenced parcel in accordance with the provisions of the NYS Education Law:

Now, therefore, resolves as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the necessary steps proceed for taking all necessary action to pursue the sale of such properties, and
2. The Board approves ordering of an appraisal of the value of the parcel in the District by a duly authorized appraising agent as determined by the Superintendent of Schools; and,
3. The Board authorizes the appropriate environmental review to be undertaken so that such property may be assessed and determined, and
4. The Board authorizes a survey of such properties such that a proper legal description of each property may be obtained.

Motion by: Tom Shillo

Second by: Linda Mrowka

All in Favor

10. Adjournment: President Doucette adjourned the meeting at 7:20PM

In Attendance:

Superintendent Goodwin, Principal Arsenault, Jamie Doucette, Linda Mrowka, Bill Bloethe, Robin Toldo, Tom Shillo, Jim Eagan, Tonya Eastman, Michele Klimczak, Harry and Ellen Parker