

Board of Education Meeting Agenda April 10, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: President Jamie Doucette, Vice President Bill Bloethe, Linda Mrowka, Thomas Shillo, and Robin Toldo

Also, in Attendance: Superintendent Karen Goodwin, Principal Christian Arsenault, Business Manager Jim Eagan, Meredith Doyen, Michael George, and Secretary Audrey O'Neil.

1. School Community Session- 5:01pm

1.1 Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance: President Jamie Doucette called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

1.2 Public Participation: None

1.3 Celebrations:

A. SAT School Day Administrative: Principal Arsenault shared that the 11th Grade students took the SATs at the FI Community Center, Thursday April 9, 2019 and the testing went very well. Principal Arsenault thanked School Counselor, Julie Arcelus, for doing a wonderful job at the administration and SAT planning. Principal Arsenault also thanked staff members Aly Mesite and Aly Horn for proctoring the test. Students worked hard throughout the testing period.

B. Best Communities for Music Education Recognition: Principal Arsenault stated that he would like to congratulate Chris Dollar and the Music Program for once again, receiving the Best Communities for Music Education recognition. Principal Arsenault congratulated and thanked Chris Dollar and the students for their hard work and dedication.

C. Principal Arsenault stated that student Elenora Lerner is eligible to be a National Merit Scholar based upon her PSAT scores. Principal Arsenault said the student will go through a process to determine the next steps but based on her scores she is eligible. Principal Arsenault congratulated Elenora for the hard work and great news.

D. Superintendent Goodwin shared that the school received an Alumni Celebration letter from the parents of Ellie McCarthy. Superintendent Goodwin said the letter speaks to the success of the students after they leave FIS. Superintendent Goodwin stated that Ellie McCarthy majored in Psychology and was awarded a fully funded spot at American University to complete her PHD in Neuro Biology. The parents stated in the letter that none of this would be possible without the preparation and determination that FIS gave the student. The parents also stated that FIS provides students with confidence and skills to achieve academically and pursue goals in college and beyond. Superintendent Goodwin thanked the Staff and Board members for their efforts in always raising expectations and congratulated Ellie on her accomplishments.

1.4 Additions to Agenda: Principal Arsenault added two additional action items:

5.9 New Business: Rural Schools Study Grant

5.10 New Business: Bakery Project Update

2. Business Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson: Jim Eagan reported that he included more of a summarized presentation for this section for the board members to view if there are any questions.

2.2 Business Manager Reports:

A. Budget Status Report as of March 31, 2019: Jim Eagan reported that this report shows the budget comparing to what the status is in March.

B. Treasurer's Report Approved by Principal and Treasurer: Jim Eagan reported that the report includes comment summaries made by Eagan to highlight the big items.

2.3 2018-2019 Budget Transfers: Jim Eagan stated that there is nothing major to report.

2.4 FY2020 Budget Review (Handout): Jim Eagan reported the budget review page by page.

Principal Arsenault gave many thanks to Jim for all of his hard work and encouraged the board members to ask any questions they might have before voting. Principal Arsenault also reminded the board members that May 14, 2019 is the Annual Budget Hearing. Superintendent Goodwin thanked Principal Arsenault and Jim Eagan for their effort and great work.

3. Board Committee Reports

3.1 Faculty Housing Committee: Jim Eagan presented the FHC Meeting Minutes to the board members for any questions.

3.2 Safety Committee: None

3.3 Personnel Committee: None

4. Action Items

4.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2019 Board of Education Meeting: Linda Mrowka made a motion to approve, Tom Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.2 Motion: To Approve the Hiring of Audrey O'Neil as Full-Time Special Education Tutor Effective April 10, 2019 : Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.3 Motion: To Approve the Posting of a Long-Term Special Education Tutor Substitute: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.4 Motion: To Approve the Glass Repair Project to BD Remodeling and Restoration in the Amount of \$3,288.28: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.5 Motion: To Approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar: Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Tom Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.6 Motion: To Approve the Use of Facility Request from Island People Project for June 26, 2019: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.7 Motion: To Approve the ESBOCES Administrative Budget: Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.8 Motion: To Deny the Vote of ESBOCES Board Members: Linda Mrowka made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.9 Motion: To Approve the Spanish Field Trip to New York City to Repertorio Español and Museo del Barrio: Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.10 Motion: To Award the Mildew Removal Project at 555 Whistler Avenue T6 to Green Home Solutions in the Amount of \$3,600: Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.11 Motion: To Approve the Physical Needs Assessments at Faculty Housing from QA+M in the Amount of \$6,000: Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.12 Motion: To Accept the Resignation of Michele Klimczak as Board of Education Secretary Effective April 10, 2019: Linda Mrowka made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.13 Motion: To Appoint Audrey O'Neil as Board of Education Secretary Effective April 10, 2019: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Bill Bloethe seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.14 Motion: To Approve the 2019-2020 School Budget in the Amount of \$3,745,543: Linda Mrowka made a motion to approve, Tom Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.15 Motion: To Approve the Property Tax Report Card (Handout): Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Tom Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

5. Administrative Report

Prior Business

5.1 School Accreditation: Principal Arsenault stated that due to the hard work the faculty and staff members completed for the NEASC standards, there will not be a faculty meeting for the month of April. Instead of a faculty meeting, the leaders of the School Accreditation Standards will meet with Principal Arsenault On Thursday, April 11, 2019 to finalize the plans to complete the application. Principal Arsenault stated that the application will be submitted to NEASC in May.

5.2 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project: Principal Arsenault said that he is waiting on the disbursement of the Grant and there should be a service agreement in place for the next meeting.

5.3 Paddle Tennis Project Update: Principal Arsenault stated that there is no update.

5.4 Legal Proposal Process: Principal Arsenault stated that a timeline has been created with a 2-month buffer and that the board members will be presented a proposal in May.

Principal Arsenault stated that it is down to two firms, phone interviews will be set up with both firms and then the leading firm will hopefully be brought to the island and will ultimately be able to recommend a law firm to go with for next year

5.5 Computer Based Testing ELA Grades 3-8: Principal Arsenault stated that the testing was scheduled to start on Wednesday, April 3, but the testing was rescheduled by NYSED due to technical issues. The testing was rescheduled to Thursday, April 4 and finished on Friday, April 5. Principal Arsenault said it was very successful and the testing was finished Friday with no issues.

5.6 Bring Your Own Device for 2019-2020: Principal Arsenault shared that he met with the technology committee who fully recommended that the school move towards allowing students to bring their own laptops to school next year. Principal Arsenault stated that the school will send out a FAQ sheet home to parents before school ends of what the process will look like and any rules or limitations. Principal Arsenault stated in the next few months there will be an update to the school internet policy.

New Business

5.7 Technology Education Teacher Search: Principal Arsenault stated that the application has been active for three weeks. Principal Arsenault said there is some interest coming in from applicants, but the position is still opened.

5.8 Energy Next Era: Bill Bloethe shared information about the clean energy company due to a member from the company reaching out to him. Principal Arsenault said he appreciated Bill Bloethe sharing this with the board.

5.9 Rural Schools Study Grant: Superintendent Goodwin stated that FIS has become eligible for a competitive grant opportunity. Superintendent Goodwin said the districts who are selected for the grant will look at strategies for improvement including issues such as chronic absenteeism and college readiness for students who live in rural communities.

5.10 Bakery Project Update: Principal Arsenault stated that there is no new information, there has been no update from the Planning Board concerning the project.

6. Information Packet for Board of Education

- 6.1 NYSIR Legal Digest
- 6.2 Letter to RGC Evergreen Landscapes, Inc.
- 6.3 Letter to Race Rock Gardening Company, Inc.

7. Public Participation None

8. Executive Session: Motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:02 pm was made by Linda Mrowka and Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

- 8.1 To Discuss the Potential Sale of School Property

9. Adjournment