

Board of Education Meeting Agenda May 21, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: Vice President Bill Bloethe, Linda Mrowka, and Robin Toldo

Board Members Absent: President Jamie Doucette and Thomas Shillo

Also, in Attendance: Superintendent Karen Goodwin, Principal Christian Arsenault, Business Manager Jim Eagan, Michael George, Jessica Hall, Carol Giles, Meg Atkin, Nick Klimczack and Secretary Audrey O'Neil.

1. School Community Session- 6:00pm

1.1 Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President Bill Bloethe called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

1.2 Public Participation: None

1.3 Celebrations:

A. Spring Concert and Art Show: Principal Arsenault shared that he wanted to recognize and honor the students and staff members for the Spring Concert and Art Show. Principal Arsenault also thanked Chris Dollar and Carrie Sawyer for putting all of their time and commitment into the day and for making the special day for everyone to experience.

B. Judo Black Belt Recognition: Nick Oickle: Principal Arsenault congratulated FIS student Nick Oickle for being awarded Black Belt through the Fishers Island Judo Program with Sensei Egnor. Principal Arsenault shared that Nick took on a huge leadership role with teaching the other students and is the third student at FIS to reach this achievement. Principal Arsenault also thanked Sensei Egnor for his hard work and providing this opportunity to the students.

C. SEM Play Production: Andie Steele: Principal Arsenault congratulated student Andie Steele on her play and thanked all of the students who participated. Principal Arsenault shared that Andie and the other students worked extremely hard to get the play ready and it was, as always, great to see an independent project take shape and know that it was one hundred percent done by the students and presented for the FIS community. Superintendent Karen Goodwin thanked Principal Arsenault for his support and hard work as an advisor for the independent project.

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

4.8 Motion To Approve A Student Council Activity to Hogan's Alley Paintball

4.9 Motion To Approve the 2019 -2020 Faculty Housing Leases

5.13 New Business: School Repair

2. Business Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson: Jim Eagan reported there were no new updates.

2.2 Business Manager Reports:

A. Budget Status Report as of April 31, 2019: Jim Eagan stated that the reports reflected how things were lining up through April to the budget.

B. Treasurer's Report Approved by Principal and Treasurer :Jim Eagan stated that the report summarizes everything by account and shows the activity for the month.

2.3 2018-2019 Budget Transfers: Jim Eagan stated that there were small transfers and it was the normal standard format that is done each month.

3. Board Committee Reports

3.1 Faculty Housing Committee : Jim Eagan provided a handout for the members to review which included updates from the FHC meeting. Jim Eagan stated that this was the third FHC meeting and the focus this month was to firm up the lease agreement and potentially consider a rent increase. Jim Eagan stated that FHC recommended to the board Option A's lease agreement with Option C's rent increase, as seen in the provided handout.

3.2 Safety Committee: none

3.3 Personnel Committee: none

4. Action Items

4.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2019 Board of Education Meeting : Linda Mrowka made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.2 Motion: To Approve the Spanish Field Trip for 11th and 12th Grades to Madrid, Segovia, Toledo, and Barcelona for February 9-19, 2020 : Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.3 Motion: To Approve the Maintenance with Northeast Generator : Linda Mrowka made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.4 Motion: To Approve Harbor School's Use of Facility Request for June 21-23, 2019: Linda Mrowka made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.5 Motion: To Approve the 2019-2020 Program of Studies [Emailed]: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.6 Motion: To Approve the Summer Maintenance Support Stipend for 2019: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.7 Motion: To Approve Ashley Ninteau as Long-Term Tutor Substitute for 2018-19: Linda Mrowka made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.8 Motion: To Approve Student Council's Activity to Hogan's Alley Paintball: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.9 Motion: To Approve the 2019-2020 Faculty Housing Leases: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Linda Mrowka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

5. Administrative Report

Prior Business

5.1 School Accreditation: Principal Arsenault stated that there is one last part that he and the five standard leaders need to work on to finish the application. Principal Arsenault also

stated that once the last part is completed, he will give it to Superintendent Karen Goodwin for her sign off and then will present it to the board members at the June meeting. Principal Arsenault thanked the FIS staff for the hard work and time that they have put into completing the application.

5.2 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project: Karen Goodwin stated that she had good news that the reimbursement was all set, and in place. Principal Arsenault stated that there was a GoFundMe account to pay for the generator and the fuel for the generator, but now that there is little money left in this account, he asked the board members their suggestions for this finding funds for this item.

5.3 Paddle Tennis Project Update: Superintendent Karen Goodwin shared the May 2018 resolution to this item that the board approved last Spring, which clearly delineates that it is the community centers responsibility, it is their liability. Superintendent Goodwin shared that according to the resolution that was passed in May 2018, the school should not have to pay any funding towards the project. and it is in the Community Center's hands to move forward with the project.

5.4 Legal Proposal Process: Principal Arsenault shared that there was a process held last month and it came down to two firms. Both firms were interviewed and they were impressed with both firms, but decided to stay with the current firm. Principal Arsenault stated that no motion needs to be approved until the July meeting.

5.5 Bring Your Own Device for 2019-2020: Principal Arsenault shared that FIS parents will be receiving information on this project in June to prepare for the next school year. Principal Arsenault stated that the first read for the internet security policy and acceptable use policy will be presented in the June meeting. Principal Arsenault also shared that they are looking into purchasing a cart of computers to provide as a secondary option for students who do not have their own devices.

5.6 Technology Education Teacher Search: Principal Arsenault recommended that two positions are posted to increase the field, so the current posting for the Technology Teacher will remain listed, and a new posting for a Computer teacher will be posted. Superintendent Karen Goodwin stated that she loved the idea of looking for other options and that this position is critical for students and the staff at FIS.

5.7 Smartbond Update: Karen Goodwin stated that the monies have not been released, and Smartbond stated they did not want to reimburse the school. Karen Goodwin said that she is writing a letter to state how ludicrous this experience has been but said not to worry, the school will receive the money.

New Business

5.8 IPP Potential Gaga Ball Equipment Donation: Principal Arsenault shared that IPP wants to donate a Gaga Ball to the playground as a donation to show their appreciation to the school. Principal Arsenault said he appreciates their offer and there is no action to be taken yet but he will discuss with the architects to consider for some day in the future.

5.9 Recommendation for Tenure to Alexandra Mesite: Principal Arsenault recommended to award Alexandra Mesite tenure at the June meeting. Principal Arsenault stated that there could not be a more perfect person for the position that she serves at FIS. He also shared that Alexandra Mesite has transformed the systems and procedures that the school has in Special Education and it is so apparent how much she cares about every single student. Principal Arsenault shared that she is great to work with, organized and the school would not be the same without her. Superintendent Karen Goodwin agreed with Principal Arsenault and stated that Alexandra Mesite is everything you want in a teacher and it is very apparent that she loves working with her colleagues as much as students.

5.10 Recommendation for Tenure to Jennifer Burns: Principal Arsenault recommended to award Jennifer Burns tenure at the June meeting. Principal Arsenault said he is amazed by her ability to reflect and her desire to do better every day. Principal Arsenault also

shared that Jennifer Burns puts her students first and absolutely prepares students for fifth and sixth grade.

5.11 June 2019 Regents/Final Exams Schedule: Principal Arsenault shared that the regents for physics was scheduled by the State for June 26, 2019. Principal Arsenault stated that he reached out to the State, made sure all students could graduate on time and decided that they will come in and take the test after graduation. Principal Arsenault also stated that parents and students were contacted, and the situation has been fixed.

5.12 Tuition Policy #6254 Appendix A: Principal Arsenault felt it was necessary to send a letter home to parents to explain the Tuition policy.

5.13 New Business: School Repair: Principal Arsenault shared that there were termites in the pre-k classroom, once he identified the problem, he reached out to pest control. Principal Arsenault stated that they found the solution is underground bait traps, which are not poisonous and the baits have been installed.

6. Information Packet for Board of Education

- 6.1 Letter of Commendation to Joseph Stern, ESBOCES
- 6.2 Letter to Donors to the Walsh Park 2018 Capital Campaign
- 6.3 2019 Senior Class Trip Details: None
- 6.4 FIS 2019 Budget Newsletter

7. Public Participation None Motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:29 was made by Vice President Bill Bloethe and Linda Mrwoka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

8. Executive Session: Motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:29 was made by Vice President Bill Bloethe and Linda Mrwoka seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

- 8.1 To Discuss a Contractual Matter [Handout]
- 8.2 To Discuss a Legal Matter [Handout]

9. Adjournment