

# **Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

## **June 17, 2020**

**Present:** Superintendent Arsenault, Vice President Bill Bloethe, Board member Robin Toldo, Board Member Tom Shillo, Board member Matthew Edwards, Business Manager Jim Eagan, Teacher Carrie Sawyer, Fiscal Advisor Christine Crawley.

### **1. School Community Session- 6:00pm**

- 1.1 Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance-** William Bloethe called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- 1.2 Public Participation:** None.
- 1.3 Celebrations:**
  - A. Awards Night-** Mr. Arsenault thanked everyone who participated in celebrating the students for the virtual awards night.
  - B. FIS Yearbook-**Mr. Arsenault congratulated the committee and staff member Carrie Sawyer for their hard work on completing the yearbook.
  - C. Class of 2020 Post-Secondary Plans-** Mr. Arsenault stated that the post secondary plans have been listed for the graduating students.
- 1.4 Additions to Agenda**
  - 4.5 Motion to Approve Board resolution to allow business managers to transfer up to \$30,000 to the retirement contribution reserve fund in remaining 2019-2020 budgetary funds.
  
  - 4.6 Motion to approve the faculty housing committee's recommendation to advise the 2020-2021 residential lease.

### **2. Business Reports**

- 2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson**
  - A. Paid in May 2020-** No Questions.
  - B. To be paid in June 2020-** No Questions.
- 2.2 Business Manager Reports**
  - A. Budget Status Report-** No Questions.
  - B. Treasurer's Report Approved by Principal and School Treasurer-** No Questions.
- 2.3 2020-2021 Budget (Handout)**

### **3. Board Committee Reports**

- 3.1 Faculty Housing Committee:** Jim Eagan shared the minutes from the recent faculty housing committee meeting and stated that he was available for any questions. There were no questions at the time of the meeting.
- 3.2 Safety Committee:** None
- 3.3 Personnel Committee:** None

#### 4. Action Items

- 4.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Board Meeting-** This item was tabled as the minutes were not yet available.
- 4.2 Motion: To Authorize the Superintendent to Enter into Contract with the Fishers Island Community Center for Student Memberships for the 2020-2021SY-** This contract will not be put into effect if the school does not open in person. It will also only be in effect if the students are able to safely go to the community center during the school year. This contract allows all students in grades 3-12 to utilize the services at the Community Center. Students who are age 15 or older may go to the Community Center unsupervised to utilize the gym under this contract. Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.3 Motion: To Approve the 2020-2021 Board of Education Calendar-** The reorganizational meeting is done earlier in the month because we want to make sure everything is set for the new school year. The time changes from 6pm to 5pm according to season. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday unless that date falls on a school vacation (indicated on the calendar). Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by Thomas Shillo. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.4 Motion: To Approve the Working Conditions and Benefits Documents for the 2020-2021 SY-** This document is updated annually. No changes other than dates were made for this year. Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.5 Motion To Approve Board Resolution To Allow Business Managers To Transfer Up To \$30,000 To The Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund In Remaining 2019-2020 Budgetary Funds-** The district ended the year in person on March 13<sup>th</sup> which resulted in savings in several areas. It has been advised by the school auditors for the district to create this retirement reserve for teacher retirement. The Board would like additional information regarding this reserve and the Board's contractual obligations when money is put into that fund. Mr. Eagan noted that he will get additional information and report back to the Board.
- 4.6 Motion To Approve The Faculty Housing Committees Recommendation To Advise The 2020-2021 Residential Lease-** This modification increase the rent of the newly renovated faculty housing unit to align more with the other rental units over a 2-year period. Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor, none opposed.

#### 5. Administrative Report

##### Prior Business

- 5.4 Capital Improvement Plan-** This item was moved earlier to allow the financial advisor, Christine Crawley, the opportunity to leave the meeting. Ms. Crowley introduced herself to the Board and discuss the proposed project's multi-year cost allowance. Ms. Crowley reviewed several borrowing options with the Board for them to review. She also indicated that the Board so focus on the scope of the project for next month's Board meeting.

- 5.1 Walsh Park/FIS School Land Sale (Winthrop Dr. Property)-** Walsh Park is at a standstill due to COVID-19 and hopes to have progress shortly. Board will discuss in a future meeting options if the non-binding agreement expires should that be necessary.
- 5.2 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project-** No Updates.
- 5.3 School Accreditation-** No Updates.
- 5.4** Moved above.
- 5.5 FIS Reopen Committee-** The reopen safety committee meets every week and has external members from the community join monthly. The team is discussing necessary purchases and will update the Board at the next meeting. The committee is also surveying families and staff members to discuss protocols.

### **New Business**

- 5.6 Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony-** Graduation will be held in-person June 26<sup>th</sup> in a socially distant manner. The ferry is being chartered for graduation guests and the ceremony will contain important aspects including scholarships and conferring of diplomas. The school will record the ceremony to give to each student with additional video speakers.

### **6. Information Packet for the Board of Education**

- 6.1 Reopen Survey for Families-** No Questions.

**7. Public Participation-** None.

**8. Executive Session-** Not needed

**9. Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned by William Bloethe at 7:39pm.

**10. Adjournment**