

## **Board of Education Meeting Minutes June 16, 2021**

**Present:** Jamie Doucette (President), Bill Bloethe (Vice President), Robin Toldo (Member), Matthew Edwards (Member), Thomas Shillo (Member), Christian Arsenault (Superintendent/Principal), Jim Eagan (Business Manager) and Public.

### **1. Community Session:**

**1.1 Call to Order-** President Jamie Doucette called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**1.2 Public Participation-** None.

#### **1.3 Celebrations:**

**A. Virtual Art Show-** Art Teacher, Carrie Sawyer, put together a virtual art show to display student work. The art show was distributed via email to families.

**B. 2020-2021 Awards Night-** This event was held with students in the gymnasium and was recorded/live-streamed for families to watch.

**C. Yearbook Production-** Mr. Arsenault showed the Board a copy of the 20-21 yearbook. All students and staff were able to receive a free yearbook due to the available funds in the yearbook fund. The yearbook was dedicated to Ms. Anifantakis and Ms. Sue.

**D. 2021 Graduate Post-Secondary Plans-** Mr. Arsenault shared the plans for the six graduates post-graduation with the Board.

#### **1.4 Additions to Agenda-**

**4.9 Motion to Approve Sarah Pantalone as a 1.0 FTE World Language Teacher Effective July 1, 2021 Pending Application of Certification**

**4.10 Motion to Approve the Faculty Housing Committee Recommendation to Authorize the Business Manager to Enter into Contract with The Toldo Company to Complete Faculty Housing Project #1**

### **2. Business Reports**

**2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor-** No Questions.

**A. Warrant #32- May 19, 2021 (paid)**

**B. Warrant Pending- June 11, 2021 (unpaid)**

**2.2 Business Manager Reports-** No Questions

**A. Revenue-Expense Status Report (May)**

**B. Treasurer Report (May)**

**2.3 2020-2021 Budget Transfers-** No Questions.

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

**3.1 Faculty Housing Committee-** The Board reviewed the minutes from the Faculty Housing Committee Meeting which indicates that the committee recommends moving forward with project #1 followed by project #2.

The committee also discussed the future of faculty housing and wanted to get feedback from the Board's thoughts on the future of faculty housing. Mr. Arsenault will meet with Ms. Doucette and Mr. Bloethe to discuss the timeline for having a meeting regarding long-term faculty housing decisions and sustainability.

Mr. Eagan gave bids to the Board for faculty housing project #1 (T1 and T2) which include one kitchen remodel, bathroom remodels for both homes, painting in both homes and roof repairs for both homes.

**3.2 Safety Committee-** No updates. Mr. Arsenault thanked the safety committee individuals for their work during the school year. He also indicated that the mask mandate is still in effect for NYS schools and that the Board will need to review the safety re-opening plan for the upcoming school year this summer with state guidance.

**3.3 Personnel Committee-** No updates.

#### **4. Action Items**

**4.1 Approval of the Minutes from the March 25, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting-** Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by Bill Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.2 Approval of the Minutes from the May 18, 2021 Board of Education Meeting-** Motion made by Thomas Shillo, seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.3 Authorization for the Superintendent to Enter an Agreement with IPP for a Community Garden-** This has been in discussion for several months between IPP and the Board. The Board's attorney has reviewed this topic and will work with the Mr. Arsenault on liability requirements and contracts. Motion made by Thomas Shillo, seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.4 Appointment of Tenure to Gina Roehrig-** Mr. Arsenault reiterated his support for Ms. Roehrig's tenure. Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.5 Appointment of Tenure to Julie Arcelus-** Mr. Arsenault reiterated his support for Mrs. Arcelus's tenure. Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by William Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.6 Approval of the 2021-2022 Working Conditions and Benefits Packet-** Presidents' Day holiday has been re-added and the number of months that the custodian works has been updated. Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by William Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.7 Authorization for the Business Manager to Transfer Up to \$50,000 to Reserves from the 2021 Budgetary Funds-** Motion made by William Bloethe, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.8 Approval of the Lifetouch Contract for 2021-2022-** Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by William Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.9 Approval of Sarah Pantalone as a 1.0 FTE World Language Teacher Effective July 1, 2021 Pending Application of Certification-** The candidate search was started several months ago for a world language teacher. Mrs. Pantalone is highly recommended

by the hiring committee. Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Thomas Shillo. All in favor/none opposed.

**4.10 Approval of the Faculty Housing Committee Recommendation to Authorize the Business Manager to Enter into Contract with The Toldo Company to Complete Faculty Housing Project #1-** Motion made by William Bloethe, seconded by Thomas Shillo. Robin Toldo recused herself from the vote. All in favor/none opposed.

## **5. Administrative Report**

**5.1 Capital Improvement Project-** The district's architects (QA+M) and the district's office staff met to review the initial designs and layout for the capital improvement project. The projection is still to have construction start next summer. Mr. Arsenault shared a couple of design pictures with the Board as well as some key concepts discussed around design and timeline. The Board did not have any questions.

**5.2 Walsh Park/FIS Land Sale-** This is still in process with no major updates.

**5.3 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project-** No updates.

**5.4 New York State Testing 20-21-** All elementary testing has been completed and Regents testing will begin.

**5.5 NEASC Accreditation-** No updates.

**5.6 Graduation 2020-2021-** Graduation will take place outdoors on June 25<sup>th</sup> with approximately 100 participants. Masks will not be required for the ceremony per NYS guidance.

**5.7 Math and Spanish Teacher Hiring Process-** The Spanish teacher has been hired and the math hiring process is moving along with the hiring committee.

**5.8 Recognition of Thomas Shillo as Board of Education Member-** The Board and Mr. Arsenault thanked Mr. Shillo for his six years of service to the Board.

**5.9 Recognition of Christine Anifantakis as Spanish Teacher-** The Board and Mr. Arsenault thanked Ms. Anifantakis for her 13 years of service to the Fishers Island School.

**5.10 Recognition of Jessica Sue as Mathematics Teacher-** The Board and Mr. Arsenault thanked Ms. Sue for her six years of service to the Fishers Island School.

## **6. Information Packet**

**6.1 End of Year Enrollment 2020-2021-** No comments.

**7. Public Participation-** None.

**8. Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by Robin Toldo at 5:56pm. All in favor/none opposed.

Recorded: Aly Horn