

Board of Education Meeting Agenda
February 19th, 2020
5:00 PM Public Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: President Jamie Doucette, Thomas Shillo, Matthew Edwards.

Board Members Absent: Vice President Bill Bloethe, Robin Toldo

Also, in Attendance: Superintendent Christian Arsenault, Michael George, Mere Doyen, Business Manager Jim Eagan, Jane Ahrens, Ace Ahrens, Lousia Evans, Gail Cypherd, Mary Horn, Gordon Murphy, Bob Evans, Chris Finan and Secretary Audrey George.

1. School Community Session- 5:00pm

1.1 Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Public Participation: Superintendent Arsenault thanked the Community Center for allowing the Board of Education to hold the meeting in the center to enable more public participation. Superintendent Arsenault said any questions that are being asked during public participation will be recorded, then reviewed by Arsenault, Walsh Park, and the board to assure that each person is receiving the most accurate information.

Fishers Island resident Bob Evans asked the board “Was the original appraisal done under current zoning or with the zoning Walsh park is trying to recieve? It seems to be since the deal is conditioned on getting the zoning, which enhances the value of the zoning, why is the school not getting that potential value?”

Fishers Island Resident Jane Ahrens asked “If the new zoning goes through, is the school district required to fulfill the maximum density allowed regardless of the zoning agreement?”

At the end of Public Participation, Fishers Island residents asked when there would be a public vote for this issue.

Superintendent Arsenault explained that there is not a referendum vote until there is a formal agreement with Walsh Park. Right now, there is a non-binding agreement with Walsh Park, which can potentially turn into a formal agreement pending the zoning approval. Superintendent Arsenault stated that if Walsh Park were to get the zoning approval, and move into formal agreement, then the BOE would schedule a referendum vote with the voters which would determine if the school was able to sell the land to Walsh Park.

The BOE received an anonymous letter on February 5,2020 from a concerned parent asking the board to look into the use of air fresheners at Fishers Island School. Superintendent Arsenault said after receiving the letter, he investigated at the school and disconnected any active air fresheners. Superintendent Arsenault also said he is looking into a potential no fragrance policy for FIS, and appreciates the concerned parent bringing this to the board’s attention.

1.3 Celebrations:

A. Recruitment Open House: Superintendent Arsenault shared that FIS had their recruitment open house after putting a lot of time and energy into marketing resources, such as the video at the Mystic Movie Theatre. Superintendent Arsenault said he is very happy to report that the school had 10 students for the open house, trending on the younger side of Grade 5 and Grade 6 which is a positive for FIS. According to Superintendent Arsenault, the application deadline was the day previous to the meeting and there were 9 confirmed applicants so far.

B. 2nd Marking Period Honor Roll: Superintendent Arsenault congratulated the students who worked hard on the 2nd marking period honor roll.

1.4 Additions to Agenda:

6.2 Community Letter to the town of Southold Planning Board

2. Business Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson (Handout)

2.2 Business Manager Reports:

A. Budget Status Report (Handout): Business Manager Jim Eagan said he was available for any questions or concerns.

B. Treasurer's Report Approved by Principal and School Treasurer (Handout)

2.3 2019-2020 Budget Transfers

2.4 2018-2019 Audit Status

3. Board Committee Reports

3.1 Faculty Housing Committee: Superintendent Arsenault stated that the FHC continues to focus on items on the agenda during the committee meetings.

3.2 Safety Committee: None

3.3 Personnel Committee: None

4. Action Items

4.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the January 15th Board of Education Meeting: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Tom Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.2 Motion: To Approve Unpaid Leave of Teaching Assistant Audrey George for Student Teaching Requirement from January 1st- March 15th, 2020: Tom Shillo made a motion to approve, Matt Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.3 Motion: To Approve EAC Funding for Carol Giles for Bio Rock Maintenance: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Tom Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.4 Motion: To Authorize Superintendent to enter into contract with B & D Construction for T1 Faculty Housing Window Repair at a cost not to exceed \$7,145.98: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Tom Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

5. Administrative Report

Prior Business

- 5.1 Walsh Park/FIS School Land Sale (Winthrop Dr. Property): Superintendent Arsenault shared that this will now be an agenda item on the administrative report in order to keep the public updated on the project.
- 5.2 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project: Superintendent Arsenault stated that the Generator grant is now past legislation and has now been sent to the DASNY which distributes the funds, and they will contact FIS with a disbursement contract.
- 5.3 Paddle Tennis Project Update: No update
- 5.4 School Accreditation: Superintendent Arsenault stated that FIS is currently listed as an accredited school in New York, the next step is Spring 2023 official visit from a panel of educators to review the school after a full year reflection process.
- 5.5 School Recruitment: Superintendent Arsenault stated that he shared the update during celebrations.
- 5.6 Community Ice Rink: Superintendent Arsenault shared that Staff Member Adam Murray has worked with students to create a Community Ice Rink and is waiting for appropriate weather.
- 5.7 FIS Capital Improvement Project- Architect Phone-In Update: Superintendent Arsenault had the Architect of the FIS Capital Improvement Plan share any updates to the board members and the public.

New Business

- 5.8 2020-2021 Budget Planning- Jim Eagan presented an early look at the budget for 2020-2021. Early forecast would request a 1.81% Budget increase to the Tax Levy. A more detailed look at the budget will be provided at the March BoE Meeting

6. Information Packet for the Board of Education

- 6.1 Walsh Park Letter to the FI Community re: School Land Project
- 6.2 Community Letter to the town of Southold Planning Board

7. Public Participation *(Please Refer to Public Participation Guidelines)*

8. Executive Session

- 8.1 To Discuss Collective Bargaining with the Fishers Island Teachers Association
- 8.2 To Discuss a Financial Matter of a Particular Person

9. Adjournment- Motion to Adjourn made by Matt Edwards and seconded by Tom Shillo at 7:35pm