

Board of Education Meeting Agenda
September 18, 2019
6:00 PM Public Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Vice President Bill Bloethe, Thomas Shillo, Matthew Edwards, Robin Toldo

Board Members Absent: President Jamie Doucette

Also, in Attendance: Superintendent Christian Arsenault, Business Manager Jim Eagan, Michael George, David Shillo, and Secretary Audrey O'Neil.

1. School Community Session- 6:00pm

- 1.1 Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Public Participation (*Please Refer to Public Participation Guidelines*)
- 1.3 Celebrations:
 - A. 1st Days of School: Superintendent Arsenault thanked the FIS staff and students, both new and returning, for their hard work and dedication during the first few weeks of school and is looking forward to a great school year.
 - B. Class of 2025 Published Writing Award: Superintendent Arsenault congratulated teacher, Tawnya Eastman, and the Class of 2025 for their selection to the Crazy Creatures Young Writers nationwide contest and becoming published authors.
- 1.4 Additions to Agenda: Superintendent Arsenault added 4 additional items to the agenda.

4.7 Motion to Approve the Grade 7 - Grade 12 Trip To Pennsylvania October 29 through November 1.

4.8 Motion to Approve The Monitoring of the Kudzu Vines by the NYSDEC.

4.9 Motion to Approve the removal of trees from the Reservoir road property.

5.15 New Business Item Islanders for Islanders

2. Business Reports

- 2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson
- 2.2 Business Manager Reports:
 - A. Budget Status Report: Business Manager Jim Eagan stated t will update the Board Members at the next meeting.
 - B. Treasurer's Report Approved by Principal and School Treasurer
- 2.3 2019-2020 Budget Transfers: Business Manager Jim Eagan stated that there were no new updates and is available for questions.

3. Board Committee Reports

3.1 Faculty Housing Committee: Jim Eagan shared the minutes from the previous FHC meeting. Superintendent Arsenault shared that a staff member requested that the policy committee review the Faculty Housing Policy, and, at this time, the committee has decided to not update the FHC Policy.

3.2 Safety Committee: None

3.3 Personnel Committee: The Personnel Committee did meet and have suggested two of the action items that Superintendent Arsenault has added.

4. Action Items

- 4.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2019 Board of Education Meeting: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Matthew Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.2 Motion: To Approve the appointment of Yartiza Gello to the Curriculum Tutor position effective August 26th, 2019: Matthew Edwards made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.3 Motion: To Approve the appointment of Adam Murray to the Technology Long-Term Substitute Teaching Position effective September 3, 2019: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Thomas Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.4 Motion: To Approve the 2019-2020 Internal Postings: Matthew Edwards made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.5 Motion: To Approve the 2019-2020 Fuel Bid: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Matthew Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor, Thomas Shillo abstained.
- 4.6 Motion: To approve the Donation of 49 Science Books to Rhode Island Charter: Thomas Shillo made a motion to approve, Matthew Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.7 Motion To Approve the Grade 7 - Grade 12 Trip To Pennsylvania October 29 through November 1: Robin Toldo made a motion to approve, Matthew Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.8 Motion To Approve The Monitoring of the Kudzu Vines by the NYSDEC: Matthew Edwards made a motion to approve, Robin Toldo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.9 Motion To Approve the removal of trees from the Reservoir road property: The Board decided to table the motion until next meeting

5. Administrative Report

Prior Business

- 5.1 School Accreditation: Superintendent Arsenault shared that the executive Director of NEASC will conduct the Candidacy visit at FIS on September 25, 2019.
- 5.2 2019-2020 Student Enrollment: Superintendent Arsenault stated that FIS currently has 65 students enrolled, 36 students live on Fishers Island and 29 students are from CT.
- 5.3 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project: Superintendent Arsenault stated that they are still waiting for legislative approval.
- 5.4 Paddle Tennis Project Update: None
- 5.5 Bring Your Own Device for 2019-2020: Superintendent Arsenault stated that the students are reminded to take care of the computers donated to the school and the BYOD program has helped with efficiency in the classrooms.
- 5.6 Technology Education Teacher Update: Superintendent Arsenault stated that Adam Murray is currently in the Technology Education Teacher position and has submitted all necessary information and is waiting for approval from the State of New York to become a certified teacher in Technology Agricultural Science.
- 5.7 FIS Capital Improvement Project Planning: No new updates.

New Business

- 5.8 Class of 2020 Senior Class Trip: Superintendent Arsenault shared that the students would like to travel to Panama for an 8-day trip. Due to President Jamie Doucette being absent, if the feedback is positive, the item will be added as a motion item to the October Meeting Agenda.
- 5.9 Preserving the Shell Phone: Superintendent Arsenault stated that the Shell Phone has been removed from the wall due to the addition of shelving. Superintendent Arsenault asked the Board of Ed Members for suggestions on how to preserve the shell phone.
- 5.10 FIS Open House: Superintendent Arsenault stated that FIS will have an Open House on Thursday, October 10th, during the normal school hours to allow parents to experience what it is like being a student at FIS and to meet for Parent/Teacher Conferences in the afternoon.
- 5.11 2019-2020 Superintendent/Principal Goals and Priorities: Superintendent Arsenault shared his personal goals and priorities for the school year with the board members.
- 5.12 FIS Recruitment Commercial: Superintendent Arsenault shared that he completed the first day of producing the FIS recruitment commercial and the next step is interviewing students and staff members.
- 5.13 Voter Registration Policy #5605 (First Reading): Superintendent Arsenault shared the first reading of the Voter Registration Policy with the board members.
- 5.14 Review of Board of Education Committees: Tabled
- 5.15 Islanders for Islanders: Superintendent Arsenault stated that Islanders for Islanders reached out to him and are interested in donating new materials for light post lighting for the school pathway.

6. Information Packet for the Board of Education

6.1 2019-2020 Student/Parent Handbook

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

8. Executive Session- Motion to go into executive session at 7:12pm

8.1 To Discuss the Potential Sale of School Property

9. Adjournment- Adjournment of Meeting at 7:28