

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2020

Present: Superintendent Christian Arsenault, President Jamie Doucette, Vice President Bill Bloethe, Matt Edwards, Robin Toldo, Business Manager Jim Eagan, Michael George, Secretary Audrey O'Neil

1. School Community Session- 5:15pm

1.1 Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance: President Doucette called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

1.2 Public Participation: none.

1.3 Celebrations:

A. **Capital Improvement Project Vote:** Superintendent Arsenault shared the Capital Improvement Project voting results 64-28 ,with 92 votes in total. Superintendent Arsenault thanked the community for their participation and the BOE for all of their hard work. Superintendent Arsenault stated the current goal is to begin construction in Summer 2022.

B. **Thanksgiving Remote Learning :** Superintendent Arsenault stated that remote learning went smoothly during Thanksgiving break, and thanked the FIS staff for their hard work during remote learning.

C. **National Honor Society Inductees:** Arabella Hatfield and Lili Kane

1.4: Superintendent Arsenault congratulated Arabella Hatfield and Lili Kane on their hard work and accomplishments. Superintendent Arsenault also thanked the students' teachers and parents for their support and helping make this possible.

1.4 Additions to Agenda:

4.11 Motion To Accept The Retirement of Christine Anifantakis effective June 2021

4.12 Motion To Approve A Position Posting For A World Language Teacher For The 2021-2022 School Year

4.13 Motion To Approve A Position Posting For A Long Term Sub For Special Education

8.2 Executive Session: Discuss A Matter Of Potential Litigation

2. Business Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson: Business Manager Jim Eagan stated that he was available to answer any questions.

A. Warrant #15- November 10, 2020- Paid

B. Warrant #Pending- December 10, 2020- Unpaid

2.2 Business Manager Reports:

A. Revenue- Expense Status Report (November)

B. Treasurer Report (November)

2.3 2020-2021 Budget Transfers: Superintendent Arsenault stated that there were no new Budget Transfers for this month.

3. Board Committee Reports

3.1 Faculty Housing Committee: Business Manager Jim Eagan shared the minutes for

the FHC meeting, and shared that the FHC has provided an attachment to the minutes, (Fiscal Year 2021, Year One Projects, this attachment includes a summary of the projects that need to be completed for 2021.

3.2 Safety Committee: Superintendent Arsenault stated that there is an Internal Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Friday, December 18th.

3.3 Personnel Committee: None

4. Action Items

4.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Board of Education Meeting: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Bill Bloethe seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.2 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Capital Project Hearing: Bill Bloethe Made a Motion to Approve, Matt Edwards Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None Opposed.

4.3 Motion: To Approve Adam Murray as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for 2020-2021 School Year : Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Bill Bloethe seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

4.4 Motion: To Approve Adam Murray as Co-Advisor for the Senior Class for 2020- 2021 School Year: Bill Bloethe Made a Motion to Approve, Matt Edwards Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None Opposed.

4.5 Motion: To Approve Allie Mesite as Co-Advisor for the Senior Class for 2020-2021 School Year: Bill Bloethe Made a Motion to Approve, Matt Edwards Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed.

4.6 Motion: To Approve/Deny the EAC Activity Recommendations (Handout): Bill Bloethe Made a Motion to Approve, Matt Edwards Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed.

4.7 Motion: To Approve the Proposal from Harris Beach, PLLC for Bond Counsel Services: Matt Edwards Made a Motion to Approve, Bill Bloethe Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed.

4.8 Motion: To Approve the Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds: Bill Bloethe Made a Motion to Approve, Matt Edwards Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed.

4.9 Motion: To Approve the Proposal from David Noe to Re-Evaluate the Physical Needs Assessment Costs as Prioritized by the Faculty Housing Committee: Matt Edwards Made a Motion to Approve, Bill Bloethe Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed

4.10 Motion: Pandemic Planning Policy #8131 (Second Reading): Bill Bloethe Made a Motion to Approve, Matt Edwards Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed.

4.11 Motion To Regretfully Accept The Retirement of Christine Anifantakis effective June 30, 2021: Matt Edwards Made a Motion to Approve, Bill Bloethe Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed.

4.12 Motion To Approve A Position Posting For A World Language Teacher For The 2021-2022 School Year: Matt Edwards Made a Motion to Approve, Bill Bloethe Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed.

4.13 Motion To Approve A Position Posting For A Long Term Sub For Special Education: Bill Bloethe Made a Motion to Approve, Matt Edwards Seconded the Motion. All in Favor, None opposed.

5. Administrative Report

5.1 Capital Improvement Project: Superintendent Arsenault previously reported the updates in Celebrations.

5.2 Reservoir Road Potential Land Sale : None

5.3 Walsh Park/FIS Land Sale (Winthrop Drive):

None

5.4 School Accreditation: None

5.5 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project: Superintendent Arsenault stated that the project is still in the process and the updates are included in the Board Packet.

5.6 Tuition Selection—Open House: Superintendent Arsenault shared that the Remote Open House is scheduled for January 12th, from 4 PM- 5:30 PM.

5.7 Unreceived Item: Backpack eMist Sprayer : Superintendent Arsenault shared that a eMist Sprayer was ordered August 1, 2020. When contacted at the 11 week mark, the company stated that the item was delivered and signed by the Fishers Island Ferry. Superintendent Arsenault stated that a claim is being filed, since the item has not been received yet.

5.8 February and April Learning: Superintendent Arsenault shared with the board members that parents and staff members are asking about remote learning following the February and April breaks, and is open to feedback from Board members on the topic.

6. Information Packet for Board of Education

6.1 District Instructional Technology Plan Update

7. **Public Participation:** none.

8. Executive Session

8.1 To Discuss the Employment of a Particular Person *

9. Adjournment

Recorded by: Audrey O'Neil