

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021

Present: Jamie Doucette (President), Bill Bloethe (Vice President), Robin Toldo (Member), Matthew Edwards (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. Marking Period 3 Honor Roll- The Board was presented with honor roll students for the third quarter.

B. Ian Tirabassi FI Club Internship- Ian had previously done an internship at the ferry which led to a summer job and was participating in an internship this spring at the FI club which has turned into a job position for the summer.

1.4 Additions to Agenda-

4.6 Motion to Accept the Resignation of Audrey O'Neil Effective May 14, 2021

4.7 Motion to Accept the Resignation of Jessica Sue Effective June 30, 2021

4.8 Motion to Approve the Mathematics Position Posting for the 2021-2022 School Year

4.9 Motion to Approve the EAC Recommendation for an Orienteering Activity

2. Business Reports

2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor- No Questions.

A. Warrant #31- April 6, 2021 (paid)

B. Warrant Pending- May 14, 2021 (unpaid)

2.2 Business Manager Reports- No Questions

A. Revenue-Expense Status Report (April)- Mr. Eagan noted that the Town of Southold still owes the school a significant amount of money for the 21-22 school year which the school should receive shortly.

B. Treasurer Report (April)

2.3 2020-2021 Budget Transfers- No Questions.

2.4 2021-2022 Budget- The public was reminded to vote.

3. Board Committee Reports

3.1 Faculty Housing Committee- The minutes were reviewed and there were no questions. Two bids were received for the T-2 kitchen renovation. Based on the bids, Jim had requested that the projects be tabled until the Faculty Housing Committee could discuss in June.

3.2 Safety Committee- Mr. Arsenault updated the Board, that the Governor has extended all safety requirements until the end of the school year, including mask mandates.

3.3 Personnel Committee- None.

4. Action Items

4.1 Approval of the Minutes from the March 17, 2021 Board of Education Meeting- Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.2 Approval of the Minutes from the April 14, 2021 Board of Education Meeting- Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.3 Approval of the 2021-2022 Board of Education Calendar- Jamie Doucette requested that the 5:00pm meetings be rescheduled to 5:30pm. The Board agreed to change the 5:00pm meetings to 5:30pm and approve the calendar pending that change. Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by William Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.

4.4 Approval of the 2021-2022 Program of Studies- Mr. Arsenault thanked Mr. Michael George and the Scheduling Committee for putting the Program of Studies together. The goal is to have students receive their schedules prior to the end of this school year. Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

4.5 Approval of the Faculty Housing Recommended Rent Schedule for 2021-2023- Motion made by William Bloethe, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.6 Accepting the Resignation of Audrey O'Neil Effective May 14, 2021- Mr. Arsenault read a letter from Audrey to the Board on her behalf. Motion made by William Bloethe, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

4.7 Accepting the Resignation of Jessica Sue Effective June 30, 2021- Mr. Arsenault read a letter from Jessica to the Board on her behalf. Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by William Bloethe. All in favor/none opposed.

4.8 Approval of the Mathematics Position Posting for the 2021-2022 School Year- Motion made by Matthew Edwards, seconded by Robin Toldo. All in favor/none opposed.

4.9 Approval of the EAC Recommendation for an Orienteering Activity- This activity has been done several times and the students have always enjoyed it. The EAC unanimously approved the activity. Motion made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards. All in favor/none opposed.

5. Administrative Report

5.1 Capital Improvement Project- The project is moving along and the architects are currently in the design phase. Mr. Arsenault will continue to update the Board.

5.2 Walsh Park/FIS Land Sale- There are no updates.

5.3 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project- There are no updates.

5.4 New York State Testing 2020-2021- ELA and Math testing has been administered. The Science testing and Regents will be administered in June.

5.5 NEASC Accreditation- The NEASC office will be conducting training at FIS in August for faculty and staff. The timeline will also be adjusted based for accreditation due to COVID-19 delays on the original timeline.

5.6 IPP Community Garden Update- IPP approached Mr. Arsenault to discuss the option of the school's involvement on a community garden with IPP. Jessica Doyle from IPP joined the meeting to discuss this potential endeavor. The organic garden would be created at the school, however, it would be built, financed, and maintained by IPP. Mr. Arsenault has sent the proposal from IPP to the Board's attorney for review. This garden has a potential to be incorporated into several courses offered at the school. The Board will discuss further at the June Board meeting.

5.7 Recommendation for Tenure for Gina Roehrig- Mr. Arsenault submitted a letter to the Board in support of tenure for Mrs. Roehrig.

5.8 Recommendation for Tenure for Julie Arcelus- Mr. Arsenault submitted a letter to the Board in support of tenure for Mrs. Arcelus.

5.9 Climate Survey- The surveys were derived from a national survey for schools and were sent to parents, students, and staff. The Board was given an overview including areas of strength and areas that need improvement. Mrs. Arcelus is additionally meeting with students to discuss concerns. The survey will be given annually to ensure that progress is being made in areas that need improvement.

5.10 Class of 2021 Graduation- Mr. Arsenault recently met with the seniors, their parents, and the class advisor. Graduation is set to be a similar setup with the addition of more guests. NYS guidelines will be followed including masks, social distancing, and temperature checks. The guest maximum will be set at 100 participants.

5.11 High School Awards Night- This event will be held on June 3rd from 3pm until 4pm and will be live-streamed for families to watch.

5.12 COVID-10 Snow Day Pilot Program NYSED- Per NYSED approval, schools will be allowed to use remote days for weather days for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Arsenault asked the Board to think about their preference regarding remote learning on snow days.

6. Information Packet

6.1 2020-2021 Final Exam Schedule- No comments.

7. Public Participation- None.

8. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Robin Toldo, seconded by Matthew Edwards at 6:53pm.