

**Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2021  
5:00 PM**

*Minutes Prepared/Submitted by Audrey O'Neil*

**Board Members Present: Superintendent Christian Arsenault, President Jamie Doucette, Vice President Bill Bloethe, Board Member Matt Edwards, Business Manager Jim Eagan, Board Member Tom Shillo, Teacher Mike George, Secretary Audrey O'Neil**

**1. School Community Session- 5:00pm**

1.1 Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance (*Board President*): Board President Jamie Doucette called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

1.2 Public Participation (*Please Refer to Public Participation Guidelines*):  
None

1.3 Celebrations:

A. Virtual Open House: Superintendent Arsenault shared that the virtual open house was very successful, and February 26th is the deadline for applications.

B. End of Second Quarter: Superintendent Arsenault thanked the entire school community for a successful Second Quarter. Superintendent Arsenault stated that he has a huge amount of gratitude towards staff for all of their hard work to complete the Second Quarter.

1.4 Additions to Agenda:

Table 4.2

4.9 Motion To Approve The Invitation to Bid Letter for Faculty Housing Units T1 and T2

4.10 Motion To Approve The Invitation to Bid Letter for Faculty Housing Units T3, T4, T5, and T6

4.11 Motion To Authorize Superintendent to Sign the Amendment to the COVID- 19 MOA with Fishers Island Teachers Association

**2. Business Reports**

\*2.1 Warrants Approved by Claims Auditor Sharon Patterson

A. Warrant #22- January 13, 2021- Paid: Business Manager Jim Eagan stated he is available to answer any questions.

B. Warrant #Pending- February 11, 2021- Unpaid:  
Business Manager Jim Eagan stated he is available to answer any questions.

\*2.2 Business Manager Reports: Business Manager Jim Eagan stated he is available to answer any questions.

A. Revenue- Expense Status Report (January): No Updates

B. Treasurer Report (January): No Updates

2.3 2020-2021 Budget Transfers: No Updates

2.4 2021-2022 Budget Development: No Updates

**3. Board Committee Reports**

\*3.1 Faculty Housing Committee: Business Manager Jim Eagan shared the minutes from the FHC meeting and stated that he has nothing new to report.

3.2 Safety Committee: Superintendent Arsenault shared that the Safety Committee has looked into taking recommendations from Suffolk County, who has started to allow Sports, and have discussed allowing FIS students to play basketball games against each other. Masks have been purchased for the students to wear during the basketball game and Dr. Ingram has agreed to be available for COVID-19 Testing for students, every Tuesday, to prepare for games scheduled on Thursdays and Fridays.

**4. Action Items**

- 4.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2021 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 Appoint as the Long-Term Substitute K-2 Elementary Teacher Effective Approximately March 14, 2021 until June 26, 2021: Tabled
- 4.3 Motion: To Appoint Jeffers Lyons as the Long-Term Substitute Special Education Tutor Effective January 19, 2021 until June 26, 2021: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Bill Bloethe seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.4 Motion: To Appoint Julie Mrowka as the Interim Purchasing Agent Effective Approximately March 2, 2021 until Approximately June 1, 2021: Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Matt Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- \*4.5 Motion: To Approve to Approve the Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar with Remote Learning Dates: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Bill Bloethe seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- \*4.6 Motion: To Approve the Donation of a Shapeoko CNC Router to be Used/Housed by the Agriculture Technology Program at the Fishers Island School and Owned by the Henry L. Ferguson Museum: Bill Bloethe made a motion to approve, Matt Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.7 Motion: To Approve Superintendent Arsenault to Engage in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Henry L. Ferguson Museum Regarding the Donation of the Shapeoko CNC Router: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Bill Bloethe seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- \*4.8 Motion to Authorize Business Manager to Sign Contract Amendment with QA+M Architecture: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Tom Shillo seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.9 Motion to Approve the Invitation to Bid Letter for Faculty Housing Units T1 and T2 Projects: Tom Shillo made a motion to approve, Matt Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor, None opposed.
- 4.10 Motion to Approve the Invitation to Bid Letter for Faculty Housing Units T3, T4, T5, and T6 Projects: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Bill Bloethe seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
- 4.11 Motion to Authorize the Superintendent to Sign the Amendment to the COVID- 19 MOA with Fishers Island Teachers Association: Matt Edwards made a motion to approve, Bill Bloethe seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**5. Administrative Report**

**Prior Business**

- 5.1 Capital Improvement Project: Superintendent Arsenault said that the architects are currently working on the design phase and he will keep in constant contact with them for updates.
- 5.2 Walsh Park/FIS Land Sale (Winthrop Drive): None
- 5.3 Reimbursement for Generator Grant Project: None
- 5.4 Unreceived Item: Backpack eMist Sprayer: Business Manager Jim Eagan has been invited to attend the upcoming Ferry Commissioner meeting and will give updates from that meeting to the board at the March BOE meeting.
- 5.5 School Library: None

**New Business**

- 5.6 Senior Class Discussion: Superintendent Arsenault shared that the Senior Class has been discussing a Senior Day Trip that will follow COVID-19 Safety Guidelines.
- 5.7 IPP Summer 2021: Superintendent Arsenault shared that IPP is requesting to use the old FIS Art Room, the gym and restrooms for a homebase check-in place for Summer Camp, but would not be using any of the indoor school space for camp unless needed for weather. Superintendent Arsenault stated that the board will be receiving a formal request from IPP in the meeting to approve.
- \*5.8 Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy #5152 Update (First Reading): None
- \*5.9 Tuition Policy #6254 Update (First Reading): None
- \*5.10 Tuition Policy #6254 Appendix Update (First Reading): None

**6. Information Packet for Board of Education**

- 6.1 2020-2021 Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver

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

None

Motion made by Board Member Edwards to adjourn to Executive Session; seconded by Board Member Bloethe at 6:46pm. All in favor

**8. Executive Session**

- 8.1 To Discuss the Employment of a Particular Person
- 8.2 To Discuss a Matter of Potential Litigation
- 8.3 To Discuss the Medical History of a Particular Person
- 8.4 To Discuss the Financial Nature of a Particular Person

**9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10**