



**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 20, 2021, AT 6:30 PM
HELD AT THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

Members Present: Todd Beckerink
Tom Frederes
Robert Carpenter
Marcella Centi
Tracy Schrader
Krissta Swanson
Ro Woodard

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Stephen Penhollow, Superintendent
Sara Kennison, School District Business Leader
Julie Widen, Director of Special Education (Zoom)
Terry English, Middle School Principal (Zoom)
Gary Gilbert, Fenner Elementary School Principal (Zoom)

Others Present: None

Due to current public health concerns, this meeting was also live streamed through Zoom at:
<https://e2ccb-gst.zoom.us/j/91998614460>

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT:

- The meeting was called to order by Board President, Todd Beckerink, at 6:34 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- The public was invited to address the Board. No requests to address the Board were received.
- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Tracy Schrader to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2021, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Voting Yes - 7
Voting No - 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Tracy Schrader to approve the Additions to the Agenda.
 - Tracy Schrader mentioned that it would be beneficial to receive the backup along with additions and deletions before the meeting to review.

Voting Yes – 7

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- None

DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:

Summaries of Reports Presented At The Board Meeting, additional details and information included in board packet written administrative reports:

- Gary Gilbert -
 - Fenner Elementary has raised \$5,685 for the Kids' Heart Challenge. This was really outstanding. Recognized top fundraising students for their hard work.
 - The Fenner fake snow day was a lot of success and a lot of fun. The teachers were very creative in their ideas to make the event a success and to also keep it educational.
 - The Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament was held at Fenner. There was a tournament within the classrooms, at grade levels and then a grand champion.
 - Continuing with our weekly attendance meetings, which have been beneficial.
- Julie Widen -
 - Targeted skills groups have officially completed their work for this year and will send the gap information to the state in the month of May.
 - Working heavily on plans for next year and plans to address learning loss and how best to help the students. Working to develop the best plan possible.
 - NYS Testing coming up. Working on making sure the District is ready to go with the computer based testing.

Todd Beckerink addressed the status of regents exams for this year. There are 4 exams and Falconer is having all of their students take the available regents. (There will still be the option to opt out of these exams.) They will not count toward their final grades. They are receiving credit for the class as long as you are passing the class. Further discussed that the credit will be regents credit and that the transcript will not be affected by choosing to take the exam.

- Terry English -
 - Finished 2 full days of full return 6th-12th grade using all available space to accommodate for social distancing requirements causing a slight problem finding space for the upcoming testing.
 - Working on getting the test rooms set up and ready for testing to start next week.
 - Technology is working on developing a plan for the next phase of Smart Schools money and technology purchases that are needed for this year. Kindergarten devices are being discussed.
 - Completed two fire drills.

- 40 Students currently signed up for Driver's Ed and continue to accept signups.

Robert Carpenter mentioned that if the school would like to have the Grandview for the Prom in Spring 2022 the school will need to make a commitment to the Grandview for them to hold the traditional date of the Prom. The dates are filling up quickly.

Tracy Schrader addressed the Bring Your Tractor to School Day. Steve provided an update on the information he had and stated that they have discussed with the Mayor and they have plans set up for the students that would like to participate. Steve will ask Jeff Jordan to send out more information to the Board tomorrow regarding Bring Your Tractor to School Day.

- Sara Kennison -

- An updated budget was provided at the meeting tonight that includes an update to the amount of equipment included in the budget and also an error correction related to the BOCES Expense lines.
- Provided an update on the State Budget including an increase in Foundation aid for the 2021-2022 budget. Foundation aid was also proposed to be fully phased in by the 2023-2024 school year.
- Some updates on the Federal Stimulus monies have been provided but we are still waiting on guidance that is supposed to be provided by the end of April.
- BOCES Admin budget and the BOCES Commitment Statement are included in the agenda tonight for your approval.
- Reminder of the Public Hearing on May 4th and the Public Budget Vote on May 18th.

Todd Beckerink stated that the Finance Committee met before the meeting tonight and discussed the updates to the budget that were included in the budget provided to the Board tonight. The Audit Committee plans to meet again soon and also plans to provide a notice in the District Newsletter to address the district's fiscally responsible fund balance to address questions the public may have. A discussion was held regarding fund balance and items related to the district's school taxes.

Tom Frederes provided an article titled "More States Require Students to Learn About Money Matters" and provided examples that concern him about students not understanding real world/business math that would help them in these real world examples he provided. A discussion ensued about what is included in the current curriculum and where improvements or additions or restructuring that can be done.

- Stephen Penhollow -

- Ross Grange meeting is scheduled for April 26. Speaking is scheduled for 7 PM with dinner before. Provide them with an overview of the budget and they ask questions. Good opportunity to talk with community members.
- Two votes are up for consideration, BOCES Board and Chautauqua County School Board Association Executive Committee.
- Capital Project Update - Phase III roofing kickoff meeting is on April 27, planning to start last week of June. Capital Outlay project bid opening will be April 30. Capital Outlay is also proposed in this year's proposed budget focusing on Temple. The Building Condition Survey presentation will also be on April 27 at 10:30 PM.
- Due to the change of sport seasons this year there is a strong possibility that Falconer will need to merge with Cassadaga Valley for our students to join a Varsity Baseball team. If we decide to merge and send no students this will cause Cassadaga to move to a B Class for competition. A discussion ensued regarding this proposed baseball merger. There was concern that waiting until the next board meeting would not allow our students to play when the season started.

- A motion was made by Tracey Schrader and seconded by Tom Frederes to add to the agenda a resolution to approve the merger of Varsity Baseball with Cassadaga Valley for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement, if needed.

Voting Yes - 7

Voting No - 0

Motion Carried

- First reading of Policy#3421 and second reading and approval of Policy #7551 on the agenda for tonight
- The audit committee will be setting a date for another meeting in the new future.

Robert Carpenter addressed a concern of the timing of when the Capital Outlay will be completed. Discussion followed.

Tracy Schrader asked about the resignation of a Physical Education teacher that was approved at the previous meeting and if the application and interview process had begun. Steve stated that they have a per diem substitute in most likely for the remainder of the year. He is looking to start the application process in the next two to three weeks. Todd Beckerink stated the Board would like to see that the candidate has their health certification.

INFORMATION

- Administrative Reports - Additional Administration Reports are included in the Board Packet.
- Committee Reports
 - The Audit Committee met before the Board meeting tonight and plans to meet again in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the CSE Minutes of March 16, 18, 22,23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, and April 13 15 and 16, 2021.

Voting Yes - 7

Voting No - 0

Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Robert Carpenter to approve the casting of one vote each for two of the two possible candidates for the Chautauqua County School Boards Association's (CCSBA) Executive Committee: Mr. Todd Beckerink, Falconer; Mr. Larry Lodestro, Frewsburg.

Voting Yes - 6

Voting No - 0 (1 Abstained - Todd Beckerink)

Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the appointment of Sam Ognibene as permanent chairperson for Falconer Central School's Annual Budget Meeting.

Voting Yes - 7

Voting No - 0

Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Tracy Schrader to approve a resolution to approve the 2021-2022 tentative BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$3,286,094.

Todd Beckerink mentioned that he would like the district to prepare and send a letter to Dr. O'Rourke to request that in future years his administrative team present or discuss the administrative budget they provide for approval to the individual district boards.

Voting Yes - 7

Voting No - 0

Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the casting of one vote each for four of the four possible candidates for the BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services: Mr. Robert Carpenter, Falconer; Mr. Sylvester Cleary, Forestville; Mrs. Nancy Renckens, Dunkirk; Mrs. Nancy Stock, Pine Valley.

Voting Yes - 6

Voting No - 0 (1 Abstained - Robert Carpenter)

Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Marcella Centi to authorize the Board President to sign the attached BOCES Commitment Statement and the Superintendent to sign the BOCES Commitment Form for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$2,547,912.52.

Voting Yes - 7

Voting No - 0

Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the merger of Varsity Baseball with Cassadaga Valley for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement, if needed.

Voting Yes - 7

Voting No - 0

Motion Carried

POLICIES

- A First Reading was given of new, required Policy 3421, Title IX and Sex Discrimination.
- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Ro Woodard for the Second Reading/Approval of revised Policy 7551, Sexual Harassment of Students.

Voting Yes - 7

Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

FINANCE

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the Claim Schedule, as of April 20, 2021.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month beginning March 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2021.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Robert Carpenter to approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2021-2022 school year.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the 2021-2022 proposed School Budget in the amount of \$25,285,440.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Dave Micek, Director of Facilities will be at the 5/18/2021 Meeting

TRANSPORTATION:

- Scott Peterson, HEad Bus Driver will be at the 6/22/2021 Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No executive session was required.

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the addition of Thomas Fales to the substitute-teaching list.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the addition of the following persons to the Extra-Curricular list:

Michael Youngberg	Volunteer for Varsity Softball
Travis Hummel	Volunteer for Wrestling

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Tracy Schrader to approve the appointment of Makayla Morrison as a Cleaner, effective April 21, 2021, with payment according to the Falconer Non-Teaching Contract.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the appointment of Kathy Mee as a Cleaner, effective April 21, 2021, with payment according to the Falconer Non-Teaching Contract.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EXTRA ENCLOSURES:

- Curriculum & Instruction Cabinet Minutes – March 10, 2021
- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Tom Frederes to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried


Sara Kennison
District and Board Clerk