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**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NOVEMBER 15, 2022, AT 6:30 PM  
HELD IN THE 7TH-GRADE PROJECT ROOM  
IN THE MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL**

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Members Present: Tracy Schrader  
Robert Carpenter  
Ro Woodard  
Marcella Centi  
Tom Frederes  
Heather Cardot - appointed at 6:38 PM

Members Excused: none

Administration Present: Stephen Penhollow, Superintendent  
Sara Kennison, School District Business Leader  
Julie Widen, Director of Student Services  
Holly Hannon, Paul B.D. Temple Elementary School Principal  
Scott Peterson, Head Bus Driver

Others Present: Laura Obrist - left at 6:36 PM  
Valerie McDonald  
12 Government Class Students

**CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT:**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Tracy Schrader, at 6:30 PM.

Tracy Schrader, Board President, welcomed the Government students who were in attendance at the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PERSONNEL:**

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Ro Woodard to move Personnel #1 and Personnel #8 to the beginning of the agenda.

Voting Yes – 5  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Laura Obrist is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Visual Arts tenure area, effective 11/20/2022.

Voting Yes – 5  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

Laura Obrist left the meeting at 6:36PM.

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve Heather Cardot to a seat on the Board of Education.

Voting Yes – 5  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

The District/Board Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member, Heather Cardot.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The public was invited to address the Board of Education. No one wished to address the Board.

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Ro Woodard to add the additions and/or deletions to the agenda.
  - New Business #12 was moved to Information #4

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

#### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- Julie Widen provided a presentation on the District's book study and DESSA updates.
  - A book study was held related to restorative practices. A summary was provided of what changes have resulted and what are the district's future plans for restorative practices and future book studies.
  - DESSA is a district used Social/Emotional Screening Tool for grades K-8. It provides data on where students are and what their needs are. Provided preliminary data and a summary of how results will be used in future plans.

## **DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:**

- Scott Peterson -
  - The Transportation department is getting ready for the snow season. All bus tires have been changed to snow tires.
  - New district vehicle delivery should be happening soon.
  - Thanked Mrs. Hannon and Mr. Gilbert for help with bus safety training for both elementary schools.

## **INFORMATION:**

- BOCES Board Report from November 2, 2022.
- CSE / CPSE / 504 stats as of November 10, 2022.
- 2023-2024 Tentative Budget Development Calendar.

## **Administrative Reports:**

Summaries of reports presented at the Board Meeting are included below. Additional details and information are included in the board packet written administrative reports.

- Sara Kennison -
  - Provided an end of season summary of Taxes Collected for the 2021-2022 year and the amounts that will need to be sent back to the County for collection.
  - Provided a tentative 2023-2024 Budget Calendar for review.
  - Provided the proposed 2023-2024 estimated NYSTRS Employer Contribution Rate.
  - Provided an overview of the October 2022 Budget Status Report and Budget Transfer for approval.
  - Provided an overview for the requested District Reserve Transfer related to the Tax Certiorari Reserve and a recent assessment settlement.
- Steve Penhollow -
  - Gave a reminder of the upcoming presentation hosted by CCSBA.
  - Gave an update on the board goal related to communication.
    - (1) The District's first newsletter of the year is almost completed with printing and will be mailed to residents in the coming week.
    - (2) The District is continuing to work to switch the website host to Apptegy to improve communication.
  - Provided an update on the status of the District's current and future capital project plans.
  - Discussed the sports mergers, trips and volunteer coaches that are on the agenda
  - Discussed District Safety and provided a Sandy Hook Promise update.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the CSE minutes from November 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10, 2022 / CPSE minutes from October 31, 2022.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the resolution for the merger of the following sports for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement:

Boys' varsity, JV, and modified football with Cassadaga Valley, and Maple Grove.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the request from the varsity wrestling team for an overnight stay for the Anderson Wrestling Tournament at Cicero North Syracuse High School in Cicero, NY December 2, 2022. The cost to the district would be for a bus, driver, and driver meals.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the request from the JV wrestling team for a wrestling tournament at Eisenhower High School in Russell, PA on December 10, 2022.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the request from the wrestling team for a wrestling tournament at Athens High School in Athens, PA on December 10, 2022.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the request from the varsity wrestling team for an overnight stay for the NCCC Wrestling Tournament in Niagara Falls, NY December 17, 2022.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the request from the wrestling team for wrestling match at Port Alleghany High School in Port Alleghany, PA on December 22, 2022.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the request for permission for wrestlers who qualify for the state wrestling tournament to be able to travel to Erie, PA or Buffalo, NY as needed in the week long break leading up to the state tournament.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the resolution for the merger of the following sport for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement:

Boys' varsity and modified soccer with Cassadaga Valley

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the resolution for the merger of the following sport for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement:

Girls' varsity, JV, and modified soccer with Cassadaga Valley

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the resolution for the merger of the following sport for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement:

Varsity and modified cross country with Cassadaga Valley

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the request for fundraising activity from Brianne Katilus.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

## **POLICIES:**

- First reading of revised Policy 5681, School Safety Plans.
- First reading of revised Policy 6121, Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.
- First reading of revised Policy 6215, Probation and Tenure.
- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Tom Frederes for the approval of revised Policy 5512, Reserve Funds.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Tom Frederes for the approval of revised Policy 5520, Extraclassroom Activity Fund.

Voting Yes – 6  
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 November 15, 2022.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Robert Carpenter to approve the October 2022 Budget Status Report.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the budget transfer from account A1622.400 in the amount of \$38,880.00 and from account A2110.130 in the amount of \$2,658.46 to account A1622.160. The total transfer will be \$41,538.46.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the transfer of \$19,156.67 from the District Tax Certiorari Reserve to the District unappropriated fund balance for recently received judgment or claim for Jamestown Hotel LLC.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Robert Carpenter to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Affidavit of Unpaid School Taxes and approve the transmissions of the same to the County Director of Finance in the following amounts:

\$ 2,905.83 Town of Carroll

\$ 98,224.67 Village of Falconer

\$ 355,871.81 Town of Ellicott

\$ 63,692.37 Town of Ellington

\$ 8,441.59 Town of Gerry

\$ 96,378.01 Town of Poland

\$ 625,514.28 Total Taxes Due

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

- None

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

- Nothing Additional

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Marcella Centi to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:30PM.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

Scott Peterson, Holly Hannon and remaining board meeting attendees left the meeting at 7:30PM.

Julie Widen left the meeting at 7:38PM.

- Board President, Tracy Schrader, reconvened the Regular Session of the Falconer Central School Board meeting at 7:59PM.

**PERSONNEL CONTINUED:**

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the request from Kenneth Franzen for a medical leave of absence, beginning December 21, 2022, and ending January 17, 2023, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the addition of G. Charles Ryberg to the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular list as a volunteer for bowling.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the resignation of Krissta Swanson as a Falconer Central School Board member, effective November 15, 2022.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the addition of Alicia Shields to the substitute cleaner's list.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the addition of Collin Beichner to the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular list as a volunteer for wrestling.
  - o A discussion was held on sport coaches and volunteers.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the addition of James Schwab to the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular list as a volunteer for wrestling.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried



- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the addition of Corey Keefe to the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular list as a volunteer for wrestling.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the addition of Emma Steele to the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular list as a co-coach for girls' varsity basketball.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the addition of Ashley Dykstra to the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular list as a volunteer for girls' JV basketball.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the addition of Brandon Caruso to the 2022-2023 Extra-Curricular List as an advisor for MS STEM Club.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

#### **EXTRA ENCLOSURES:**

- Temple Elementary November 2022 Dream Team Calendar
- Prospective Board Member Candidate application - Mark Wilcox

#### **ADJOURN MEETING:**

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Heather Cardot to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

Sara Kennison  
Board and District Clerk