



**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 5, 2024, AT 5:30 PM
HELD IN THE MEDIA CENTER
AT HARVEY C. FENNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Members Present: Tracy Schrader
Ro Woodard
Robert Carpenter
Mark Wilcox
Marcella Centi
Heather Cardot (arrived at 5:34 PM)

Members Excused: Tom Frederes

Administration Present: Stephen Penhollow, Superintendent
Sara Kennison, School District Business Leader
Gary Gilbert, Harvey C. Fenner Elementary School Principal

Others Present: Fenner Staff:
- Leslie Bianco
- Julie Pawlak
- Brett Johnson
- Carole Garrison
- Matt Fredrick
- Jamie Randazzo
- Lisa Scarpino
- Mackenzie Stevenson
- Sue Arrance
Tammy Claydon
Five students

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT:

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Tracy Schrader, at 5:31 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Mark Wilcox to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024, Regular Board of Education meeting.

Voting Yes – 5
 Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

Heather Cardot arrived at 5:34 PM

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to add the additions and/or deletions to the agenda.

Voting Yes – 6
 Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Gary Gilbert, Fenner Elementary Principal, introduced the Fenner Elementary staff that was present at the meeting
- An update was provided on the K-Kids Club and their current projects by members of the club
- Third grade provided an update including their NYS Parks field trips, science programs, scholastic reading programs and virtual field trips
- Fourth grade provided an update including their NYS Parks field trip, Audubon lessons, science programming, class projects that have been completed and U.S. Flag presentation
- Fifth grade provided an update including the change to no longer being departmentalized, scholastic reading program and their NYS Parks field trip.
- An update was provided from the AIS department
- Fenner Elementary received a grant from Cummins for a book vending machine to be placed in the hallway
- A update from Fenner PE was provided including the Kids Health Challenge
- Matt Frederick provided an update on his current Administrative Certification internship at Fenner this year

Tracy Schrader thanked the Fenner staff on behalf of the Board of Education.

Fenner staff, Tammy Claydon, and all students left the meeting at 6:06 PM.

DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:

- Monthly report for January 2024 from Todd Beckerink, School Safety Advisor.
 - Tracy Schrader thanked Todd from the Board for this report.

INFORMATION:

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 -
 - Discussed the BOCES Call for Nominations included in the board packet
 - Provided an update on the OSC audit
 - Discussed the 2024-2025 budget development and status
 - Discussed current year end projections and the budget status reports as of January 2024
- Steve Penhollow -
 - Provided a reminder of the upcoming school musical performance dates
 - Discussed the upcoming CCSBA Legislative dinner
 - Provided an update on current negotiations
 - Provided an update on the District's capital projects
 - Discussed the change to the Senior trip plan and itinerary including in the board packet
 - Provided Technology updates including Cybersecurity
 - Provided an update on the Annexation
 - Discussed SAFARI program, FBLA proposed field trip, Labor Relations review, policies and an provided an overview of the personnel items.
- CCSBA 2024 Legislative Dinner with David A. Little, Esq., Rural Schools Association, on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. The registration deadline is Friday, March 8th, 2024.
- BOCES Board Room Report – February 7, 2024.
- BOCES Call for Nominations and Current Board Member Terms. A proposed resolution is included. Nominations for the BOCES Board can be adjusted at the Board Meeting.
- Second draft of Falconer Central School's 2024-2025 District calendar.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Revised senior class trip to Cleveland, OH, June 10 and 11, 2024, at no cost to the District. A tentative itinerary is enclosed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the following New Business items:
 - o CSE meeting minutes from February 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 27, 28, and 29, 2024.
 - o Request for fundraising activity from Ryene Parsons for the class of 2025.
 - o Request from Michelle Johnson for an overnight trip with students to Rochester, NY for the FBLA State Leadership Conference from April 10th through April 12, 2024.
 - o Approval of the proposal with Chautauqua Striders for student tutoring.
 - o Resolution to approve the nomination for four (4) BOCES Board Members. Names to be confirmed at the meeting.
 - o Request for fundraising activity from Genevieve Cooper for Builders Club.

- Resolution for the merger of the following sports for the 2024-2025 school year in accordance with the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement:
 - Boys' and girls' varsity, JV, and freshman indoor track with Randolph, Frewsburg, and Maple Grove. Falconer is the host school.
 - Boys' varsity, JV, and modified wrestling with Cassadaga Valley. Falconer is the host school.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

POLICIES:

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the second reading/approval of the following Policy items:
 - Policy 6214, Incidental Teaching.
 - Policy 7530, Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

FINANCE:

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Mark Wilcox to approve the following Finance items:
 - Claim Schedules as of February 20, 2024, and March 5, 2024.
 - Treasurer's Report for the month beginning January 1, 2024, and ending January 31, 2024.
 - Approval of the January 2024 Budget Status Report.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Robert Carpenter provided an update on the gas well. He discussed the option to buy a meter for the gas well.

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the purchase of the gas well meter as proposed in the earlier discussion.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

Tracy Schrader thanked Robert Carpenter on behalf of the Board of Education for all of his effort and work on the District gas well.

TRANSPORTATION:

- None

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Mark Wilcox to approve the following Personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:
 - Probationary appointment of Jessalyn Peterson-Palmer, who holds an initial certification in Music, as a Music Teacher, effective February 5, 2024, with the probationary period ending February 4, 2028, and salary according to Appendix A-1, Step 5, of the FEA Contract.
 - Addition of Brian Gustafson to the substitute list for Safety and Security Officer.
 - Addition of Melodie Paladino to the substitute lists for teaching, office, teacher aide, and volunteer.
 - Approval of the enclosed list of graduate credits.
 - Addition of Andrew Coone to the substitute list for cleaner.
 - Addition of Tiarra Akin to the substitute lists for teaching, office, teacher aide, and volunteer.
 - Approval of Michael Earle as a volunteer for the 2023-2024 high school musical.
 - Addition of Sarah Josephson to the substitute teaching list.
 - Addition of Denise Swezey to the extra-curricular list for 2023-2024 as a substitute Youth Action Coordinator for unified sports.
 - Addition of Todd Guynn to the substitute list for cleaner.
 - Addition of Trevor Delahoy to the 2023-2024 extra-curricular list as a coach for boys' modified track.
 - Addition of Tyler Dykstra to the 2023-2024 extra-curricular list as a volunteer for JV softball.
 - Addition of Evarie Johnson to the substitute list for cleaner.
 - Addition of Bradley Sieber to the 2023-2024 extra-curricular list as a volunteer for varsity softball.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Robert Carpenter, with regret, and seconded by Ro Woodard, with regret, to approve the resignation of Mitchell Paterniti, science teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2024.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Robert Carpenter, with regret, and seconded by Marcella Centi, with thanks, to approve the resignation of Susan Benson, District Treasurer, for the purpose of retirement effective July 31, 2024

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

- Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Marcella Centi, with regret, and seconded by Ro Woodard, with thanks, to approve the resignation of Robin Cusimano, aide, for the purpose of retirement effective June 26, 2024.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

EXTRA ENCLOSURES:

- None

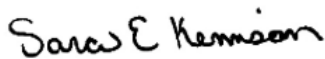
ADJOURN MEETING:

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Heather Cardot to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried



Sara Kennison
Board and District Clerk