



**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 19, 2024, AT 5:30 PM
HELD IN THE MEDIA CENTER IN THE
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

Members Present: Tracy Schrader
Ro Woodard
Robert Carpenter
Marcella Centi
Tom Frederes
Heather Cardot
Mark Wilcox

Members Excused: Isabella Anderson, Ex-Officio Student Member

Administration Present: Stephen Penhollow, Superintendent
Sara Kennison, School District Business Leader
Mary Plumb, Director of Technology and STEM

Others Present:	Ryleigh Anderson	Bradley Monge
	Seth Carr	Lucas Muscarella
	Hannah Cobb	Nazariah Neal
	Emily Crawford	Parker Norlander
	Rachel Erskine	Mazeen Omar
	Riley Farrugello	Annalise Potter
	Javier Gonzales	Charles Reichenbach
	J.C. Hannon	Jordan Richard
	Haley Holmberg	Jacob Roth
	Kiara Ingrao	Hannah Sorenson
	Cyrus Jones	Mia VandeVelde
	Hailey Koch	Addison Walker-Osgood
	Augustine Krenzer	
	Janelle Miller	

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT:

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Tracy Schrader, at 5:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tracy Schrader, Board President, welcomed the Government Students who were in attendance. Ro Woodard read a prepared statement for the students that explained what it meant to be a school board member and the responsibilities and duties.

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 Heather Cardot to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024, regular Board of Education meeting.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

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

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- None

EX-OFFICIO STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

- None

DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:

- None

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.

- Mary Plumb -
 - Provided an update on district technology and academic initiatives she has been working on including:
 - Rural Utilities Services Grant which will provide technology updates to the distance learning classroom and the Robert Carpenter Board of Education room allowing both rooms to have better two way communication
 - An overview of cybersecurity improvements and initiatives
 - Updates on iReady classrooms for Math K-5, Expanding science standards for the high school, and opportunities for expanding curriculums
 - Discussed the expansion of the District Tech Integrator position
 - Discussed upcoming website hosting platform shifts
 - Development of a AI teacher working group
 - Partnership with the Chautauqua Health Network

- Sara Kennison -
 - Provided a final update for the tax collection season including end of collection reports for approval
 - Discussed the finalization of the assessment adjustment required for the annexation
 - Provided an overview of the 2025-2026 budget calendar draft as presented
- Steve Penhollow -
 - Discussed the upcoming CCSBA meeting
 - Provided an update on the current district capital projects and need to finalize the scope of Phase II of the 2023 Capital Improvement Project. Provided dates for any scheduled upcoming meetings related to the District capital projects.
 - Provided an overview of the policies and personnel items on the agenda for the evening
 - Provided a reminder about the upcoming Labor Relations Committee meeting

A discussion was held regarding specific aspects of the District Capital Projects.

CCSBA member update/social mixer on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the National Comedy Center. The reservation deadline was Wednesday, November 13th.

BOCES Board Room Report – November 6, 2024.

Senior class trip to Washington, DC/Ocean City, MD/Baltimore, MD, June 11, 12, and 13, 2025, at no cost to the District. A tentative itinerary is enclosed.

SUNY Fredonia graduate student teaching placement for 2024-2025:

- Rachel Kofod with Elizabeth Giddy, Speech Language Pathologist, March 10 – May 9, 2025.

POLICIES:

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Mark Wilcox to approve the following Policy items:
 - Second reading/approval of revised policy 2110, Orienting and Training Board Members.
 - Second reading/approval of revised policy 3110, Media/Municipal Governments/Senior Citizens.
 - Second reading/approval of revised policy 3271, Solicitation of Charitable Donations.
 - Second reading/approval of revised policy 5130, Budget Adoption.
 - Second reading/approval of revised policy 5140, Administration of the Budget.

Voting Yes – 7

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the following New Business items:
 - CSE meeting minutes from November 4, 5, 6, 7, and 13, 2024/CPSE meeting minutes from November 12 and 13, 2024.
 - Tara Warren and Casey Barber request approval for travel with students to Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA, on December 4, 2024, for a college visit.
 - Request for fundraising activities from Emma Steele for team boys' and girls' basketball.
 - Request from Drew Wilcox for the wrestling team to attend a wrestling tournament at Athens High School in Athens, PA on December 7, 2024.
 - Request from Drew Wilcox for the varsity wrestling team to stay overnight for the NCCC wrestling tournament in Niagara Falls, NY on December 20, 2024.
 - Request from Drew Wilcox for the varsity wrestling team to stay overnight for a wrestling tournament in Bedford, PA on January 23 and 24, 2025.
 - Request from Drew Wilcox 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 leading up to the state tournament.

A question was asked if students were also given the opportunity to visit local colleges. Discussion was held. Students are able to also visit local college options.

Voting Yes – 7

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

FINANCE:

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the following Finance Items:
 - Claims Schedules as of November 19, 2024.
 - Resolution to accept the bids received on November 15, 2024, for groundskeeping supplies and equipment excised at the October 1, 2024, Board of Education regular meeting.
 - To accept the Tax Collector's Report and Affidavit of Unpaid School Taxes and approve the transmission of the same to the County Director of Finance in the following amounts:
 - Town of Carroll - \$2,994.76
 - Village of Falconer - \$120,634.52

- Town of Ellicott - \$380,534.09
- Town of Ellington - \$83,353.43
- Town of Gerry - \$9,414.16
- Town of Poland - \$136,749.95
- Total Taxes Due - \$733,680.91

Voting Yes – 7

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- A discussion was held on what options were available with the athletic field scoreboard, specifically the light capabilities.

TRANSPORTATION:

- None

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Robert Carpenter to approve the following Personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:
 - Request from Sharon Anderson, Bus Driver, for time off as needed to care for a family member with a health condition in accordance with Board policy 6551.
 - Resignation from Melissa A. Russell from her position as cheerleading coach for basketball for the 2024-2025 season.
 - Addition of Anna Rodriguez to the extra-curricular list for 2024-2025 as cheerleading coach for basketball for the 2024-2025 season.
 - Addition of Austin Chase to the extra-curricular list for 2024-2025 as a volunteer coach for wrestling.
 - Addition of Brock Johnson to the extra-curricular list for 2024-2025 as a volunteer coach for wrestling.
 - Addition of Dan Torres to the extra-curricular list for 2024-2025 as a volunteer coach for wrestling.
 - Addition of Dalton Caldwell to the extra-curricular list for 2024-2025 as a volunteer coach for wrestling.
 - Addition of Fred Carder to the extra-curricular list for 2024-2025 as a volunteer coach for boys' varsity basketball.
 - Addition of Robert Goold to the extra-curricular list for 2024-2025 as a volunteer coach for boys' varsity basketball.

- Addition of Barbara Hamernik to the substitute list for teacher's aide.
- Kaylee Vincent, who is initially certified in Early Childhood Education (B-2), is hereby appointed to a probationary position in Special Education for a probationary period commencing on October 16, 2024, and ending on October 15, 2028, (unless extended in accordance with the law). This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of Education Law, in order to be granted tenure, the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c, 3012-d, and/or 3012-e of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. Kaylee Vincent shall receive a salary for the 2024-2025 school year of \$11,935.00 based on step 1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Falconer Education Association.
- Addition of Kaylee Constantino to the substitute teacher list.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Tom Frederes to enter into Executive Session at 6:15 PM.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

Mary Plumb and all students present left the meeting at 6:18 PM.

- Board President, Tracy Schrader, reconvened the Regular Session of the Falconer Central School Board meeting at 6:52 PM.

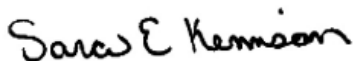
ADJOURN MEETING:

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Mark Wilcox to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EXTRA ENCLOSURES:

- None



Sara E. Kennison
Board and District Clerk