



**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MAY 6, 2025, AT 5:30 PM  
HELD IN THE MEDIA CENTER  
IN THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

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Members Present: Tracy Schrader  
Robert Carpenter  
Marcella Centi  
Ro Woodard  
Tom Frederes  
Isabella Anderson, Ex-Officio Student Member  
Heather Cardot - arrived at 5:45 PM

Members Absent: Mark Wilcox

Administration Present: Stephen Penhollow, Superintendent  
Sara Kennison, School District Business Leader

Others Present: Sam Ognibene

**CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BUDGET HEARING**

Board President, Tracy Schrader introduced Permanent Chairperson of the Budget Hearing, Sam Ognibene, explaining that the election will be held May 20, 2025, from 2:00PM to 8:00PM, with the following presiding:

Sara Kennison	District Clerk & Clerk of Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting
Sam Ognibene	Permanent Chairperson of the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting
Nancy Jones	Election Inspector
Kathleen Paladino	Election Inspector
Steven Rodriguez	Poll Site Coordinator

Tracy Schrader turned the meeting over to chairperson Sam Ognibene.

Chairperson Ognibene called on Steve Penhollow, Superintendent for a few comments on the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Mr. Penhollow discussed the budget and thanked the Board of Education for presenting a fiscally responsible budget.

Chairperson Ognibene directed Sara Kennison, District Clerk, to advise of the dates that the Notice of Annual Meeting and District Budget Vote were published. Sara Kennison discussed that the Notice of Annual Meeting and District Budget Vote were published in the Post Journal on April 4th, 16th 29th and would be published for a final time on May 13th.

Chairperson Ognibene asked if Board of Education petitioner, Ro Woodard, would like to make a statement. No statement was given.

Chairperson Ognibene requested Sara Kennison, Business Administrator, review the budget. A presentation of the proposed budget was given. A question and answer session was held. Electric buses were discussed.

Heather Cardot arrived at 5:45 PM

Chairperson Ognibene asked if there was any further business pertaining to the proposed budget and additional propositions and hearing none returned the meeting to Tracy Schrader, Board President.

Sam Ognibene left the meeting at 5:50 PM.

#### **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 Heather Cardot to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2025, regular Board of Education meeting.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

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

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

#### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- None

#### **DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:**

Administrative Reports:

- Sara Kennison -
  - Discussed the current status of the NYS Budget process.

- Steve Penhollow -
  - Discussed the upcoming CCSBA 2025 Honors Night Dinner
  - Presented the FCS Student/Staff End of Year Schedule for the 2024-2025 year
  - Provided updates on all of the District current capital projects and future long term plans
  - Discussed the upcoming Labor Relations meeting
  - Provided an overview of the personnel items on the agenda

Additional discussion was held regarding district capital projects and the proposed timelines.

- Monthly report for April 2025, from Todd Beckerink, School Safety Advisor.

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

- Isabella Anderson discussed the recently held Spanish club fundraiser and additional ideas for more fundraisers for the senior class. She also discussed Senior Vigil and the possibility of renaming the event, the upcoming SADD presentation and Prom weekend events.

#### **INFORMATION:**

##### **Administrative Reports:**

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

- CCSBA 2025 Honors Night Dinner at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Wednesday, May 28, 2025. The reservation deadline is May 16, 2025.

#### **POLICIES:**

- None

#### **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 April 25 and 30, 2025, and May 1, 2025 /CPSE meeting minutes from April 28, 2025, and May 1 and 2, 2025.
  - Approval of the Superintendent-executed contract between Falconer Central School District and Children’s Educational Services, Inc., for occupational therapy services for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year at a total cost of \$495.
  - Surplus of the attached list of lockers.

- Approval of the Superintendent-executed contract between Falconer Central School District and Children’s Educational Services, Inc., for physical therapy services for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year at a total cost of \$495.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

#### **FINANCE:**

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the Claims Schedules as of May 6, 2025.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

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

- The upcoming Sectional track meet, that the district will be hosting, was discussed and the concern for parking was addressed. Other ideas for ways to increase parking for the district were discussed.

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

- None

#### **PERSONNEL:**

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the following Personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - Brittany Messina, pending New York State certification in Students with Disabilities, is hereby appointed to a probationary position as a Special Education Teacher for a probationary period commencing on August 13, 2025, and ending on August 12, 2029, (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. Brittany Messina shall receive a salary for the 2025-2026 school year of \$56,400, based on step 8 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Falconer Education Association.
  - Addition of Earleen Case to the substitute list for cleaner.
  - Addition of Lillian Odell to the substitute list for teacher’s aide (Originally approved as a substitute teacher at the April 16, 2024, Board of Education meeting.)

- Addition of Alyssa Stenstrom to the substitute list for teacher's aide (Originally approved as a substitute teacher at the December 17, 2024, Board of Education meeting.)

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Tom Frederes to enter into Executive Session at 6:29 PM.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

Isabella Anderson left the meeting at 6:29 PM

Heather Cardot left the meeting at 7:00 PM

- Board President, Tracy Schrader, reconvened the Regular Session of the Falconer Central School Board meeting at 7:03 PM.

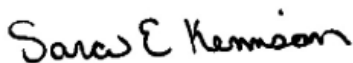
#### **ADJOURN MEETING:**

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Voting Yes – 6  
Voting No – 0  
Motion Carried

#### **EXTRA ENCLOSURES:**

- None



Sara E. Kennison  
Board and District Clerk