



**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 16, 2021, AT 6:30 PM
HELD AT THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM**

Members Present: Todd Beckerink
 Tom Frederes - Arrived 6:36 PM Via Zoom
 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
 Terry English, Middle School Principal - Via Zoom
 Gary Gilbert, Fenner Elementary School Principal - Via Zoom
 Dave Micek, General Maintenance Mechanic - Arrived at 6:45 PM

Others Present: Tom Bixby

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 6:30 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 Tracy Schrader and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2021, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracey Schrader and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the Additions to the Agenda.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- Tom Frederes joined the meeting at 6:36 PM

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Julie Widen presented the district's DESSA results (Devereux Student Strengths Assessment). The district held off until the winter to run this assessment so that the students had time to get comfortable with the new school format. DESSA is a nationally standardized, norm-referenced, strength-based, measure of social and emotional competencies of students. District wide results (8% Need, 63% Typical, and 28% Strength) were similar to the results shown in both individual elementary schools.

DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:

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

- Julie Widen
 - Working on addressing the At-Risk Students within the district. Has instituted a weekly At-Risk meeting where everyone is involved and at the table to discuss. Currently managing 45 students.
- Gary Gilbert
 - Reiterated the importance of the At-Risk student meetings that Julie discussed and how beneficial they have been.
 - Kid's Heart Challenge has raised \$3,000 mostly through online pledges, and will provide an update on final numbers when known.
 - PARP has taken place, this year's theme was Kindness. Books related to this theme were read each day to correlate with that day's specific theme.
 - Last week fire drills were performed a couple of times.
- Dave Micek -
 - Introduced Tom Bixby to the Board of Education.
 - New pick-up and plow truck has been delivered and is in use in the district.
 - Working on developing a schedule of projects to be completed this summer including memorial benches, new entryway for the weightroom. A few design drawings for the new entryway to the weightroom have been completed by student Nicole Youngburg.
 - Todd Beckerink asked if the fence at Fenner that was broken has been fixed and inquired on Dave's thoughts about the netting that was put up to help prevent snow drift. It had been helpful and both agreed they liked the look of the netting.
 - Dave is also working on getting pricing to repave the student parking lot and his team has been working on setting up a maintenance bay in the Bus Garage.
 - Todd Beckerink asked about the outside lights. A discussion was had concerning the outside lights in the district. The plan per Dave Micek is to install and fix the lights that are out while also powerwashing so that the district only has to rent the lift machines once.

- Dave Micek addressed staffing changes that are coming up and how he is working to increase efficiency in cleaning/custodial schedules. He also addressed the need for personnel long-term planning.
- Tom Bixby, Clerk of the works then addressed the Board of Education. He thanked FCS for allowing him to oversee the project. He mentioned that it was a great project from his perspective with a great group of contractors involved. He is in the process of weaning his time in the district down and plans to be here Tuesdays and Thursdays. Phase I of the project is completed and Phase II is 98% completed per his estimate. There are miscellaneous items still that need to be completed including district control of the heating system, training for all staff that need it on the heating system and sensor covers for the gym. Tom reiterated that he is always available to answer questions. Todd Beckerink thanked Tom Bixby for his work on the project. Steve Penhollow also thanked Tom Bixby for this service to the district through this entire capital project. He also complimented Tom on his dedication to the project and stated the district would work with him anytime.
- Tom Bixby and Dave Micek left the meeting at 7:14PM
- Terry English -
 - Working on getting ready for full in-person, checking technology readiness in unused rooms, shuffling room assignments to project rooms for larger classes. Have also been talking to parents that have concerns about returning to full in-person learning. The district has also been providing tours to 6th graders that are new to the building.
 - State testing modifications came out today. They have reduced the schedule by 1 day and have provided flexibility in the administration of the tests.
 - Working on planning for next year. How will the district work to improve the skills that will need to be addressed from the time off.
 - Todd Beckerink asked Terry about the district survey that was performed. It had been mentioned that the data would be shared with the board at the meeting tonight. Terry stated that he did not have specifics tonight and that Judy was still compiling the data and it would be provided to the board when she has the data available.
 - The live question and answer session regarding the staggered return to full in-person learning was discussed. A lot of good questions were asked. The district plans to follow up with families and have a plan out for the board to review by this Thursday.
 - Marcella asked about how negative grades would affect students that have been struggling at home. Terry responded that they are looking at each situation on a case by case basis and proceeding in each individual situation. They are also working on how they will be able to assess the learning loss and to close these gaps in the future.
- Sara Kennison
 - There is a SEQRA resolution on the agenda for your approval that is needed for the approval of our 2020-2021 Capital Outlay Project.
 - Also provided is an update on the State Aid that was withheld from the district. The district has received all payments of State Aid that were withheld.
 - Todd Beckerink asked about the bus and district radio system that is being installed and updated the board and district on his conversation with the sheriff's department about the use of their repeaters for our radios. He wanted to make sure that the district knows all of their options. Steve and Sara will meet with all of the mentioned parties to get an understanding of the district's options and will provide an update to the Board after those meetings.

- Stephen Penhollow
 - The capital project was discussed earlier in the meeting. We can expect a credit related to a gas line. The contracts are finishing up in the final stages of Phase II. SEQRA resolution is on the agenda for approval tonight. Matt from Young and Wright was in the district today to Spec out doors that will be needed in that capital outlay project. We need to start prioritizing our alternatives to be completed with any remaining budget. We are currently getting updated pricing for a few of the alternatives that were included in Phase II bidding. The district has scheduled our building condition survey meeting the Young and Wright Architectural.
 - Todd Beckerink addressed if there was talk of BOCES returning to in-person instruction. Bob Carpenter, member of the BOCES Board, stated that there had been no talk of it. They were waiting for state guidance. BOCES is working with 27 different districts with different schedules to coordinate. A discussion was had about CTE students and how they will spend the time that they are not doing remote learning for BOCES. The options discussed were early dismissal or guided study halls. The idea was mentioned of providing driver's ed to these students. However, the instructors are also teachers during the school day.
 - A discussion on the district plan for opening up to full in-person was discussed.
 - There is a policy up for approval tonight and multiple personnel items.
 - Have provided the 1st draft of the 2021-2022 calendar for your review.

INFORMATION

- Administrative Reports – Additional Administration Reports are included in the Board Packet.
- Committee Reports
 - Todd Beckerink stated that the Facilities Committee update was discussed earlier in the meeting.
 - Bob Carpenter inquired about the district's plan regarding Prom for this year. If the district was still planning to have a Prom? The Grandview has Falconer scheduled in May. Currently they are allowed to accommodate 50% capacity. Steve Penhollow stated the District is still planning on having Prom, the committee is working on this.
- Press Release from Michelle Johnson, Advisor of Future Business Leaders of America
- First Draft of 2021-2022 Calendar was provided for review
- List of Current BOCES Board Members was provided
- Notice of BOCES Annual Meeting - April 14th, Via Zoom

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the CSE Minutes of March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, 2021; and the CPSE Minutes of March 12, 2021.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the Resolution, dated March 16, 2021, of the Board of Education of the Falconer Central School District, declaring the District's proposed Capital Outlay Project (involving the reconstruction and construction of modest upgrades and improvements to the District's Middle Senior High School Building to be a Type II Action under SEQRA, and authorizing and directing the inclusion of funding for such project in the district's proposed 2020-2021 budget.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Tracy Schrader to approve the merger of Modified Football with Cassadaga Valley for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, respectively, in accordance with the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement.
 - Todd Beckerink inquired about whether Cassadaga had already approved this merger. Steve Penhollow responded that they had.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Ro Woodard to authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract with Chautauqua Works to provide a student summer work program for summer 2021.
 - Reminded that this is a yearly contract and if COVID does not allow this the district will not participate. Ro Woodard inquired about how many students this was. Steve stated it depends on approval based on financial ability.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve a resolution nominating the following four (4) individual for the BOCES Board Member vacancies:
 - Robert Carpenter, residing at 1074 28th Creek Road Kennedy, NY 14747
 - Sylvester Cleary, residing at 10109 Bradigan Road Forestville, NY 14062
 - Nancy Renckens, residing at 528 Central Avenue Dunkirk, NY 14048
 - Nancy Stock, residing at 7955 Aldrich Hill Road Cherry Creek, NY 14723

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Abstained - 1 - Robert Carpenter
Motion Carried

POLICIES

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Krissta Swanson for the second reading/approval of New Required Policy 5633, Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Marcella Centi for the second reading/approval of Falconer Central School District’s Continuation of Operations Plan (Amendment to the District Safety Plan).

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

FINANCE

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the Claim Schedule, as of March 16, 2021.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Dave Micek, Director of Facilities, was in attendance at this meeting and buildings and grounds topics were discussed earlier in the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Scott Peterson, Head Bus Driver, is scheduled to be in attendance at the 4/26/2021 meeting. A discussion relating to transportation was addressed earlier in the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Marcella Centi to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:38 PM.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- Board President, Todd Beckerink, reconvened Regular Session at 8:53 PM.

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Krissta Swanson to approve the resignation of Michelle Brunco, School Nurse, effective 3/18/2021. She would like to be placed on the MS/HS substitute list for the area of *Nurse* upon her resignation.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the addition of the following people to the 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular List:

Kyle Petersen	Volunteer for Modified Baseball
Shane Swan	Volunteer for Varsity Baseball
Fred Carder	Volunteer for Varsity Baseball

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 Bonnie Sue Attebery to the substitute teaching list.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the resignation of Debra Abbey, Account Clerk/Typist, effective March 31, 2021.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Robert Carpenter to approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Mary Brown, Cleaner, effective March 15, 2021.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the medical leave of absence request from Henry Johnson, effective March 22, 2021, through September 21, 2021.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to approve the appointment of Roxanne Brazie to the non-competitive, Civil Service classification of School

Nurse, with salary according to Appendix A-2, Step 11, of the RN schedule of the FEA Contract, pending New York State fingerprint clearance.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EXTRA ENCLOSURES:

- Curriculum & Instruction Cabinet Minutes – 1/13/2021
- A motion was made by Tracy Schrader and seconded by Marcella Centi to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Voting Yes – 7
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried


Sara Kennison
District Clerk