



**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 20, 2023, AT 6:30 PM
HELD IN THE ROBERT CARPENTER BOARDROOM
IN THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

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

Members Excused: Mark Wilcox

Administration Present: Stephen Penhollow, Superintendent
Sara Kennison, School District Business Leader
Julie Widen, Director of Student Support Services
Gary Gilbert, Principal Harvey C. Fenner Elementary

Others Present: Todd Beckerink
Monica Cummings
Elizabeth Giddy
Brett Johnson

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public was invited to address the Board of Education.

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Robert Carpenter to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the additions and/or deletions to the agenda.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- None

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Julie Widen is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the District Building Leader tenure area, effective July 1, 2023.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Robert Carpenter upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Monica Cummings is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Special Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2023.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Ro Woodard upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Elizabeth Giddy is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Speech/Language Pathology tenure area, effective September 1, 2023.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Ro Woodard upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Brett Johnson is hereby appointed to a tenured position in the Physical Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2023.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

The Board of Education offered Congratulations to the newly tenured employees and thanked them for their service to Falconer Central School District.

Elizabeth Giddy, Monica Cummings and Brett Johnson left the meeting at 6:43PM.

DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Ro Woodard to enter into Executive Session at 6:44 PM to discuss proposed, pending, or current litigation and the employment history of a particular person.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

Julie Widen and Gary Gilbert left the meeting at 6:45PM.

Todd Beckerink left the meeting at 7:41PM.

- Board President, Tracy Schrader, reconvened the Regular Session of the Falconer Central School Board meeting at 7:42 PM.

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 -
 - Provided an update on the District's upcoming audit.
 - Provided an overview of the requested capital reserve transfers that are included on the agenda for the meeting.
- Steve Penhollow -
 - Provided an update on the collective bargaining unit agreement and vote that happened today before the meeting. Provided an overview of the FEA Agreement.
 - Provided an update on the District's capital project.
 - Provided an update on the School Safety Advisor's future contract and the plans for the School Safety Officers. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held on when the next Board of Education meeting would be held.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Frederes left the meeting at 8:15PM.

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the following new business items:
 - o CSE minutes from June 7, 8, 14, and 15, 2023 / CPSE minutes from May 23 and June 8 and 15, 2023.
 - o Request for fundraising activity for the Senior Choir from Ann Mogenhan for fall 2023.

- o Textbook Approval – Anne Pekrul - Grade 7 – Townsend Press - *Groundwork for College, 5th Edition*, copyright 2017 - Grade 7 English Skills.
- o Falconer Central School's 2023-2024 district calendar change. December 22, 2023, will now be a regular school day and April 8, 2024, will be a vacation day (to accommodate the solar eclipse on April 8th).

Voting Yes – 5

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the Superintendent execution of the contract with the Falconer Education Association (FEA) Bargaining Unit, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

Voting Yes – 5

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

Tom Frederes returned to the meeting at 8:17PM.

POLICIES:

- First reading of revised policy 6220, Temporary Personnel.
- First reading of revised policy 6411, Use of Email in the District.
- First reading of revised policy 7240, Student Records: Access and Challenge.
- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Tom Frederes for the second reading/approval of the following policies:
 - Revised policy 6160, Professional Growth/Staff Development.
 - Revised policy 6212, Certification and Qualifications.
 - Revised policy 7110, Comprehensive Student Attendance.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

FINANCE:

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the following finance items:
 - o Claim Schedule, as of June 20, 2023.
 - o RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools ("Superintendent"), that the Board of Education ("Board") of the Falconer Central School District ("District") hereby authorizes and directs an inter-fund transfer of \$1,600,000 from the Capital Improvements Reserve Fund of the District to the District's General Fund, pursuant to the approval from the District's voters on May 16,

2023, for purposes of applying such amount towards the cost of the District's Capital Improvements Project, 2023, and that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to undertake all actions necessary to implement this transfer.

- o RESOLUTION - BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools ("Superintendent"), that the Board of Education ("Board") of the Falconer Central School District ("District") hereby authorizes and directs an inter-fund transfer of a total of \$3,000,000 from the District's unassigned General Fund balance to the District's capital fund, for purposes of applying such amount towards the cost of the District's Capital Improvements Project, 2023 approved by the District's voters on May 16, 2023, and that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to undertake all actions necessary to implement this transfer.
- o Transfer \$180,446 from the unappropriated fund balance of the District to the Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund (TRS).
- o Transfer \$16,662 from the unappropriated fund balance of the District to the Retirement Contribution Fund (ERS).
- o Transfer up to \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated fund balance of the District to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, 2022.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

A discussion was held regarding being proactive for the upcoming audit about the reasoning behind the district's fund balance percentage.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Robert Carpenter provided an update regarding the district gas well.

TRANSPORTATION:

- None

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the following personnel items:
 - o Resignation of Nathan Stimson, Teaching Assistant, effective June 23, 2023.
 - o Addition of Cassie Cobb to the substitute lists for teacher's aide and teacher.
 - o Addition of Dan Krenzer to the 2023-2024 extra-curricular list as a volunteer coach for cross country.
 - o Resignation of Krista Lennertz, Literacy Teacher, effective August 29, 2023.
 - o Resignation of Kristy Winchester, Elementary Teacher, effective June 23, 2023.

- Probationary appointment of Nicole Kestler as a Teaching Assistant, effective August 21, 2023, with the probationary period ending August 20, 2027, and salary according to Appendix A-2, Step 1, of the FEA Contract.
 - Addition of David Haaksma to the substitute teaching list.
 - Extra-Curricular appointments for the 2023-2024 school year, as attached.
 - Probationary appointment of Kirsten Gorman, who holds an emergency COVID-19 certification in Early Childhood Education (B-2), as an Elementary Teacher, effective August 21, 2023, with the probationary period ending August 20, 2027, and salary according to Appendix A-1, Step 4, of the FEA Contract.
 - Request from Irene Fain, cleaner, for medical leave, beginning on July 25, 2023, through October 24, 2023, in accordance with Board Policy 6551.
- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Ro Woodard to approve the contract between the Falconer Central Board of Education and Superintendent, Stephen Penhollow, for the July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028, fiscal years.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EXTRA ENCLOSURES:

- None

ADJOURN MEETING:

- A motion was made by Ro Woodard and seconded by Marcella Centi to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

Sara E Kennison

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Board and District Clerk