



**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 11, 2025, AT 5:30 PM
HELD IN THE MEDIA CENTER
AT PAUL B. D. TEMPLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

Members Excused: Ro Woodard
Isabella Anderson, Ex-Officio Student Member

Administration Present: Stephen Penhollow, Superintendent
Sara Kennison, School District Business Leader
Holly Hannon, Principal, Paul B. D. Temple Elementary

Others Present: Noelle Swanson, Annette German, Alexa Colletti, Renee Schwab,
Jessalyn Peterson-Palmer, Lauren Kimball, Tara Vandervelde, Kim
Youngberg, Alex Gates, Vicky Boughton, Lorraine Adams, Leasen
Robinson, Lisa Scarpino, Brittany Youngberg, Kayla Bidney, Katie
Wissman, Kylee Whitacre

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tracy Schrader, Board of Education President, welcomed the Temple Elementary staff in attendance at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025, regular Board of Education meeting.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

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

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Holly Hannon introduced staff members who provided summaries from their grade level teams or departments:
 - UPK provided a summary of the program and physical development/academic progress statistics and achievements the students have reached
 - Kindergarten provided a summary of their Superkids program and an update on the Science of Reading
 - First grade provided a summary of their iReady Mathematics curriculum, an overview of social emotional and self help skills and a summary of their Audubon discovery walk
 - Second grade provided a summary of Superkids, their reading curriculum, and iReady Math, their mathematics curriculum
 - AIS discussed examples of the activities used to make learning fun from the Institute for Multi Sensory Education that is rooted in the Science of Reading
 - STEAM/Keyboarding without Tears discussed an overview of the techniques and activities completed in these class sessions
 - Student Support Services discussed social emotional learning, multi-tiered systems of support and upcoming PS I Love You week activities
 - Music discussed the different programs and grade level activities
- An overview of the new staff at Temple Elementary was given.

All attending Temple Elementary Staff left the meeting at 6:11PM.

DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:

Administrative Reports:

- Sara Kennison -
 - Provided an overview of the Executive Budget proposal and proposed changes to the Foundation Aid formula
 - Discussed over proposals included in the Executive Budget proposal
 - Provided an update on the District's budget development process
 - Provided an overview of the December Budget Status Reports
 - Presented the BOCES Board Call for Nominations information
- Steve Penhollow -
 - Discussed the proposed trip and fundraising requests
 - Discussed the recently held sports merger meeting
 - Provided an update on the District capital projects
 - Discussed the proposed policy changes on the agenda
 - Provided an overview of personnel items

A discussion was held on the upcoming bid opening and the plan for accepting the bids.

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

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

- None

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.

- JCC student intern placements as follows:
 - Megan Kubera with Noelle Swanson, Kindergarten Teacher, effective January 27, 2025, through May 16, 2025.
- Call for nominations for the CCSBA Executive Committee. Falconer is eligible to submit a nomination for a candidate. Any nomination would need to be submitted to CCSBA by February 28, 2025.
- BOCES calls for nominations for 2025-2028 terms.
- BOCES current Board of Education members listing.

POLICIES:

- First reading of policy 5840, Artificial Intelligence.
- First reading of revised policy 7220, Graduation Requirements.
- First reading of policy 7223, Advanced Coursework.
- First reading of policy 7224, Virtual Instruction.
- First reading of policy 7470, Student Government.
- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Mark Wilcox for the second reading/approval of the following policies:
 - Revised policy 5661, Wellness.
 - Revised policy 5681, School Safety Plans.
 - Revised policy 5683, Evacuation, Lockdown, and Emergency Dismissal Drills.
 - Revised policy 6550, Leaves of Absence.
 - Revised policy 5676, Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the following New Business items:
 - CSE meeting minutes from January 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 30, and February 3 and 5, 2025/CPSE meeting minutes from January 22, 2025.
 - Superintendent executed contract between Falconer Central School and the Chautauqua County Department of Health, for special education services and programs for preschool children with disabilities from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2028.
 - Request for fundraising activity for unified bowling from Krista Vincent.
 - Approval for Reality Check volunteer, Jon Chaffee, to accompany two students attending 2025 Legislative Education Day in Albany, NY from February 11 and 12, 2025. All travel, lodging, and meals will be paid by Reality Check.
 - Proposed 2025-2026 BOCES Board Member nominations.
 - Request for fundraising activity for SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) from Michelle Pitts.
 - Superintendent executed Memorandum of Understanding for first-aid and CPR/AED certification providers for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Superintendent executed contract with Lancaster Central School District for health and welfare services for the 2024-2025 school year.

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:
 - Claims Schedules as of February 11, 2025.
 - Approval of the December 2024 Budget Status Report.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- None

TRANSPORTATION:

- None

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Marcella Centi and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the following Personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:
 - Addition of Rose Digirolamo to the substitute list for office and aide. (Originally approved as a substitute nurse at the June 7, 2022, Board of Education meeting.)
 - Addition of Cara Priest to the substitute list for teacher (non-certified).
 - Addition of Joyce Mee to the substitute list for office. (Originally approved as a substitute teacher's aide at the March 21, 2023, Board of Education meeting.)
 - Addition of Robert Horton to the substitute list for teacher (non-certified). (Originally approved as a substitute for office, teacher's aide, custodian, and cleaner at the November 7, 2017, Board of Education meeting).
 - Addition of Nicholas Spry to the 2024-2025 extracurricular list as a volunteer for eSports.
 - Resignation of Anne Pekarul as eSports advisor for middle and high school.
 - Addition of Damen Vincent to the substitute list as a bus aide/monitor.
 - Additional appointment of Jennifer Brooks as a substitute bus monitor.
 - Resignation of Roxanne Brazie, School Nurse for the purpose of retirement effective June 27, 2025, with four years of service to the District. She would like to be placed on the substitute list as a nurse.
 - Addition of Kathy Hedstrand to the substitute list for teacher's aide. (Originally approved as a substitute for office at the December 21, 2021, Board of Education meeting.)
 - Addition of Michael Smith to the 2024-2025 extracurricular list as a volunteer coach for JV baseball.
 - Addition of Alyssa McCarthy to the 2024-2025 extracurricular list as a volunteer coach for varsity softball.
 - Resignation of Kylee Whitacre as coach for modified softball.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

ADJOURN MEETING:

- A motion was made by Mark Wilcox and seconded by Heather Cardot to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EXTRA ENCLOSURES:

- None



Sara E. Kennison
Board and District Clerk