



**FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 29, 2025, AT 5:30 PM
HELD IN THE ROBERT CARPENTER BOARDROOM
IN THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

Members Present: Tracy Schrader
Robert Carpenter
Marcella Centi
Heather Cardot
Mark Wilcox - arrived at 5:31 PM
Tom Frederes - arrived at 5:31 PM

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

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

Others Present: Keith Nelson
Scott Peterson

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Robert Carpenter to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025, regular Board of Education meeting.

Voting Yes – 4
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

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

Voting Yes – 4
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

Mark Wilcox and Tom Frederes arrived at 5:31 PM.

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

- None

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- None

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Presentation on Buildings and Grounds by Keith Nelson, Interim Director of Facilities II including recent completed projects, planned projects, proposed plans for replacement and new equipment purchases and current personnel overview.
- A discussion of the district's gas well was held.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Presentation on the Transportation Department by Scott Peterson, Head Bus Driver including a personnel overview, update on locations transportation is provided to, miles driven, fuel used, transportation current fleet information and plans for replacement of transportation equipment including vehicles for the next few fiscal years.

DEPARTMENT/STAFF REPORTS:

Administrative Reports:

- Sara Kennison -
 - Presented the March 2025 budget status report
 - Discussed the BOCES administrative budget and board election resolutions
 - Provided an update on the state budget
 - Provided reminders of the upcoming budget hearing and budget and board election vote day
- Steve Penhollow -
 - Discussed the Bell to Bell discussion related to the state budget highlights released
 - Provided updates on proposed sports mergers
 - Provided current statuses on the district's current capital projects
 - Discussed upcoming scheduled Labor Relations meeting
 - Provided an overview of the personnel items presented on the board agenda

Topics including a proposed addition of another school to our indoor track merger and district provided professional development opportunities for the upcoming summer were discussed.

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 Mark Wilcox to approve the following New Business items:
 - CSE meeting minutes from March 31 and April 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, and 24, 2025.
 - Request from Jordan Goold for approval for the boys' varsity basketball team to attend basketball camp at Penn State Behrend College in Erie, PA from June 13 to June 14, 2025.
 - Request from Drew Wilcox for the modified track team to attend the McDowell High School track invitational in Erie, PA on May 9, 2025.
 - Resolution to approve the Marching Band Extracurricular Sharing Agreement, with Frewsburg, as provided.
 - Superintendent execution of AIA Document B104-2017, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect, with Young Architectural LLC, dba Young + Wright Architectural effective April 17, 2025.
 - Request for fundraising activity for the class of 2025 from Emily Scholeno.
 - Resolution, dated April 29, 2025, of the Board of Education of the Falconer Central School District, approving participation in the Student Data Privacy Consortium

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Falconer Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, “Ed Law 2d”) related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC), and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Falconer Central School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Falconer Central School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

- Appointment of Sam Ognibene as permanent chairperson for Falconer Central School’s Annual Budget Meeting.
- Approval of the following individuals as poll workers for the May 20, 2025, Annual Meeting and Election:
 - Steven Rodriguez, Poll Site Coordinator
 - Nancy Jones
 - Kathleen Paladino
 - Samuel Ognibene
- Request from Jordan Goold for the boys’ varsity basketball team to attend a team basketball camp at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY on September 14, 2025.
- Surplus of the attached list of furniture.
- Request from Christopher Fiasco for a class trip to the Erie Zoo in Erie, PA on June 5, 2025.

Voting Yes – 6

Voting No – 0

Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Mark Wilcox for approval of the resolution that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Falconer

Central School District Board of Education adopts the Erie 2 BOCES administrative budget for the 2025-2026 school year as presented at \$4,036,957.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Mark Wilcox for approval of the resolution that, the Falconer Central School District Board of Education casts its vote for Mr. Ronald Catalano, Ms. Kathleen Chiavetta, Mr. Dwight Eagan, Mrs. Linda Hoffman, and Ms. Anita Ray to fill the vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a term beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. The board of education of each component school district may, by resolution, cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, provided that no more than one vote be cast for any candidate. No more than one person residing in a particular component school district may be elected to serve on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services at one time, except as provided in Education Law, Section 1950(2-a).

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Marcella Centi to enter into Executive Session at 6:28 PM.

Voting Yes – 6
Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

Keith Nelson and Scott Peterson left the meeting at 6:28 PM

- Board President, Tracy Schrader, reconvened the Regular Session of the Falconer Central School Board meeting at 7:04 PM.

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Tom Frederes and seconded by Mark Wilcox to approve the following Personnel items upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:
 - Approve the probationary appointment of Chelsea DeGolier as Middle/High School Registered Nurse, to be placed on Step 8, Appendix A-2, of the negotiated Falconer Education Association Contract, effective August 13, 2025, in accordance with Civil Service Law.
 - Oishee Ghosh who is pending certification in Biology (7-12) and Chemistry (7-12), is hereby appointed to a probationary position as a Biology/Chemistry 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. Oishee Ghosh shall receive a salary for the 2025-2026 school year of \$47,400, based on step 1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Falconer Education Association.

- Addition of Ryan Work to the 2024-2025 extracurricular list as an advisor for STEM Wars (grades 3-5).
- Rachel Stowe who holds a professional certification in English Language Arts (7-12), is hereby appointed to a probationary position as an English Language Arts Teacher for a probationary period commencing on August 13, 2025, and ending on August 12, 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. Rachel Stowe shall receive a salary for the 2025-2026 school year of \$65,900, based on step 14 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Falconer Education Association.
- Addition of Makenna Smith to the substitute lists for teacher (non-certified) and teacher's aide.
- Approval of intermittent leave for employee #2895, Teacher, FMLA from March 12, 2025, until March 12, 2026, in accordance with Board Policy 6551.
- Marie Karbacka who holds a professional certification in Music Education, is hereby appointed to a probationary position as a Music Teacher for a probationary period commencing on August 13, 2025, and ending on August 12, 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. Marie Karbacka shall receive a salary for the 2025-2026 school year of \$59,900, based on step 10 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Falconer Education Association.
- Resignation of Kirsten Gorman, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

- Addition of Alex Reynolds to the substitute list for teacher (non-certified).
- Approval of medical leave for employee #1778, Monitor, FMLA from March 11, 2025, until June 30, 2025, in accordance with Board Policy 6551.
- Resignation of Brianne Katilus, English Language Arts Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.
- Sherry Lawson who holds a professional certification in Students with Disabilities (1-6), 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, 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. Sherry Lawson shall receive a salary for the 2025-2026 school year of \$65,900, based on step 14 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and Falconer Education Association.

Voting Yes – 6
 Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

FINANCE:

- A motion was made by Mark Wilcox and seconded by Tom Frederes to approve the Claims Schedules as of April 29, 2025.

Voting Yes – 6
 Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

- A motion was made by Robert Carpenter and seconded by Heather Cardot to approve the March 2025 Budget Status Report.

Voting Yes – 6
 Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

ADJOURN MEETING:

- A motion was made by Heather Cardot and seconded by Mark Wilcox to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Voting Yes – 6
 Voting No – 0
Motion Carried

EXTRA ENCLOSURES:

- None

Sara E Kennison

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Board and District Clerk