

A regular meeting of the Fillmore Central School District, Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Tom Parmenter.

Members present: D. Bennett, P. Cronk, M. Dean, J. Hodnett, and T. Parmenter.

Others Present: Superintendent M. Cox, Principal K. Faulkner, Business Manager T. Ricketts, A. Cahill, D. Hint, C. Bailor, B. Brown and F. Roeske.

Comments from Visitors

Mr. Andy Cahill addressed the Board in support of the BOCES Enrichment program. He presented the Board with a petition with over 20 signatures from parents and teachers requesting the Board reconsider dropping this program from the BOCES budget. He also read a letter that was written and signed by students of Mrs. Jennifer Wolfer, Enrichment instructor.

Superintendent Cox responded to the comments with further information regarding current enrichment opportunities provided within the K-6 class time. He stated that the District does not wish to discontinue the Lego League, Robotics and Odyssey of the Mind clubs, but modify the way these programs are offered.

Several other teachers responded with comments that while the AIS block time is a step in the right direction, the number of students each teacher is responsible for during that time frame reduces the opportunities students have to receive individual attention, which Enrichment could provide.

Superintendent's Report

Principal Faulkner reported on the middle school play, *The Little Mermaid* and gave spring concert and award assembly dates. He noted that as of the meeting, a group of F.F.A. students was on a trip to New York City.

Mr. Faulkner also reported that some FCS Administration and Facility personnel toured the school building with representatives from BOCES. They identified areas within the facility that posed concern if a fire or natural disaster emergency were to occur and discussed current emergency plans, and suggested ways that the plan could be improved.

Superintendent Cox reported on an assembly for grade school students that included a presentation by Joanita Senoga who founded the Circle of Peace School for underprivileged children in Kampala, Uganda. The 2nd grade class taught by Mrs. Walters has raised \$2,090 to help Ugandan children attend the school at a cost of \$363 per student annually.

New York State Education Department (NYSED) has indicated that the FCS Softball Field Improvement/Gym Lighting project has been placed on the list for project review. Currently FCS is 181 projects from the top of that list. The estimated review time is 8-16 weeks. Once the project has been reviewed and approved, the bid process can begin.

Rob Marsh, CA BOCES Safety Engineer, has tentatively scheduled a fire safety inspection for FCS on April 18 at 12:30 pm. Mr. Marsh will tour the school facility with Head Custodian Sharon Gayford and Chief Joel Clark of Brooks Hose Co. and suggest ways that fire safety may be improved.

Mr. Cox reported that he and Mr. Tom Ricketts attended the BOCES annual meeting on April 6 at the Belmont BOCES Center. BOCES Business manager Tom Potter and Asst. Superintendent Lynda Quick presented the Administrative Budget that all component Districts are required to vote on. For the second year in a row, the administrative budget was presented with a 0% increase.

Several Teachers have been contacted by Mr. Cox and invited to offer presentations at future Board of Education meetings.

Mr. Cox also talked about the Goal Setting presentation by BOCES and confirmed with all Board members that they wish to continue to work on a mission statement for the District using the presented model.

2011-12 School Budget

Business Manager Tom Ricketts presented the 2011-2012 proposed budget reviewing all 3 main components of Program, Capital, and Administrative. The proposed budget reflects a total decrease of -1.31 % and includes a local tax levy increase of 2.5% or \$52,835.00. In order to balance the proposed budget, \$704,154.00 of fund balance will be required to close the gap.

There was considerable discussion concerning the proposed reduction in BOCES spending and the potential effect on FCS students. There was also a reminder that if the current trend of significant reduction in NYS aid continues, available fund balances that could help close a budget gap would be depleted in two years. It was suggested that some reductions need begin now in order to reduce the impact that possible future reductions would have.

Further discussion suggested that responsible fiscal management now, while usually difficult, will help sustain critical student programming in the future.

A motion was made by Cronk, seconded by Dean, to adopt the proposed school budget of 2011-12 at \$13,455,078.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 (Bennett)

MOTION CARRIED

School Calendar Adjustment

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Dean, to adjust the 2010-11 school calendar and include May 27 and June 24 as Vacation Days as it pertains to meeting New York State Education Law requirements as well as the contractual agreement with the Fillmore Faculty Association.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

2011-12 School Calendar

A motion was made by Cronk, seconded by Bennett, to adopt the school calendar for 2011-12.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Business Manager Tom Ricketts reviewed the monthly financial summary and indicated his continued satisfaction with the work that the Junior Accountant has been doing. The addition of this position has allowed preparation of requested audit materials to be completed ahead of schedule.

Mr. Ricketts also mentioned that a small repair to the roof over the small gym is scheduled at a cost of less than \$2,500.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Hodnett, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March and to grant authority to pay necessary April bills with the Treasurer's Report to be presented at the May Board of Education meeting.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

- a. Old Business – NONE

- b. New Business – Confirmed the next regular meeting to be May 18. Also a reminder that the mandatory BOCES administrative budget vote is required to be held on April 26. A tentative time of 8:00 am was set.

Personnel (Executive Session)

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Dean, to go into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, suspension, promotion, discipline, dismissal or removal of any personnel and Committee on Special Education recommendations.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 MOTION CARRIED

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:29 pm and reconvened open session at 9:40 pm.
Member Dawn Bennett dismissed herself from the meeting prior to reconvening of open session.

Transportation Requests

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Cronk, to approve the transportation requests of 83 District residents attending schools other than Fillmore Central School.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 ABSENT 1 (Bennett) MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Cronk, to appoint Emma Leigh to the position of Long-term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher, April 8 – June 24, 2011.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 ABSENT 1 (Bennett) MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Dean, to appoint Kimberly J. Douglas to the position of Substitute Teacher pending the successful completion of a background check.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 ABSENT 1 (Bennett) MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Hodnett, to appoint to TENURE, Mary Kay Kelley, who is certified in Spanish, Grade 7-12, effective April 8, 2011.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 ABSENT 1 (Bennett) MOTION CARRIED

CSE Recommendations

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Bennett, to approve the CSE Recommendations from February 22, 2011 to April 7, 2011.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 ABSENT 1 (Bennett) MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Hodnett, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 ABSENT 1 (Bennett) MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Dean, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 ABSENT 1 (Bennett) MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

ATTEST: _____
District Clerk