

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, Chelsey Bailor, Charity Farrington, Andrea Tanner, Shannon Reed, Deborah Cutting, Bonnie Wagner, Tricia Ellsworth, Katie Chaddock, Karry Beardsley, Molly Heaney, Brendan Heaney, Deb Hint, April Prutsman, Lilly Milliman, Leon Mast, Scott McGeorge, Shawn Hotchkiss, Micah Rust, Juliana Hamm, Desiree Miller, Nancy Walters, Deb Woltag, Bill Nolan and Faith Roeske

#### Student Presentation – Mrs. Walters, Circle of Peace School

2nd grade teacher Mrs. Walters and some students from her class offered a presentation on their project to join with the Circle of Peace School in Uganda. Since many children in Uganda cannot afford to attend the government school, FCS students wanted to help by assisting them with tuition to attend the Circle of Peace School. Mrs. Walters gave a brief description of the project and described how students helped raise money through the non-profit organization “Givology.org”. Several students present described why they enjoy helping children in Uganda saying “we do it because it’s the right thing to do” and “we can help”. Many elementary FCS Students participated in projects such as reading sponsorship, tee-shirt sales, and a craft sale to raise funds. Mrs. Walters was glad to announce that a total of \$2,249.00 was raised and that some of the funds would be used to purchase a copy machine for the Circle of Peace School, allowing more students to have access to class materials. Other funds will be used to sponsor specific children to attend the school that would not otherwise have the chance to attend due to financial hardship. Thank you 2nd graders for your compassion and caring and for the great job helping students around the world get quality education.

#### Comments from Visitors

Leon Mast, representative for the Fillmore Faculty Association, read a statement regarding a concern that the faculty wanted to express.

#### Superintendent’s Report

Principal Faulkner reported that many classrooms are in the midst of required NY State standardized testing and that some classes may also be required to engage in field tests as well. He also reported that the annual High School Honors Assembly will be held on May 24 at 8:45 am and that plans continue to be made for the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2011, held on June 24 at 7:00 pm.

Superintendent Cox gave his report highlighting the following:

- On May 12, some students in the elementary wing were relocated to other parts of the school due to an odor that was evident in that portion of the building. Investigation revealed that there was leakage from the grease trap located in the courtyard area adjacent to the cafeteria. CA BOCES safety engineers and the Allegany County Department of Health were contacted. Representatives assessed the problem and determined that the building was safe for occupancy. The odor persisted on May 13, and workers from MKS Plumbing worked to repair leaks in the grease trap, and on May 14, the separator tank was pumped. Continued observation of the tank is necessary and the odor should subside. A problem with a sump pump in the basement was also discovered; with discussion on ways that this problem should be addressed.
- Mr. Cox reported that on May 16, the NYS Board of Regents adopted a policy for a teacher and principal evaluation system. The regulations are required by legislation that was enacted last year and will go into effect for the 2011-2012 school year. The system will result in a single composite score based on 20% from student growth, 20% from locally selected measures and 60% from other measures of teacher/principal effectiveness. State approved tools for local Districts should be available later this summer.

- Mr. Cox presented a proposal submitted by Mrs. Woltag for six FCS students to attend the Junior Academic Championship on June 3-5 in Washington, DC. They qualified for this competition due to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the Academic Quiz Tournament held a JCC on March 12. Due to the lateness of the request, no prior arrangements had been made for financing, transportation or accommodations for this trip. Mr. Cox was able to discuss the proposal with members of the Administrative team and approached the Student Council advisor proposing they partner with the District to provide for all financing. The Student Council approved supporting the trip by providing \$687 for lodging with the District financing the \$700 for the entry fee and providing transportation. Mrs. Woltag and Mr. Kelley will be chaperones for this trip.
- Spring Concerts were held on May 4 and May 17 and the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Dessert Theater will be held June 3 and 4 in the small gym. Tickets are \$8.00 ea. and are available in the grade 5-12 office.

Junior National Academic Championship Trip, Washington, D.C.

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Dean, to approve a trip for the Fillmore Central School Scholastic Challenge Team (6 students) and chaperones (2) to the Junior National Academic Championship in Washington, DC, June 3-5, 2011. The District will pay the \$700 entry fee and provide transportation. The Middle School Student Council has agreed to cover lodging fees estimated at \$687.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

May 17, 2011 Budget Vote Results

District Clerk Cronk read the results of the recent Public vote.

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Dean, to accept the report of the poll clerks on the 2011-12 School Budget Vote.

School Budget: Total Votes Cast 304  
Tally: Yes 228      No 76      Blank/Void 0

Board of Education (2011-201): Total Votes Cast 304  
Faith Roeske      179  
James Wolfer      103  
Write-In      7  
Blank/Void      15

Resolution for Capital Reserve for Buses: Total Votes Cast 304  
Tally: Yes 223      No 78      Blank/Void 3

Wide Awake Library Budget: Total Votes Cast 304  
Tally: Yes 211      No 92      Blank/Void 1

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Building Emergency Management Plan

Principal Faulkner presented the Board with the proposed 2011-2012 Fillmore Central School Building Emergency Management Plan. He reported that no changes were made from the previous version other than normal contact information updates.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Cronk, to approve the Building Emergency Management Plan for the 2011-12 school year.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

District-Wide School Safety Plan

Principal Faulkner presented the Board with the proposed 2011-2012 Fillmore Central School District-wide School Safety Plan. He reported that no changes were made from the previous version other than normal contact information updates.

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Hodnett, to approve the District-Wide School Safety Plan for the 2011-12 school year.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

Business Manager Tom Ricketts reviewed the monthly financial summary highlighting several points.

- With the approach of audit season, he is beginning to prepare for the requested documents.
- The resolution to create the capitol reserve funds for busses passed with voter approval and will be ready for fund transfer soon.
- A School Lunch program profit/loss statement was distributed showing a current profit of \$19,923.88.
- There was discussion on options for publishing the School Year book with support from BOCES that could decrease the cost of the yearbook, making it more affordable for all students and families while still providing a quality publication.
- The driveway sealing will be scheduled and is in line with estimated costs.
- AED updates are required and will continue to be pursued. Thank You to Mrs. Mancuso for managing the units.

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

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

- a. Old Business: Board member Hodnett asked questions concerning the creek armament, memorial plaque for Andy Haynes and progress on District Goals. Mr. Cox stated that the creek project has held well, he will follow up on the Haynes plaque and that dates can be set to move forward with BOCES guidance on setting District Goals.
- b. New Business: Confirmed the next regular meeting to be June 16, 2011. An additional meeting was scheduled for May 31, 2011 at 5:00 pm for the purposes of discussing specific personnel matters. The appropriate notices will be posted.

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 7:57 pm and reconvened open session at 10:46 pm.

Personnel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on the motion of Bennett, seconded by Dean, the employment of Christopher Wagner, who serves in the position of Custodian is hereby terminated effective May 19, 2011.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Cronk, to accept the letter of resignation from Bus Driver Linda Worthington, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2011.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

A motion was made by Cronk, seconded by Hodnett, to accept the letter of resignation of Teacher Peter Caya, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 1, 2011.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Cronk, to approve a Child Rearing request by Teacher Heather Bertini, September 6-16, 2011.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

CSE Recommendations

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Dean, to approve the CSE Recommendations from April 19 to May 12, 2011.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Hodnett, to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings of April 7 and April 26 and the minutes of the Budget Hearing on May 10, 2011.

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

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

Ayes 5      Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

District Clerk