

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

Board Members present: P. Cronk, M. Dean, J. Hodnett, T. Parmenter, and F. Roeske.

Administration present: Superintendent M. Cox, Principal K. Faulkner, and Business Manager T. Ricketts.

Others present: Melissa Stevener, Bill Brown and Andrew Freedman

Comments from Visitors

None

Principal/Superintendent Reports

Principal Faulkner began the report with a reminder that the National Honor Society induction ceremony is scheduled for November 9, 2011 at 1:30 pm in the FCS auditorium. All Board members are encouraged to attend. He also reported that curriculum meetings have begun with Dr. Butler, Curriculum Coordinator, which is required by federal Race to the Top (RTTT) legislation.

Superintendent Cox reported that the upcoming District newsletter will contain information regarding fiscal insight as it pertains to NYS Education finances. The property tax cap is the main topic of current interest, which will have an impact on next year's District budget process. The public is encouraged to contact local lawmakers and encourage more equitable distribution of NY State school aid. Additional items mentioned:

- The annual PK-12 Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, from 7-8:45 pm.
- The surveyor that worked for both the District and for property owners that border the District attended a meeting with District officials and the property owners to assist in resolving the issue of the property line within Cold Creek. It was agreed upon by all in attendance to have an independent survey done so that the matter could be resolved.
- With post season for fall sports quickly approaching, Mr. Cox congratulated all teams on, not only their fine performances on the field, but a great representation of sportsmanship as well.

Fillmore News Network TV Studio Club

Teacher Bill Brown was present and reported on the success of getting students to help videotape a number of fall sports contests as well as other fall events. Many of these videos can be viewed on the school website. He continues to encourage students to become active in the TV Studio and has asked for approval for the group to become an official club, which will allow already involved students to begin fund raising. These funds will be used to offset the cost of regularly needed support equipment and supplies.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Roeske, to approve the Extra-Curricular Fillmore News Network TV Studio Club.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Independent Audit

Melissa Stevener, representing Independent Auditor Brock, Schechter and Polakoff, LLP, was present and reviewed detail of the independent audit for the school year which ended June 30, 2011. This audit reviewed District-wide financial statements as well as a review of District control over financial reporting.

A motion was made by Cronk, seconded by Hodnett, to adopt the following:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Fillmore Central School District does hereby accept the Independent Auditors’ Report on the financial statements of the school district for the Year Ended June 30, 2011, as presented by the Independent Auditor , Brock, Schechter and Polakoff, LLP

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Ricketts reviewed the monthly financial summary for the month of September and distributed the budget report and general fund expenditures as of September 30, 2011.

- There was further discussion regarding the NYS Deferred Compensation Plan. Mr. Ricketts encouraged the Board to approve this proposal, which is a NYS sponsored voluntary retirement savings plan offered to State employees of local government jurisdictions that have adopted the plan. Its mission is to help State and local public employees achieve their retirement savings goals by providing high quality, cost effective investment products, investment education programs and related services.
- There was further discussion on the NYS budget analysis and Tax Cap legislation which will affect the 11-12 District budget.

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

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Deferred Compensation Plan

Motion by Hodnett, seconded by Roeske to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Fillmore Central School District wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Public Jurisdictions (the “Plan”) for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Fillmore Central School District is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law; and

WHEREAS, the Fillmore Central School District has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Fillmore Central School District by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Fillmore Central School District hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officials of the Fillmore Central School District are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the Plan; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

- Old Business – There was some continued discussion on the topic of advertising in school. Supt. Cox requested clarification from the Board regarding current and traditional practices.
- New Business – The next regular meeting will be held November 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Personnel (Executive Session)

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Cronk, 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 8:02 pm and reconvened open session at 9:22 pm.

Personnel

A motion was made by Cronk, seconded by Dean, to appoint Noah R. Alessi to the position of Substitute Teacher pending the successful completion of a background check.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

A motion was made by Roeske, seconded by Hodnett, to appoint Justin D. Vossler to the position of Substitute Teacher pending the successful completion of a background check.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Personnel

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Roeske, to appoint Dan White to the position of Substitute Teacher pending the successful completion of a background check.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Extra-Curricular

A motion was made by Roeske, seconded by Hodnett, to appoint Dan Wartinger to the position of Pep Band Director for the 2011-12 school year.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution – Board Hearing

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Hodnett, to adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Fillmore Faculty Association filed a grievance against the District with regards to an employee and an alleged violation of the Teachers Contract, article XVII, dated July 26, 2011; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the documents and heard the arguments with regards to this grievance;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education denies the grievance dated July 26, 2011 filed by the Fillmore Faculty Association.

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Hodnett, seconded by Roeske, to approve the following:

- Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball Coach – Kim Garrison
- September 20, 2011 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- CSE Recommendations made from September 20 – October 14, 2011

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

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

Ayes 5 Nays 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

ATTEST: _____
District Clerk