

Fabius-Pompey Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
Tuesday, April 20, 2026  
Middle School-High School Library  
6:00 p.m. – Executive Session  
6:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting

**PRESENT:** Eric Exelby, President  
Denise Fresina DiRienzo, Vice President  
Alison Brainard, Board Member  
Rachel-Storm Heasley, Board Member  
Gina Myers, Board Member  
Carlena Wallace, Board Member  
Ava Lee, Ex Officio Board Member  
Ethan Ludke, Ex Officio Board Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lloyd L. Peck, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Daniel S. Silky, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services  
Darci LaRose, Deputy District Clerk  
Sasha Rasmussen, Elementary School Principal  
Jay Lang, Director of Curriculum  
Wyatt Esposito, Bill Gumper, Shawn May, Aurora McDermott, Michaela Mousaw,  
Ben Neadom, Tim Wilcox,

**ABSENT:** Lari Rutherford, Board Member

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

- a. Erik Exelby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Executive Session**

- a. A motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the discussion of pending litigation and personnel was made by Eric Exelby and seconded by Denise Fresina DiRienzo. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to return to Open Session at 6:29 p.m. was made by Denise Fresina DiRienzo.

**3. Approval of Agenda – Action**

- a. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Carlena Wallace and seconded by Alison Brainard. Motion carried 6-0.

**4. Comments from the Public - None**

**5. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Interscholastic Athletics Update - Coach Neadom reported on the softball team's spring break trip to Myrtle Beach, highlighting the valuable experience gained, several competitive games that boosted player confidence, and the opportunity for team bonding. Two players, Aurora McDermott and Michaela Mousaw, also shared their positive experiences, noting that the trip allowed the team to assess its strengths and weaknesses while fostering stronger connections between JV and varsity players.

Coach May reported on the baseball team's spring break trip to Myrtle Beach and introduced senior captain, Wyatt Esposito. He shared a brief history of the trip, noting it began in 1994, and thanked the Board for its support in providing families the opportunity to travel and create lasting memories. Wyatt also shared that the trip was a valuable experience, offering team bonding and the chance to compete against larger schools they would not typically face.

Athletic Director Tim Wilcox presented an overview of the 2025–26 athletic seasons. He reported that 141 athletes participated in fall and winter sports and 167 in spring, with 192 students in grades 7–12 participating in at least one sport out of a total enrollment of 252. He highlighted numerous team

successes across all seasons and noted that the district's participation rate exceeds that of most Class C/D schools in the area, with the district being one of the few to offer JV teams. He also reported that the district will transition from Schedule Galaxy to Arbiter Sports next school year and that sectional seeding will adopt the Bradley-Terry Model (BTM).

- b. Capital Project 2026 Update – Dr. Peck provided an update on the capital project, reporting that work continues to progress smoothly with no major issues and positive collaboration from vendors. He noted that the high school gym has been painted with strong red and white branding, and that work on the auditorium sound system will begin the following day.
- c. 2026-27 Prekindergarten Teacher Aides - Dr. Peck reported that two UPK classrooms will be offered in the 2026–27 school year. The current UPK teaching staff will be divided between the two classrooms, and the district has initiated the recall process for two teacher aide positions to support the expansion.
- d. July and August BOE Meeting Dates - Dr. Peck reported that the July and August Board of Education meetings are scheduled for July 14 and August 24.
- e. School Administrator Reports
  - Elementary School - Sasha Rasmussen reported that the Elementary School held a successful open house and resource fair, with strong participation and families enjoyed a food truck benefiting APTS. She noted that K–1 clusters began this week. Looking ahead, she reported that two UPK classrooms are planned for next year, with six students currently on the waitlist, and projected 17 incoming kindergarten students who did not attend the district's UPK program.
  - Director of Curriculum - Jay Lang shared that he will be attending a BOCES conference on the topic of a Portrait of a Graduate. He noted that a professional development team has been formed and will meet in late May. He also reported that a memorandum of agreement (MOA) will be added to the FPEA contract to establish two elementary school department chair positions. Dr. Peck added that funding for these positions was reallocated from an unused area of the budget. Mr. Lang noted that this change will provide the elementary school with a stronger voice.

## **6. OCM BOCES Board Election and Budget Vote – Action**

- a. Ballot for Election to Board of Cooperative Educational Services – The Board members present unanimously and collectively voted for all three candidates for the three open positions on the BOCES Board.
- b. Consideration of adoption of resolution to approve the OCM BOCES proposed Administrative Budget for the 2026-2027 school year – A motion to adopt the OCM BOCES proposed Administrative Budget for the 2026-2027 school year was made by Alison Brainard and seconded by Carlena Wallace. The adoption was put to a vote, which resulted in -6- yes votes, -0- no votes, and -1- Board members absent from voting.

## **7. Budget Workshop VII / Adoption – Action**

- a. Proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year – Dan Silky presented the final budget workshop, reviewing revenues and expenditures with changes noted by asterisks. He stated that BOCES services have been finalized and are down from the prior year due to reduction in services, which will result in decreased BOCES aid in 2027–28. He noted an increase in charter school tuition based on the anticipated enrollment of two additional students. He explained that total budgeted expenditures are increasing by nearly 10%, driven primarily by debt service and health insurance costs.

On the revenue side, the tax levy is set at 4.99%, with an anticipated tax rate increase of approximately 4.0% due to local growth. Foundation aid is projected to increase by 2%, and the district plans to use \$500,000 of fund balance to close the budget gap.

- b. Consideration of adoption of resolution to adopt the proposed 2026-2027 school year budget – Dan Silky presented a resolution for the adoption of the 2026-2027 school year budget in the amount of \$22,793,004. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Eric Exelby and seconded by Carlena

Wallace. In a roll call, the Board adopted the resolution with -6- yes votes, -0- no votes, and -1- Board members absent from voting.

**8. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' Report** – Dan Silky reported that the Finance and Audit Committee met and that financial information will be included in the committee update and budget items will be presented in the Budget Workshop.

- a. Public hearing of the Amended District-wide Safety Plan for the 2025-2026 school year – Dan Silky asked for any questions or comments from anyone, including the public.
- b. BoardDocs Migration to Diligent - Dan Silky provided a brief explanation that BoardDocs is owned by Diligent, and that the company will be retiring BoardDocs, requiring the district to migrate to the Diligent platform. He noted that the exact timeline for this transition is not yet clear and that he is working to obtain additional information.
- c. March 2026 Treasurer's Report
- d. March 2026 Cash Flow Report
- e. March 2026 Student Activities Account

**9. Board President's Report**

- a. Committee Updates
  - Facilities Committee – Eric Exelby reported that the committee met to review the spend-down list. He noted that items added include an additional rooftop unit, plumbing improvements, and the sound system for the elementary auditorium. He stated that the next meeting is scheduled for June 15.
  - Communications Committee - Alison Brainard discussed the upcoming budget newsletter. Dan Silky distributed an article for inclusion related to healthcare trends and requested feedback from members. He noted the need for timely action due to tight print shop deadlines to ensure the newsletter is delivered to mailboxes on schedule. Alison Brainard reminded members that articles for the September newsletter are due in June. She also noted that the CNY School Boards Association will meet in person on 4/27 and that she will provide a report following the meeting.
  - Audit & Finance Committee - Carlena Wallace reported that the committee met to review the March financial reports. She noted that there were no major issues, and the budget remains on track overall, with some unanticipated variances in special education.
  - Policy Committee – No updates.
- b. Student Board Member Updates - Ethan Ludke shared that he distributed an end-of-year survey and received approximately 50 responses, with a significant number of students supporting a "choose your own adventure" style pep rally. He noted that overall feedback from students was positive. He also led a discussion on ideas for Falcon Day, including the potential addition of library-based activities for students.

Ava Lee shared that NSH will host an induction ceremony on May 19, during which new members will be inducted.

- c. Future Agenda Items - Eric Exelby proposed communicating with the community through a letter or other methods to encourage advocacy for school funding with state Senate and Assembly legislators. Gina Myers suggested involving students in the effort to help strengthen the message and broaden its impact.
- d. Board Member Updates - None

**10. Consent Agenda – Action.** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Denise Fresina DiRienzo and seconded by Gina Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

- a. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.
- b. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.
- c. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as presented.

- d. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the Release, Settlement, and Non-Disclosure Agreement as presented.
- e. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the creation of a teacher position in the tenure area of secondary mathematics education, effective July 1, 2026
- f. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the appointment of Timothy Gilbert as Math Teacher, effective July 1, 2026. The terms of the appointment will be in accordance with the Fabius-Pompey Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. The rights and privileges of the Math Teacher appointment will continue from the date of service discontinuance, which was June 30, 2025.
- g. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the Committee on Special Education student recommendations as presented.
- h. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the appointment of the following Onondaga County-approved election workers at the Onondaga-County approved rate of pay for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Poll Site Manager</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Sally Engel	\$20.50/hr
Lorana Zirbel	\$20.50/hr
Judith Tarrants	\$20.50/hr

<u>Poll Site Inspector</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Elizabeth Mahon	\$16.00/hr

<u>Machine Technician</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Scott Milner	\$25.75/hr

- i. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve Beverly Hartzog as Substitute Teacher (non-certified), substitute teaching assistant, and substitute teacher aide for the 2025-2026 school year.
- j. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the following volunteers, for the 2025-2026 school year:
  - Blake Bleier
  - Tabetha Branch
  - Jenna Canestrare
  - David Canestrare
  - Alicia Costello
  - Natalie Hendrickson
  - Talia Horst
  - Mary Justice
  - Paula Marsteller
  - Jessica Myers
  - Jake Sisto
  - Ashley Sochia
  - Tracy Torelli
  - Stephenie Vasquez
- k. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve Sally Engel as Substitute Bus Monitor/Aide for the 2025-2026 school year.
- l. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the appointment of Nicholas Skeval as Girls Modified Softball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year on Step I of the Coaching Salary Schedule, effective April 8, 2026.

- m. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the appointment of Stan Gorman and Leo Burke as Varsity Golf Co-coaches for the 2025-2026 school year, in accordance with the terms of the Instructional Contract and split evenly.
- n. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the request for parental leave of absence by Christopher Spinelli, effective June 16, 2026 through June 30, 2026, in accordance with the terms of the Instructional Contract.
- o. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the March 2026 Warrants as presented.
- p. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the March 2026 Transfers as presented.
- q. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the 2026-2027 Property Tax Report Card.
- r. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the requests for transportation to private and parochial schools for the 2026-2027 school year.
- s. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the acceptance of a donation of \$500.00 from Watchdog Building Partners, LLC to support a staff appreciation lunch during a staff development day.
- t. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the end-of-year letter of reasonable assurance to 10 and 11-month employees and substitutes of the District for the 2026-2027 school year.
- u. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve a work based learning 12th grade internship at Pushlar Farms starting on April 21, 2026 and ending on June 12, 2026.
- v. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve a field trip exceeding 50 miles for 5th grade students to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY on June 8, 2026.
- w. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve a field trip exceeding 50 miles for FFA to attend the NYS FFA Convention in Buffalo, NY on from May 14-15, 2026.
- x. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve a field trip exceeding 50 miles for middle school students to visit Water Safari on June 23, 2026.

#### 11. Adjournment

- A. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. was made by Carlena Wallace and seconded by Gina Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Darci LaRose  
Deputy District Clerk

Approved by the Board of Education  
May 5, 2026