

Fabius-Pompey Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
Tuesday, April 21, 2025  
Middle School-High School Library  
6:00 p.m. – Audit and Finance Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting / Budget Workshop VII – Adoption

**PRESENT:** John Repak, President  
Eric Exelby, Vice President  
Alison Brainard, Board Member  
Denise Fresina DiRienzo, Board Member  
Carlena Wallace, Board Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lloyd L. Peck, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Daniel S. Silky, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services  
Jean Gasparini, District Clerk  
Jason Martin, Middle School-High School Principal  
Karissa Graham, Middle School-High School Assistant Principal  
Sasha Rasmussen, Elementary School Principal  
Kayla Chamberlain, Rachel-Storm Heasley, Stephen and Dianna McKee,  
Jennifer Heneka, Amelia Trail, Jeremiah Eaton, William Gumper

**ABSENT:** Holly Frazee, Board Member  
Gina Myers, Board Member

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

A. Mr. Repak called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and Mr. Exelby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Comments from the Public / Agenda Items**

**3. Comments from the Public / General**

**4. Approval of Agenda – Action**

A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Wallace and seconded by Dr. DiRienzo. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Committee on Special Education – Consent Agenda**

**6. Superintendent's Report**

A. Superintendent's Report – Information  
B. Union Request – Discussion / Information

1. The Fabius-Pompey Education Association has requested that Friday, May 23, 2025 be declared a school holiday for all faculty, staff and students, pursuant to the current Instructional Contract, which states that "the Board of Education may grant one additional paid holiday on the Friday before Memorial Day weekend if the School District has unused emergency days and is requested by the Union." The Board of Education will take action on this request at the May 6, 2025 meeting.

C. Building Reports – Information

1. Mrs. Rasmussen and Mr. Martin gave reports on the end-of-year events in their schools. Mrs. Graham reported on the progress of Middle School-High School scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year.

**7. OCM BOCES Board Election and Budget Vote – Action**

A. Ballot for Election to Board of Cooperative Educational Services – Action

1. The Board members present unanimously and collectively voted for all five candidates for the five open positions on the BOCES Board.

- B. Consideration of adoption of resolution to approve the OCM BOCES proposed Administrative Budget for the 2025-2026 school year – Action / Resolution
  - 1. A motion to adopt the OCM BOCES proposed Administrative Budget for the 2025-2026 school year was made by Dr. DiRienzo and seconded by Mr. Exelby. The adoption was put to a vote, which resulted in -5- yes votes, -0- no votes, and -2- Board members absent from voting.

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

- A. Proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year – Information
  - 1. Mr. Silky presented Budget Workshop VII for the adoption of the 2025-2026 school year budget. He spoke about the use of the debt service fund and the effect on the school budget. Board members discussed a tax levy increase of 4.89 percent and needing a supermajority to pass versus 3.6 percent and needing a simple majority. Board members present at the meeting agreed to a tax levy increase of 4.89 percent.
- B. Consideration of adoption of resolution to adopt the proposed 2025-2026 school year budget – Action / Resolution
  - 1. Mr. Silky presented a resolution for the adoption of the 2025-2026 school year budget in the amount of \$20,732,622. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Brainard and seconded by Mr. Exelby. In a roll call, the Board adopted the resolution with -5- yes votes, -0- no votes, and -2- Board members absent from voting.
- C. Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award – Information
  - 1. In the 2025 Utica National School Safety Excellence Award Program, Fabius-Pompey has achieved Titanium with Honors, which is the highest honor. This achievement results in favorable effects on insurance premiums and a monetary award for the district.

#### **9. Personnel Matters – Consent Agenda**

#### **10. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' Report**

- A. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' Report – Information
  - 1. Mr. Silky reviewed the financial reports for March 2025.
- B. March 2025 Treasurer's Report – Information
- C. March 2025 Cash Flow – Information
- D. March 2025 Student Activities Account – Information

#### **11. Board President's Report**

- A. Committee Updates
  - 1. Audit and Finance Committee: No update.
  - 2. Facilities Committee: F-P has received state approval and is advertising for bids for the capital project.
  - 3. Policy Committee: No update.
  - 4. Communications Committee: The committee is working on articles for district publications regarding the budget and upcoming vote.
  - 5. Mr. Repak requested that a Board member consider serving on the CNYSBA Board. Mrs. Frazee is currently serving for Fabius-Pompey and will not be renewing her term.
- B. Future Agenda Items
  - 1. Dr. DiRienzo requested an update on enrichment opportunities for students offered during the summer.
  - 2. Mrs. Wallace requested statistics on the current senior class and upcoming graduation rate.
- C. Board Member Items
  - 1. Mr. Repak reported that Tully superintendent Dr. Woodcock has accepted a position as superintendent at Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District. He then handed out papers for the Board to read.
  - 2. Mr. Repak urged Board members to attend the CNYSBA annual dinner on May 29. Responses for attendance are due May 22.

#### **12. Consent Agenda – Action**

- A. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Exelby and seconded by Dr. DiRienzo. Motion carried 5-0.



- B. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2025 Board of Education meeting.
- C. 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.
- D. 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 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Poll Site Manager</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Hope Curtis	Pompey	6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.	\$19.92 per hour
Thomas Andrews	Fabius	6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	\$19.92 per hour
Sally Engel	Fabius	6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	\$19.92 per hour
Lorana Zirbel	Fabius	2:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	\$19.92 per hour
Judith Tarrants	Fabius	2:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	\$19.92 per hour

<u>Machine Technician</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Theresa Watkins	Fabius and Pompey	7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	\$25.75 per hour

- E. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve Julie Eaton as Substitute Bus Driver for the 2024-2025 school year.
- F. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the following volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year:
  - 1. Jack Cummings
  - 2. Karen Exelby
  - 3. Glenn Ferguson
  - 4. Greg Gorman
  - 5. Richard Kadlubowski
  - 6. Ronald Luchsinger
- G. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the March 2025 Warrants as presented.
- H. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the March 2025 Transfers as presented.
- I. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the 2025-2026 Property Tax Report Card.
- J. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve requests for transportation to private and parochial schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

### **13. Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration**

### **14. Comments from the Public / Agenda Items**

- A. Rachel Heasley asked the Board what the public can do to gather support for the schools and budget. She suggested going door to door, having a forum, and using social media to gain support. There was a brief discussion.
- B. Amelia Trail asked when the district needed a revote for the budget in the past and the circumstances. There was a brief discussion about sending out a communication to the public in simple terms with graphics.

### **15. Executive Session – Action**

- A. A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contracts and personnel was made by Dr. DiRienzo and seconded by Mrs. Wallace. Motion carried 5-0. A motion to return to Open Session at 9:11 p.m. was made by Dr. DiRienzo.

**16. Adjournment – Action**

- A. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. was made by Mrs. Brainard and seconded by Mr. Repak. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean Gasparini  
District Clerk

Approved by the Board of Education  
May 6, 2025