Fabius-Pompey Central School District Board of Education Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 25, 2025
Middle School-High School Auditorium
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6:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting / Budget Refinement

PRESENT:

John Repak, President Eric Exelby, Vice President Alison Brainard, Board Member

Denise Fresina DiRienzo, Board Member

Holly Frazee, 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

Kelly Perry, Laura Windhausen, Andrea Kogut, Meagan Harrison, Michaela Pfohl, Joe Pfohl, Jennifer Heneka, Pamela Little, Amelia Trail, Lisl Schwendy, Brendan and Amber Blanck, Nadine Drexler, Sarah Hager, Rachel-Storm Heasley, Kara Randall, Seara Haines, Erin Rapp, Travis and Allie Drexler, Becky Ten Eyck, Kevin Sharpe, Linda Herlihy, Linda Marsden, Brian Sanderson, Shannon Loughlin, Julia Harrod, Natalie Beckwith, Kayla Chamberlain, Nicole Nylen, Christine Gilbert, Jeffrey Sims, Madison Lyon, Andrew Hovey, Sarah Skeval, Ace Stevens, Dylan Lawless, Jeremiah Eaton, Peter Wilder, Julie Richardson, Katie Gover, Aaron Marlow, Karen Wilcox, Chuck and Jen, Cheryl Clancy, Madeline Cross, Elisa McCarthy, Jared and Chelsea Tiffin, Stephen and Dianna McKee, Diane Wilson, Micheall Murdent Smith, Laurie Gerace Murdent, Samantha Warren, Celi Arena, Dawn Streichert, Chad Welch, Rachel Foster, Laura Hayward, Julia Windhausen, Anthony and Jessica Barnum, Erin and Elsa Hull, Kathleen Pollard, Lauren Johnston, Rosemary Langey, Rita Ainsworth, Thomas Andrews. Ed Griffin-Nolan. Neely Sisto, Matt Cincotta, Pamela Shedlock Herrington, Laurie Dwyer, Amelia Priest, Gerald Andrews, Cathleen Swanson, Darci LaRose, Bill Neumire

ABSENT:

Gina Myers, Board Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

A. Mr. Repak called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Executive Session - Action

A. A motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel was made by Mrs. Brainard and seconded by Mrs. Frazee. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to return to Open Session at 6:36 p.m. was made by Mrs. Brainard.

3. Comments from the Public / Agenda Items

A. Mr. Repak explained the Board's policy on public comment. He asked members of the public to refrain from commenting on the budget until the comment period following the budget workshop.

4. Comments from the Public / General

- A. Ace Stevens spoke to the Board regarding disappointment by the layoffs and concern about opportunities for future students.
- B. Michaela Pfohl spoke to the Board regarding concerns about the budget, trust, size of classes, and need to retain talented teachers.

5. Approval of Agenda – Action

A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. DiRienzo and seconded by Mrs. Frazee. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Committee on Special Education - Consent Agenda

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report - Information

8. Personnel Matters - Consent Agenda

9. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' Report

- A. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' Report Information
- B. Approval of adoption of resolution for transportation proposition and annual meeting Action / Resolution
 - Mr. Silky explained that transportation proposition does not contain language specific to the buses the district would like to purchase, but it is flexible pending quotes from Leonard Bus Sales and New York Bus Sales. The district will be purchasing diesel buses. A final decision will be made by April 15.
 - 2. Mr. Silky brought forth for adoption a resolution approving the transportation proposition. In a roll call vote, Board members present at the meeting voted unanimously to adopt the resolution with 6- yes votes, -0- no votes, and -1- member absent from voting.
- C. Approval of adoption of SEQRA Resolution Type II Action Transfer to Capital Projects Action / Resolution
 - 1. A motion to adopt the SEQRA resolution was made by Mr. Exelby and seconded by Mrs. Wallace. Motion carried 6-0.
- D. February 2025 Treasurer's Report Information
- E. February 2025 Cash Flow Information
- F. February 2025 Student Activities Account Information

10. Board President's Report

- A. Committee Updates
 - 1. There were no committee updates.
- B. Future Agenda Items
- C. Board Member Items
 - 1. Dr. DiRienzo reported that the MS-HS musical was a success. Friends of the Performing Arts is donating \$1,000 to the theatre program.
 - 2. Mrs. Brainard reported that F-P Rec baseball and softball seasons have begun.
 - 3. Mr. Repak asked Mr. Exelby to explore options for the Board of Education retreat.

11. Consent Agenda – Action

- A. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Dr. DiRienzo and seconded by Mrs. Wallace. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the Minutes of the March 11, 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 tenure be granted to Allyson McNerney in the area of Physical Education, effective March 25, 2025.
- E. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the four-year probationary appointment of Ty Kovalewski as Technology Teacher, on Step A-1 of the Teachers' Salaries Schedules, in accordance with the terms of the Instructional Contract, effective August 27, 2025.

- F. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the acceptance of the notification of resignation by Amy Eaton as Teaching Assistant, effective March 21, 2025.
- G. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve Eliza Taubman as Substitute Teacher (non-certified), Substitute Teaching Assistant, and Substitute Teacher Aide, pending fingerprint clearance, for the 2024-2025 school year.
- H. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the February 2025 Warrants as presented.
- I. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the February 2025 Transfers as presented.
- J. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School Disrict approve the acceptance of \$24,565 in total donations (\$14,885 split evenly between Music/Theater & Cross Country; \$2,970 for Music/Theater only; \$6,710 for Cross Country only) for the Gia & Gavin Memorial Fund.
- K. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the acceptance of the following donations to the Fabius-Pompey Chapter of the National Honor Society, to fund the use of a school bus to Matthew 25 Farm, Tully, NY, May 28, 2025, for a service project:
 - 1. Acceptance of donation in the amount of \$82.54 from Rosemary Langey
 - 2. Acceptance of donation in the amount of \$82.54 from Peter Wilder
- L. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve to declare buses 77 and 78 (60-passenger buses put into service September 2016) as surplus. Per Policy 6900: Disposal of District Property, these will be disposed of in a manner (Auctions International) that is advantageous to the District.

12. Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration

13. Budget Workshop VI – Information

- A. Budget Refinement Information
 - 1. Dr. Peck presented an overview of the 2025-2026 budget. The overall goal is to not decrease offerings to students. The budget is fluid as things change.
 - 2. Mr. Silky presented the budget workshop and two versions of a seven-year forecast of budgeting, showing potential need for a supermajority or no supermajority.
 - 3. Mr. Repak reminded the public that budget planning depends on funding from the state and federal government and Fabius-Pompey's qualifications.

14. Comments from the Public / Agenda Items

- A. Rachel Heasley commented on the tax increase trajectory, and she asked whether teachers would be hired during the seven years.
- B. Kayla Chamberlain commented on teacher cuts, administration raises, sharing services and aides in classrooms.
- C. Neely Sisto asked about the planned Q&A page on the website and expressed concern about staffing in the elementary library.
- D. Laurie Gerace commented on the financial struggle associated with a tax increase.
- E. Ed Griffin-Nolan suggested raising the school tax and bringing back teachers.
- F. Becky TenEyck expressed concern about the negative impact of large class sizes.
- G. Jennifer Henecka commented on tax increase.
- H. Meg Harrison expressed concern for UPK program.
- I. Rachel Heasley commented on sustaining the school for staff and students and suggested that the Board be more creative.
- J. Speaker expressed concern whether one school social worker will be enough and classes are too large.
- K. Speaker suggested possibility of contracting for school social worker and need for aid and mergers.

- L. Paul Drexler commented that neighboring districts may not merge with F-P because the school tax is too high.
- M. Pamela Herrington asked if the district will keep benefits the same for employees who stay.

15. Executive Session - Action

A. A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel was made by Mrs. Wallace and seconded by Mrs. Frazee. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m. was made by Mr. Repak.

16. Adjournment - Action

A. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. was made by Mrs. Frazee and seconded by Mrs. Wallace. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gasparin District Clerk

Approved by the Board of Education