

Fabius-Pompey Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
Middle School-High School Library  
5:30 p.m. – Facilities Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting

**PRESENT:** John Repak, President  
Eric Exelby, Vice President  
Holly Frazee, Board Member  
William Heselden IV, Board Member  
Gina Myers, 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  
Jay Lang, Doreen Bergman, Laura McCranie, Neely Sisto,  
Carolyn Allen, Dawn Streichert, Ed Ten Eyck

**ABSENT:** Denise Fresina DiRienzo, Board Member

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

A. Mr. Repak called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and Mrs. Rasmussen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Comments from the Public**

A. Mrs. McCranie expressed concern about possible budget cuts and the possible reduction of the current 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class to two sections for 2024-2025. Mrs. Sisto said that she shared the same concern. Mr. Repak responded that the budget for 2024-2025 is in review and has not been finalized.

**3. Approval of Agenda – Action**

A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Heselden and seconded by Mr. Exelby. Motion carried 6-0.

**4. Committee on Special Education**

A. Consideration of approval of Committee on Special Education student recommendations – Action (Consent)

**5. Superintendent's Report**

A. Superintendent's Report – Information

B. STEAM Presentation – Presentation

1. Mr. Lang, STEAM and Technology Coordinator, presented an overview of the STEAM program, what has been done, what is currently happening and the future of the program. A program overview is attached to the March 5, 2024 agenda on BoardDocs.

C. Strategic Planning Presentation – Presentation

1. Ms. Bergman, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Support Services at OCM BOCES, gave a presentation on the current Strategic Planning initiative in the District, which has been implemented to improve academic and social outcomes for all students. An overview of the presentation is attached to the March 5, 2024 agenda on BoardDocs.

D. Snow Days – Discussion

1. There are seven days built into the school year calendar for emergency school closings. Due to the mild winter, one day has been used thus far. The Board is considering options for unused days in the calendar and will address this matter at a future meeting.

E. Consideration of approval of Computer Science CTE curriculum – Action (Consent)

F. Building Reports – Information

1. In the Elementary School, Mrs. Rasmussen reported on the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser and awareness program and student participation in the art show at Beaver Lake Nature Center. The Elementary School sends out a weekly newsletter on ParentSquare.
2. In the Middle School-High School, Mr. Martin reported that Middle School students were very successful at Science Olympiad. Mr. Martin, Mr. Lang and Mrs. Ballard have attended a meeting with a local business for the welding program that will be part of the STEAM program.
3. Mrs. Graham talked about the upcoming High School musical *The Little Mermaid*, to be presented on March 8 and 9 in the auditorium. The spring sports season starts on Monday, March 11.

**6. Personnel Matters**

- A. Consideration of acceptance of notification of retirement – Action (Consent)
- B. Consideration of appointment of student activity advisors for the 2023-2024 school year – Action (Consent)
- C. Consideration of approval of volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year – Action (Consent)
  1. The Board had a lengthy discussion about how volunteers are screened for the safety and security of the students. Volunteers are required to complete an application and are subject to a reference check. All approved volunteers must go through the visitor screening process when entering any school building, which means being subject to a criminal background check. A staff member is always present when a volunteer is working with students. All volunteers must renew their applications annually.

**7. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' Report**

- A. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' Report – Information

**8. Board President's Report**

- A. Committee Updates
  1. Facilities Committee: The committee met prior to the current Board meeting. Security updates in the Capital Project were discussed. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.
  2. Audit and Finance Committee: No updates.
  3. Policy Committee: The committee will meet on Friday, March 8, to review the final NYSSBA policies to be adopted.
- B. Board Member Items
- C. Corresponding Secretary Update
- D. Future Agenda Items
  1. Mrs. Wallace requested an update on student mental health at a future meeting.

**9. Comments from the Public**

- A. Mrs. Sisto asked whether community members are welcome to speak at the conclusion of presentations to the Board. Mr. Repak stated that community members are invited to speak only during the public comment sections of the meeting.
- B. Mrs. Sisto requested clarification of a budget topic.
- C. Mrs. Sisto asked whether the District will be filling the vacated Library Media Specialist position in the Middle School-High School library.
- D. Mrs. Sisto expressed concern about the possibility of a STEAM room in the Elementary School library and the conflict it might pose with library classes.
- E. Mrs. Sisto said she has heard that the District has broken Chromebooks. Mr. Repak replied that they are not broken but obsolete. Information technology devices have a life span that requires periodic replacement. Mr. Lang is working on a replacement plan. This is common for all school districts.

**10. Consent Agenda – Action**

- A. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Dr. Myers and seconded by Mrs. Frazee. 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 February 27, 2024 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 curriculum for a 10-week Computer Science CTE course for students in the 8th grade, effective beginning the 2024-2025 school year.
- E. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the acceptance of the notification of retirement by Patricia Feeny as School Nurse, effective November 1, 2024, in accordance with the terms of the Instructional Contract.
- F. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the appointment of the following High School Musical advisors for the 2023-2024 school year:
  - 1. Raymond Sturge as High School Musical Pit Director, with a stipend of \$892
  - 2. Leo Burke as High School Musical Co-Set Designer, with a stipend of \$250
  - 3. Ty Kowalewski as High School Musical Co-Set Designer, with a stipend of \$350
  - 4. Andrew Kopp as High School Musical Co-Set Designer, with a stipend of \$488
- G. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the following volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year:
  - 1. Enrique Vazquez
  - 2. Kevin Smith
  - 3. Kirk (Doc) Palmer
  - 4. Ryan Heselden
  - 5. Stewart Wright
  - 6. Brenda LaFrance

**11. Budget Workshop V – Information**

- A. Budget Review – Information
  - 1. Mr. Silky presented Budget Workshop V to Board members. He is working on a five-year budget forecast. The Board and administrators held a lengthy discussion about the deficit and possibilities for balancing the budget.

**12. Executive Session**

- A. A motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. for the discussion of legal and personnel matters was made by Mr. Heselden and seconded by Mrs. Frazee. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to return to Open Session at 10:14 p.m. was made by Mr. Exelby.

**13. Adjournment**

- A. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. was made by Dr. Myers and seconded by Mrs. Wallace. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean Gasparini  
District Clerk

Approved by the Board of Education  
March 19, 2024