

Fabius-Pompey Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
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
Rachel-Storm Heasley, Board Member
Gina Myers, Board Member
Lari Rutherford, 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
Jason Martin, Middle School-High School Principal
Sasha Rasmussen, Elementary School Principal
Mike Danaher, Brianna Dewhirst, Mike Dewhirst, Jeremiah Eaton, Andrew Kopp,
Angela Nelson

ABSENT: Alison Brainard, Board Member

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Eric Exelby called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Executive Session

- a. A motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. for the discussion of personnel and contract negotiations was made by Lari Rutherford and seconded by Carlena Wallace. Motion carried 4-0. A motion to return to Open Session at 6:45 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 Gina Myers. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Comments from the Public

- a. Brianna Dewhirst addressed the Board regarding a transportation request outside current policy parameters.

5. Superintendent's Report

- a. Capital Project 2026 Update – Dr. Peck provided a brief update on the capital project, noting that it remains on schedule and progressing as planned.
- b. Building Principals' Reports
 - Elementary School: Sasha Rasmussen reported:
 - 188 of 296 families (approximately 64%) attended Curriculum Night; the curriculum website was presented.
 - Kindergarten students visited the Fabius Fire Department.
 - Pre-K has begun motor lab sessions with OT and PT support.
 - Dr. Peck noted a Kindergarten teacher observed that the UPK program has helped prepare students. UPK data will be presented at the October meeting.
 - Middle School-High School: Jason Marin reported:

- Spirit Week was held the previous week, culminating in a pep rally and homecoming events attended by over 100 students.
- An Open House is scheduled for next Thursday, with the Guidance Office providing college information.
- The five-week marking period ends on October 3, 2025.
- c. Presentation of the 2024-2025 Financial Audit by D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP – No presentation as this occurred during a Finance and Audit Committee meeting.
- d. Livestream BOE Meetings - The Board discussed the possibility of livestreaming Board of Education meetings. Rachel-Storm Heasley noted that recording meetings would enhance transparency. Denise Fresina DiRienzo suggested creating an email address for Board-related questions and comments, as livestream viewers would not be able to participate in the public comment period. Ava Lee recommended using a Google Form to streamline submissions. Denise Fresina DiRienzo also expressed concern regarding the protection of personal information shared during public comments. Rachel-Storm Heasley further suggested expanding the detail included in meeting minutes to assist those unable to attend. Dr. Peck proposed implementing a livestream for the October meeting and will work to facilitate that. Carlena Wallace recommended consulting legal counsel on the matter.

6. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services' Report

- a. 2024-2025 Audit
- b. July 2025 Treasurer's Report
- c. August 2025 Treasurer's Report
- d. June 2025 Student Activities Account
- e. July 2025 Student Activities Account
- f. August 2025 Student Activities Account
- g. August 2025 Cash Flow Report

7. Board President's Report

- a. Committee Updates
 - Audit & Finance Committee – Carlena Wallace reported that the fiscal year-end and audit by D'Arcangelo have been completed, with a clean audit opinion. She noted new guidance (GASB 101) affecting the calculation of the compensated absences liability. The auditors highlighted that the Cafeteria Fund is operating at a deficit, which is being addressed. The Extra classroom Fund received a qualified opinion due to inherent risks associated with cash transactions.
 - Communications Committee – The committee met to discuss upcoming newsletters and ways to improve the website.
 - Policy Committee – Denise Fresina DiRienzo reported that the committee will meet soon before the October meeting.
 - Facilities Committee – No updates beyond what was already reported.
- b. Board Member Updates
 - Lari Rutherford reported she contacted Ava Lee and Ethan Ludke to begin incorporating student updates starting with the October meeting.
 - Denise Fresina DiRienzo expressed anticipation for the upcoming UPK presentation.
 - Ethan Ludke completed a two-hour online board training and noted it was informative.
- c. Future Agenda Items
 - Livestreaming meetings
 - UPK presentation
 - Student Board Member reports

8. Comments from the Public - None

9. Consent Agenda – Action. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Carlena Wallace and seconded by Denise Fresina DiRienzo. 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 September 9, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

- b. 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.
- c. Ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Fabius-Pompey Central School District and the Fabius-Pompey Educational Association where the two student activity program titles of Middle School Musical Advisor and High School Musical Advisor shall be merged into one stipend position, to be identified as the "Middle School/High School Musical Advisor.
- d. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the appointment of the following student activity advisors for the 2025-2026 school year:
 - Christine Gilbert as Yearbook Co-Advisor
 - Stephanie O'Neil as Yearbook Co-Advisor
- e. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve to rescind the appointment of Bill Gumpfer as Technical Theatre Advisor for the 2025-2026 school year.
- f. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the appointment of Ty Kovalewski as Technical Theatre Advisor for the 2025-2026 school year, in accordance with the terms of the Instructional Contract.
- g. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the appointment of Sarah Virgil as mentor to Luca Neugebauer for the 2025-2026 school year, in accordance with the terms of the Instructional Contract.
- h. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the renewal of the lease agreement between Fabius-Pompey Central School District and Muddy Sneakers, Inc. DBA After School HEROS for the 2025-2026 school year.
- i. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve a field trip exceeding 50 miles for FFA students to participate in the FFA National Convention, located in Indianapolis, Indiana from 10/26/25-11/1/25 with Lindsey Ballard as the chaperone.
- j. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve Erin Hull as Substitute Teacher (non-certified) for the 2025-2026 school year.
- k. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve Penny Deemer as Substitute Teaching Assistant for the 2025-2026 school year.
- l. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve Kristen Dugan as a long-term elementary substitute teacher, effective October 14, 2025 through December 22, 2025, and as a daily substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.
- m. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the acceptance of the notification of resignation by Alicia Mason as Food Service Helper I, effective October 1, 2025.
- n. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve Hailey Orlender as a student observer/teacher per the 2025-2026 SUNY Cortland MOU under the supervision of Suzanne Case, effective 9/24/25-12/5/25.

- o. 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:

Erin Abbott	Jeremiah Eaton	Nick Hinman
Jason Abbott	Julie Eaton	Tristan Hrobuchak
Jack Ballard	Eric Exelby	Denise McAndrew
Erika Berglund	David Haines	Mary O'Brien
Alison Brainard	Seara Haines	Chelsea Tiffin
Andrew Brainard	Melissa Hinman	Kirk (Doc) Palmer

- p. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the July 2025 warrants as presented.
- q. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the August 2025 warrants as presented.
- r. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District approve the acceptance of the 2024-2025 audit as prepared by D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP.

10. Executive Session – Action

- a. A motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters and pending litigation was made by Carlena Wallace and seconded by Gina Myers. Motion carried 6-0. A motion to return to Open Session at 9:04 p.m. was made by Carlena Wallace.

11. Adjournment

- A. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 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
October 21, 2025