

Board of Education

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Schedule of Regular Meetings 2009-2010

July 7, 2009	January 20, 2010
July 29, 2009	February 10, 2010
August 19, 2009	March 17, 2010
September 16, 2009	April 14, 2010
October 21, 2009	May 4, 2010 Budget Hearing
November 18, 2009	May 18, 2010 Annual Meeting/Budget Vote
December 16, 2009	June 16, 2010

Public Participation Guidelines

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics of interest and / or topics to be addressed in the agenda. The Board of Education may choose to interact with participants, but will not act upon topics that require further study before action is taken. The participation time will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and fifteen (15) minutes overall to guarantee efficient operation of the entire meeting.

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2010

1. School Community Session- 6:00 p.m.

- 1.1 Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Stephanie Hall was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The following Board members were in attendance: Maria Frank, Sara McLean, Janio Spinola, and Nina Schmid. Vice-Chairman, Nina Schmid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.2 Public Participation (*Please refer to Public Participation Guidelines*)
There were no public comments.
- 1.3 Presentation to Howard Feivou, Business Official- Mr. Meyers presented Mr. Feivou with a plaque in honor of his dedicated service to the school.
- 1.4 Correspondence from Howard Feivou – The Board received a thank you from Mr. Feivou for the retirement gifts from the Board.
- 1.5 Certificate of Membership in the Rural Schools Association – Mr. Meyers displayed a certificate of membership in the Rural Schools Association.

2. Consent Agenda: (*Business Manager*)

Vice-Chairman Nina Schmid requested a motion to add additional warrants in the amount of \$65,952.29 to the consent agenda.

Motion made to add additional warrants made by Janio Spinola, seconded by Maria Frank.

Motion carried: 4-0.

2.1	Warrants Payable	Total	\$43,951.30
	• Payroll Warrant	#65	27,330.98
	• Multifund Warrant	#66	16,620.32

- 2.2 Transfers (*Resource Packet*)
- 2.3 Budget Status Report (*Resource Packet*)
- 2.4 Budget Status Report – Special Aid Fund (*Resource Packet*)
- 2.5 Budget Reconciliation Summary (*Resource Packet*)
- 2.6 Revenue Status Report (*Resource Packet*)
- 2.7 Anticipated Cash Flow Report (*Resource Packet*)
- 2.8 Extra-Curricular Ledger Report (*Resource Packet*)

Janio Spinola made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Sara McLean.

Motion carried: 4-0.

3. Action Items: (*Board Chairman*)

- 3.1 Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2010 Board of Education Meeting. The Board discussed the wording of the School's Mission statement. Mr. Meyers will work to revise the exact wording of the Mission Statement, and present the revision to the Board at the next meeting.
Janio Spinola made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17th meeting, seconded by Sara McLean.

Motion carried: 4-0.

- 3.2 Motion: To appoint Dawn Brockwell as Business Official effective April 26, 2010. (*Resource Packet*)
The Board moved into a brief Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at this time. Following the Executive Session Vice-President Nina Schmid requested a motion to appoint Dawn Brockwell as Business Official effective April 26th, 2010. Sara McLean made a motion to appoint Dawn Brockwell as Business Official effective April 26, 2010, seconded by Janio Spinola. Motion carried: 4-0.
- 3.3 Motion: To appoint Michelle Hilton as part-time School Nurse effective April 14, 2010.
Motion to appoint Michelle Hilton as part-time school nurse effective April 14, 2010 made by Sara McLean, seconded by Maria Frank.
Motion carried: 4-0.
- 3.4 Motion: To appoint Dawn Brockwell as District Clerk effective May 7, 2010.
Motion to appoint Dawn Brockwell as District Clerk effective May 7, 2010 made by Janio Spinola, seconded by Sara McLean.
Motion carried: 4-0.
- 3.5 Motion: To appoint Christopher Macaluso as assistant golf coach.
Janio Spinola made a motion to appoint Christopher Macaluso as assistant golf coach, seconded by Maria Frank.
Motion carried: 4-0.
- 3.6 Motion: to appoint Nathan Matzdorff as accompanist for the Spring Musical.
Motion to appoint Nathan Matzdorff as accompanist for the Spring Musical made by Sara McLean, seconded by Maria Frank.
Motion carried: 4-0.

4. Discussion Items: (*Superintendent*)

- 4.1 Magnet Program Tuition – Mr. Meyers presented comparison figures for tuition costs at some local private and parochial schools in the New London area. Elementary school tuitions are comparable to Fishers Island, however the secondary level schools are significantly higher than Fishers Island. The Board discussed raising the tuition for secondary school students for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board decided to raise the tuition for grades 7-12 to \$2,950 from the present tuition of \$2,750. This increase will help to offset some of the Governor's proposed reduction in state aid the Fishers Island School will receive from New York State next year. Elementary school tuition will remain at the present rate of \$2,750 for next year.
Motion made by Sara McLean to increase magnet tuition for grades 7-12th to \$2,950 and keep the \$2,750 for the elementary magnet students, seconded by Maria Frank.
Motion carried: 4-0.
- 4.2 Fishers Island Community Center and After School Program Survey – The Board reviewed the results of a survey prepared by Dr. Maria Frank to identify recreational after-school activities of interest to various age groups. There were 39 respondents to the survey. The School and the Community Center are planning to work together to

develop programs which will be responsive to the needs expressed by the community.

- 4.3 Budget and Capital Reserve Fund Newsletter – Mr. Meyers presented a draft of the Budget Newsletter to send to the voters before the Budget vote on May 18th. There might also be a one page insert presenting more information on the details of Proposition #3 to withdraw funds from the Capital Reserve Fund in order to make needed improvements to the school building. There will also be information about the school seniors and the senior class trip on the back page. Mr. Meyers stated that he will be meeting with SBS this coming Friday. Sara McLean questioned whether the Library Proposition could be placed as #4 rather than #2 on the ballot.
The Board will review Mr. Meyers' draft and provide feedback to him by May 1st.
 - 4.4 BOCES Board Election and Budget Resolution – April 21, 2010
The Board members decided not to meet on April 21st to act on this matter.
Mr. Meyers will call BOCES to inform them.
 - 4.5 Update on School Facility Improvements- Mr. Meyers will be meeting with SBS this Friday, April 16th to look at the proposed school repair projects. He will provide more detailed information at the next meeting.
 - 4.6 Update on Curriculum Mapping- Mr. Meyers presented the Board with a graphic to explain some of the curriculum work being done by the faculty. The faculty will be working on developing curriculum maps to support learning and instruction. The faculty is beginning to write a detailed Fishers Island School curriculum. The mapping work will be completed by the middle of the next school year.
- 5. Adjournment-** Sara McLean made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Janio Spinola. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Name of Recorder: Leslie Tombari

Board of Education Resource Packet

For

**April 14, 2010
Regular Meeting**

“For Your Information”

Additional Materials

For

Board of Education Review

From

Office of Superintendent

April 14, 2010