

FAYETTE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.
LIBRARY, FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call To Order.... Chairlady Elaine Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
 - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2 Roll Call – All present
2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: None
3. Consideration of the Minutes
 - 3.1 Approve the minutes of 4.13.17 Regular Meeting

Motion R. Holland Seconded K. Ayer Vote 5/0
4. Communications/Public Comments
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Superintendent's Report – Supt. Hodgkin gave an overview of his written report. He shared points of a conversation he had with the Fayette Budget Comm. He noted that he is continuing conversations regarding possible funding changes for tuition students that could potentially save Fayette money.
 - 5.2 Principal's Report – Prin. Blue gave an overview of her written report. She commented on the recent Pre-K screening day, Monday, May 9th. She relayed how excited the students were when the bikes were given out at the recent Bikes for Books assembly. She initiated a discussion about the possibility of a FCS Facebook page brought forth by a parent. This would require updated media permission, as well as careful consideration around content before starting this. The Sch. Comm. members were supportive of this initiative to provide more information about the school to the community at large. Kindergarten screening is scheduled for tomorrow.
6. Old Business
 - 6.1 Approval of 2017/18 Budget - Supt. Hodgkin noted that he met with the Fayette Budget Comm. this evening. As a result of that meeting, Supt. Hodgkin suggested that the Sch. Comm. go over the budget again to look for any possible areas to save. Supt. Hodgkin and the Sch. Comm. proceeded to go through the budget line-by-line, and consequently cut an additional \$14,200 from the budget.

A discussion took place regarding Technology Instruction. RSU 38 has cut the position. It was the general consensus that a person one day per week would be preferable, to ensure that Fayette Central School students leave Gr. 5 with the same level of instruction as other students in the area. The cost of this would be \$8,000. The hope is that someone of the high quality of the current teacher could be found to work one day per week, if she is not able to work the increased time into her schedule.

Motion: To approve a 2017/18 budget of 1,898,697.00 and transfer \$60,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to help with the local share.

Motion D. Polky Seconded K.Ayer Vote 5/0

Motion: That the Sch. Comm. accept that all additional monies from the State Legislature to offset local taxes.

Motion D. Polky Seconded T. Maxwell Vote: 5/0
7. New Business
 - 7.1 School Committee Schedule of Meetings for 2017/18 -

Motion R. Holland Seconded K. Ayer Vote 5/0
8. School Committee Comments: Noted that members of the Committee would like to see work done on the playground.
9. Adjournment
Without objection, Chairlady Wilcox declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next regular monthly School Comm. meeting, **Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fayette Central School library.

Upcoming Events:

May 9th – Early Release

May 29th – Memorial Day

June 19th – Last day of school

Respectfully submitted

James D. Hodgkin, Superintendent

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