

# FAYETTE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.  
LIBRARY, FAYETTE CENTRAL SCHOOL

## MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call To Order....** Chairlady Elaine Wilcox called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 5.11.17 Regular Meeting  

Motion D. Polky                      Seconded T. Maxwell                      Vote 5/0
4. **Communications/Public Comments** None
5. **Reports**
  - 5.1 **Superintendent's Report** – Supt. Hodgkin noted a “Thank You” to K. Ayer for her service on the School Committee.
  - 5.2 **Principal's Report** – Prepared and distributed to Sch. Comm. prior to the meeting.
6. **Old Business**
  - 6.1 **Review Town Warrants** – Discuss the articles that the Sch. Comm. recommendations and the Town Budget Comm. recommendations differ:

**Art IV** The TBC (Town Budget Comm.) is recommending a cut of \$4K, to be transferred from the UFB (Undesignated Fund Balance). The TBC is suggesting that we use the “one-time” funds for these expenditures. Supt. Hodgkin believes a better way is to plan for these expenditures by budgeting an amount of \$3-4K every year, to cover costs like curriculum updates, etc. There was also discussion about the need to start saving funds for a school bus. The spare bus #10 has problems, and will need to be replaced within the next 5 years.

**Article VIII** – The TBC is recommending cutting an additional \$2K. We would like to have someone one day per week. We will need about \$8,300. to accomplish this, so we are already \$300. short of that goal. We will continue to recommend \$8,000. for this line item.

**Article XI** – The TBC is recommending an additional cut of \$2K to Bus Repair since we have only used ½ of this year's budget. End-of-year repairs have not been done as of yet, and RSU 38 is slow to get repair bills to us, i.e., we received three bills this week from repairs done in April. FSC has already cut \$3K, and will continue to recommend that we do not cut this further.

It was noted that the additional cuts recommended by the TBC were not communicated to the Supt.

**Article XII** – Town Budget Comm. wants to cut \$5K.

**Article XVIII** – FSC recommended a transfer of \$60K from the UFB (Undesignated Fund Balance). The TBC wants a transfer of \$100K. The average transfer has historically been \$50K, unless there was a need for a specific project, i.e., heating system upgrade. The options for funding projects, and using the UFB, is if you have to spend \$100K for a bus in 5 years, you can either pay for that by raising the taxes in the year that you buy it, or save a certain amount every year to pay for it when the time comes. Also important to keep in mind, is the fact that because we are a minimum receiver, the money we spend does not get reimbursed by the State.

**Article XX** – The TBC is recommending decreasing by \$3k. This is a ten-year expenditure for Fayette. Members concurred that changing the Sch. Comm. articles in the Town Warrant without discussing the changes with the Sch. Comm., is a change in protocol.
7. **New Business**
  - 7.1 Contingencies for Supt. - Supt. Hodgkin offered an explanation of the potential scenario that if he should find employment elsewhere there is the possibility that would not allow him to continue part-time in Fayette. Discussion ensued around the requirements for a superintendent. There is also a possibility of having an agent to be present at committee meetings, which is a requirement. The Comm. commented that the best course of action is to wait and see what happens with Supt. Hodgkin's job search, and hope that he is able to stay on as Supt. in Fayette.

8. **School Committee Comments** The Sch. Comm. thanked K. Ayer for her service. K. Ayer noted that it has been an honor to spend the time with the School Comm. and she noted that her service has been most enjoyable.

9. **Adjournment**

Without objection, Chairlady Wilcox declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next regular monthly School Comm. meeting, **Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fayette Central School library.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gr 5 Class Trip

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Gr. 5 visits MCMS & WMS

June 16<sup>th</sup> – School Field Day & Cookout

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school

Respectfully submitted

James D. Hodgkin, Superintendent

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