

FILLMORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PO Box 177, 104 West Main St.
Fillmore, NY 14735

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 @ 7 PM
 Conference Room – C117

FUTURE MEETINGS

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| March 19, 2013 | Board Meeting – 7 pm |
| April 18, 2013 | Board Meeting – 7 pm |

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with Board President Parmenter presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------|
| Tom Parmenter, President | x | _____ |
| Marcus Dean, Vice-President | x | _____ |
| Paul Cronk, District Clerk | x | _____ |
| Faith Roeske | x | _____ |
| Sara Hatch | x | _____ |

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Ravo Root, Superintendent | x | _____ |
| Kyle Faulkner, High School Principal | x | _____ |
| Wendy Butler, Pre K – 4 Principal/Curriculum Director | x | _____ |
| Thomas Ricketts, Business Manager | x | _____ |
| William Kelley, Guidance Counselor | _____ | _____ |

1A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

1B. Administrator Report

5-12 Principal Kyle Faulkner

- Mr. Faulkner reported that mid-semester exams have been completed and that many students took Regents Exams, primarily to improve scores.
- Winter sports regular seasons are almost finished with all teams doing well and some progressing to sectional playoffs. He highlighted Cody Marriott who has entered FCS history with the most overall wins of any other wrestler. Congratulations Cody!
- Boy’s Basketball will begin sectional playoffs on February 23 with Girl’s Basketball beginning their Section V play off schedule on February 19.

2. PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS

Student Presentation – Seniors Kelsey Speicher and Dakota Slack joined the Board and discussed how their experience of taking multiple college credit classes at Fillmore Central has helped prepare them for entering college. They also talked about what it is like to take a college credit course via distance learning.

3. DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION

3.1 Administrators’ Report

Pre K– 4 Principal Wendy Butler

- Mrs. Butler shared with the Board the long list of students that have been listed as members of the Soaring Eagles Club. This has become a very popular program and there is a noticeable improvement in student behavior, which is maintained throughout the week.
- Several “Smart Tables” that had not been usable due to a manufacturers defect have been repaired and put into service. Teachers are being trained in their usage and many students have already taken advantage of this technology.

3.2 Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Ravo Root

- Mr. Root presented and reviewed a draft of the proposed 2013-14 school Calendar. Teacher days and mandatory student contact days were considered as well as reviewing how the schedule works within BOCES parameters.

- The pending class action lawsuit claiming Medicaid fraud by certain NY State schools due to usage of specific software should not affect Fillmore Central. This was confirmed after consultation with District legal counsel.
- Fillmore School has always been a hub of the community, especially in times of need. Continuing with this tradition, Mr. Root has been working with the local Red Cross Chapter to designate Fillmore as a Certified Community Shelter. On Monday, March 11, from 3:30-5:30 pm, FCS will host an informational meeting in the school auditorium to share the procedures and practices that will be followed if our school needs to be used as a shelter facility. The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend. All attendees will be certified as having completed the Shelter Operations Workshop and will be identified as volunteers in case Fillmore School is used as a Shelter Facility.
- Effective dates on the retainer agreement offered by School Attorney David Pullen have been adjusted to correspond with the school year and will be approved along with other annual agreements in July.
- "Thoughtful Ed" is a framework for enhancing teacher effectiveness and ways teachers can engage students in the learning process and encourage them to learn in the best way they are able. It also encourages the creation of an environment that enhances this learning. This monthly workshop will be voluntary for teachers, but strongly encouraged. Learning styles, broken down into types of tasks, were reviewed and discussed.
- Writers Workshop is a writing skills program method that grades 5-8 teachers can use to help students excel in writing skills. This is in response to the need to increase common core instruction as associated with APPR. It has been working in grades pre-k thru 4 now with good success.
- Mr. Root, along with District Administration and the School Board has spent several weeks evaluating the District safety and emergency plans. Local emergency officials have been consulted along with NYS and County law enforcement. While some changes seemed to be warranted, all involved wanted to make sure the changes were reasonable, not simply reactive. FCS has a long history of school safety, but that should not be taken for granted. Updates will include single entry building access including improved video visibility and automatic door locking/unlocking. A lockbox will be installed at the main entry that will allow emergency personnel to access the school in a timely fashion. Emergency plans were reviewed and updated. Copies of the plan will be posted in every classroom near the phone for easy access. While these changes may decrease convenience, it will make our school safer and more secure while maintaining an environment favorable to teaching and learning.
- A Summer Reading Program was discussed. This program will give students the opportunity to read books throughout the summer, then instead of reporting on the book using a conventional book report, they will engage in an activity that relays their thoughts on the book.
- The Safe School Ambassador training program will be led by Deb Woltag. This approach to improving school climate, uses the power of students to help stop bullying and violence
- Each Board member was given a copy of the most recent edition of the Fillmore SPACE. It includes information, articles and opinions written by students, for students.

3.3 There was discussion between the Board and the Superintendent about the Monthly Article on Superintendent and Board of Education Roles – Management and Governance. Discussion revealed that the Superintendent entry plan and Board and District goals are important in directing decisions on policy.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 4.1 A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Hatch for the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss a confidential personnel matter and contract negotiations.

4 Aye 0 Nays (Roeske absent) Motion carried

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:37 pm.

- 4.2 A motion was made by Cronk, seconded by Hatch for the Board to move out of Executive Session and resume regular open session.

4 Aye 0 Nays (Roeske absent) Motion carried

The Board resumed regular session at 9:30 pm.

5. BUSINESS/FINANCE:

- 5.1 Business Administrator's Report

Business Manager Tom Ricketts reviewed a draft budget for the 12-13 school year. While there are still many unknowns, some estimated figures were incorporated into the draft in order to have a general picture of how next fiscal year might look. There was lengthy discussion on the formula

used to develop the tax levy and other variables. If NY State passes a budget by April 1 revealing actual state aid figures, a more concrete budget can be formulated.

- 5.2 The treasurer’s report, including financial statements covering January 2013, was reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Dean, seconded by Hatch to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January and to grant the authority to pay the necessary February bills with the Treasurer’s Report to be presented at the March Board of Education meeting.

5 Aye 0 Nays Motion carried

6. OTHER ITEMS-NONE

7. CONSENT VOTE:

- Minutes of January 24, 2013

A motion was made by Hatch, seconded by Dean to approve the Consent vote.

5 Aye 0 Nays Motion carried

8. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM - NONE

9. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm.

11. PERSONNEL

11.1 Volunteer Appointments for 2012-2013

| NAME | ACTIVITY | SALARY |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Andrew Oden | Volunteer Asst. Tennis Coach | \$0 |

A motion was made by Roeske, seconded by Hatch to approve the volunteer appointment as indicated above.

5 Aye 0 Nays Motion carried

12. CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 Having reviewed the recommendations developed by the CSE/CPSE for special education programs and services from January 23, 2013 to February 11, 2013, A motion was made by Roeske, seconded by Dean to approve said recommendations.

5 Aye 0 Nays Motion carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Roeske, seconded by Dean to adjourn the meeting.

5 Aye 0 Nays Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 pm.

14. IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION

- **February 18 – 22 is Mid-Winter Recess**
- **Next regular meeting scheduled for March 19 at 7:00 pm**