

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

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

***Tuesday, March 18, 2014***  
***Conference Room – C117***

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**April 17, 2014 Board Meeting – 7 pm**  
**May 15, 2014 Board Meeting – 7 pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by 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:**

Ravo Root, Superintendent	X	_____
Mike Dodge, High School Principal	X	_____
Wendy Butler, Pre K – 4 Principal, Curriculum Director	X	_____
Thomas Ricketts, Business Manager	X	_____
William Kelley, Guidance Counselor	_____	_____

**1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS/PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**2. PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS –**

2.1 Time was made available for public comment on the proposed 2014-2015 school budget. No public comments were received.

2.2 FCS Seniors Nathan LaCelle-Peterson and Jordan Crouch presented the Board with a summary of the 2014 Senior Class trip, scheduled for April 24 – April 27. The trip itinerary was shared indicating a full schedule including an opportunity to see the Freedom Tower, Empire State Building and Times Square in New York City, The Inner Harbor in Baltimore with a dinner cruise and a tour of the National Monuments in Washington, DC.

A total of 51 students plan to travel along with 6 chaperones. Because of the large class, two busses will be necessary. The cost for each student was reduced to \$220 with class fundraisers.

The Senior Class raised a total of almost \$43,000 for the trip and 12 students will go at no cost to themselves.

### 3. DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION

#### 3.1 Administrators' Reports

##### Pre K-4 Principal Wendy Butler

- The teacher in-service held on March 14 was well attended and covered many areas including common core strategies and technology training.
- The elementary play, Winnie the Pooh will be on May 16 and that everyone is invited to attend.
- On June 17 grades 3 & 4 will hold a student talent show. Students are excited about this upcoming event and are already in the planning stages.

##### 5-12 Principal Mike Dodge

- The High School winter sports awards program was well attended. He stated how impressed he is with the level of participation and the quality of sportsmanship represented.
- He attended a recent dance for the high school that went well.
- The High School musical "Les Misérables" is scheduled to perform on April 4 & 5 at 7:30 pm in the school auditorium.
- Several teachers from Russia visited the school, hosted by retired teacher Kathy Moore. They greatly enjoyed their visit commenting about the technology available to students and the small class sizes, compared to what they have experienced at home. They sent a very note to the school thanking us for our hospitality.

#### 3.2 Work Session

##### • Update on Budget Legislation from Albany

Mr. Root reviewed the current legislation that lawmakers in Albany are considering. Reduction or complete removal of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) is what most educators are asking for. This would restore critical foundation aid to high need schools. Mr. Root also reviewed other factors that affect school aid formulas and other unfunded mandates that NYS has thrust on schools.

##### • Common Core

We watched a video that provided an example of how high school ELA can be taught using Common Core strategies and instructional methods. Evidence was used to support an argument.

#### 3.3 Superintendent's Report

- The Thoughtful Ed. group continues to meet providing tools and strategies to assist teachers.
- Writer's Workshop is a system of writing that some grade levels are utilizing which allows students 30-40 minutes of guided writing time. It is being planned that grades K-8 will implement it next year, increasing the level of writing instruction.
- STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Our grades 3-6, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and chemistry teachers have both all committed to converting their current teaching methods to STEM curriculum. They have committed to attending monthly training sessions and are very excited to implement this hands-on science curriculum next year.

It's also a chance to take advantage of a new STEM classroom included in the proposed school capital project.

- A new Veterinarian Technology Class will be offered next year through our Distance Learning lab for college credit. Also being considered are course work in business and art that will expand the FCS college credit offerings.
- The Winter Sports Awards program gave 90 students participating in a winter sport the opportunity to be recognized. Girl's basketball and boy's volleyball were both recognized with the Allegany County Sportsmanship Award. The overall grade average of students participating in a winter sport was an incredible 89.1. Way to go FCS scholar-Athletes!
- Two teachers have proposed a trip to Europe, specifically England and France, as a way to offer an international experience to high school students. The trip would cost approximately \$2,800 per student, though different trip vendors are being contacted which might lower the cost. Next year would be the earliest this trip would be offered with further details made available if the trip is approved.
- There was an inquiry as to whether the District might offer an early retirement incentive to teachers this year. There was discussion regarding what, if any benefits there would be to the district and that the actual number interested would not likely be significant. It was agreed to investigate possible offerings and present them at the next BOE meeting.
- The district resident Capital Project brochure was reviewed and discussed.
- Copies of the school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year were received with no changes recommended.

#### 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 4.1 Motion Dean, second Roeske for the board to enter into Executive Session at 8:41 pm to discuss personnel matters.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

- 4.2 Motion Roeske, second Dean for the board to move out of Executive Session at 9:06 pm and regular meeting resumed.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

#### 5. BUSINESS/FINANCE:

- 5.1 Business Administrator's Report

- Business Manager Tom Ricketts presented a draft of the proposed 2014-2015 district budget with health insurance rates included. Major sections were reviewed, but there is still uncertainty on legislative action pending in reference to the reduction in the GEA which could add some aid into the formula.
- Four RFP's (Request for Proposal) for new auditing services were presented for review. More detailed review will be necessary before a recommendation can be forwarded.
- Mr. Ricketts reviewed the monthly financial summary and provided treasurers reports for the month of February.

- 5.2 Motion Dean, second Roeske to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the months of February and to grant the authority to pay the necessary March bills with the Treasurer's Report to be presented at the April Board of Education meeting.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

**6. OTHER ITEMS:**

Meeting Dates

- The next regular Board meeting will be April 17 at 7:00 pm.
- The annual BOCES budget vote will be held April 22 at 8:00 am at the school.

**7. CONSENT VOTE:**

- Motion Hatch, second Roeske to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 regular meeting.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

**8. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM - NONE**

**9. OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 NYCLASS Investment Plan Amendment**

Motion Dean, second Hatch to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, town and villages] and districts to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the Fillmore Central School District wishes to invest certain of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to a municipal cooperation agreement (NYCLASS Cooperative Investment Plan);

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

AMENDMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 18, 2014 TO THE NEW YORK COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES SYSTEM MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS AMENDED AND RESTATED AS OF APRIL 23, 2012

The Municipal Cooperation Agreement referenced above is hereby amended so that the following changes are made:

- 1) The NYCLASS Investment Policy better conforms to New York State General Municipal Law.

2) The Governing Board is empowered with the ability to further amend the Investment Policy without further amendment to the cooperative, but while still maintaining appropriate notice to Participants.

3) Allows for the potential creation of other investment options as market conditions change or improve over time.

The Business Manager is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of Fillmore Central School.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

10.2 2014-15 BOCES Unit Cost Methodology Approval

Motion Cronk, second Roeske that the Fillmore Central School District approve the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

10.3 Motion Hatch, second Dean to approve the proposed 2014-2015 School Calendar.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

10.4 Motion Hatch, second Roeske to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:  
AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FILLMORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND APPARATUS AND OTHER INCIDENTAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR SUCH CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL USE, ALL AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$9,190,000; AND TO APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND FROM THE 2014 BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND \$932,096 FOR SUCH COSTS, AND THAT THE BALANCE OF SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, WITH SUCH TAX TO BE OFFSET BY STATE AID AVAILABLE THEREFOR; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE

NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED \$8,257,904 SHALL BE ISSUED NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the aforesaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this annual voter meeting, authorizing reconstruction and equipping of existing school buildings and facilities, site and incidental improvements, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$9,190,000; with the expenditure of \$932,096 from the 2014 Capital Reserve Fund for such costs, the issuance of up to \$8,257,904 of debt obligations of the School District to finance the balance of such costs, and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefore, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

The School District has completed its environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA") and, on February 20, 2014, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of such capital costs and providing for the financing costs therefor. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.
3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

**11. PERSONNEL**

11.1 Motion Roeske, second Dean to approve the following substitute teacher appointments:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>GRADE LEVEL</b>	<b>SUBJECTS</b>
Chelsea Freeman	Bachelors		All	All
Michelle Maupin	Bachelors/Masters		All	All
Karen Merriam	Teacher Asst. Certificate		All	All
Ignacio Villalobos	Bachelors	Physical Education	All	Phys Ed & Health

Individuals listed are fingerprinted and have full clearance for employment.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

11.2 Motion Roeske, second Hatch to approve the following coaching appointment for 2013-2014:

NAME	ACTIVITY
Andrew Oden	Vol. Asst. Tennis Coach

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

**12. CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 Having reviewed the recommendations developed by the CSE/CPSE for special education programs and services from February 20, 2014 to March 17, 2014, a motion was made by Dean, seconded by Roeske to hereby approve said recommendations.

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Roeske, second Hatch to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 pm

5 Aye 0 Nay Motion Carried

**15. IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION**

- April 2 – BOCES Annual Meeting at the Center in Olean, dinner at 6pm
- April 4 – Vote by public on whether or not to establish Capital Reserve
- April 4 & 5 – High School Musical @ 7pm in Auditorium
- April 14-21 Spring Recess
- April 22 – Fillmore Board of Education will vote on BOCES Administrative budget and elect BOCES Board members