

May 20, 2025

Special Board of Education Meeting  
Middle-High School Old Gymnasium

**Present:** Jack Bono  
Kathleen Sarafin  
Jason Wasielewski  
Tricia Service  
Dominick Bellino  
Joseph Ciccone  
Kathleen Sarafin

**Absent:** 0

**Others Present:** Joseph Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, Connie Giordano, District Clerk, Kacey Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Technology

**Call to Order:**  
The meeting was called to order by Jack Bono at 7:01 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:**  
Roll call was taken by Joseph Ciccone 7– Present 0 – Absent

**Convene to General Session** – a motion was made by Tricia Service, seconded by Kathleen Sarafin to convene to General Session at 8:27 p.m.

7– YES 0 – NO MOTION PASSED

**Accept Results of the 2025-2026 Budget Vote:**

Be it resolved that the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the results of the 2025-2026 Budget Vote and Election of one board of education member as follows:

191 –YES  
42 – NO Budget Passed

Kathleen Sarafin total votes - 207

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Tricia Service, seconded by Kathleen Sarafin, to approve the following **CONSENT AGENDA:** Minutes, Finance, Personnel 1 – 4.

7 - YES 0 - NO MOTION PASSED

**Personnel:**

1. **Appointed Elementary Teacher:**

Be it resolved that the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints Meghan Sears to the position of Elementary Teacher, at an annual pay rate Step 13 MA30 \$61,259 effective July 1, 2025. This appointment is contingent upon clearance from the New York State Department of Education (fingerprint clearance).

Education: - MVCC- Associates Elementary Education (December 2001) - SUNY Oneonta- Bachelors Elementary Education (December 2003) - NYSUT Touro Program- Masters in Special Education & Elementary Education (January 2008) - SUNY Cortland- CAS SBL and SDL

Certifications: - Elementary Education- N-6 Permanent - Special Education- 1-6 Professional - SDL/SDL- In progress

Job Related Experience/Trainings: - Frankfort-Schuyler CSD: 2021-Present - Herkimer BOCES Pre-K (FSCSD): 2006-2021 - Deerfield Elementary- Elementary Substitute: 2005-2006 - Various Schools- Substitute: 2002-2006

Justification: - This position will be starting our own PRE K Program- Mrs. Sears was our Pre K teacher with BOCES from 2006 to 2021 when she was appointed as a Special Education Teacher for FSCSD. Meghan will not be transitioning back to Pre K.

**Personnel:**

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2. **Appointed Elementary Teacher:**

Be it resolved that the FrankfortSchuyler Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints Jocelyn VanVelsor to the position of Elementary Teacher, at an annual pay rate Step 10 BA30+6 \$50,306+480= \$50,788 effective July 1, 2025. This is a four year probationary appointment extending from July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2029 and is contingent upon clearance from the New York State Department of Education (fingerprint clearance) and certification completion.

Education: - -

SUNY Cobleskill Bachelors Early Childhood Education (May 2013) Utica University Special Education P12 Masters (in progress)

Certifications: - -

Childhood Education Grades B-2 (pending) Special Education Transitional B Certification

Job Related Experience/Trainings:

Herkimer BOCES Pre-K (FSCSD): 2024-2025 Town of Webb- Long Term Sub: 2023-2024 Town of Webb- TA: 2021-2023 Kinderwood- Director/Lead Teacher: 2019-2021 UKids Guardsman- Lead Teacher: 2018-2019 Auraria Early Learning Center- Supervising Teacher: 2014-2018 YMCA- Lead Preschool Teacher: 2013-2014

Justification: - This position will be starting our own PRE K Program

3. **Appointed Elementary Teacher:**

Be it resolved that the FrankfortSchuyler Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints Amber Zellwager to the position of Elementary Teacher, at an annual pay rate Step 7 MA \$48,797 effective August 18, 2025. This is a four year probationary appointment extending from August 18, 2025 to August 18, 2029 and is contingent upon clearance from the New York State Department of Education (fingerprint clearance).

Education: - - -

Herkimer College- Associate in Childhood Education (May 2018) Cazenovia College- Bachelors in Science in Inclusive Elementary Education (May 2020) Grand Canyon University- Masters of Arts in Reading (June 2023)

Certifications: - - Childhood Education Grades 1-6 (2022) Students with Disabilities (2023)

Job Related Experience/Trainings:

Little Falls City SD: Special Education Teacher- 2022-2025 Little Falls City SD: Content Support Specialist- 2021-2022 OHM BOCES: Virtual Third Grade Teacher- 2020-2021 Central Valley CSD: Substitute Teacher- 12/2018-3/2020

Justification: - This position will be to fill a current opening

4. **Appointed Elementary Teacher:**

Be it resolved that the FrankfortSchuyler Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints Jordan Thomes to the position of Elementary Teacher, at an annual pay rate Step 1 MA \$47,238 effective August 18, 2025. This is a four year probationary appointment extending from August 18, 2025 to August 18, 2029 and is contingent upon clearance from the New York State Department of Education (fingerprint clearance) and certification completion.

Education: -

Cazenovia College- Bachelors in Interior Design (May 2019) Western Governor's University- Masters of Arts in Teaching (March 2015)

Certifications: - - Childhood Education Grades 1-6 (2025) Childhood Education Grades B-2 (in progress)

Job Related Experience/Trainings:

Central Valley CSD: Student Teacher- October 2024-May 2025 Herkimer CSD: Student Teacher- April 2024-June 2024

Justification: This position will be to fill a current opening

**Personnel:**

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5. **Appointed Special Education Teacher:**

Be it resolved that the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints Mikayla Ward to the position of Long Term Substitute: Special Education Elementary Teacher, at a daily pay rate of \$110/day until the 21st consecutive day. Once the 21st consecutive day salary would be BA Step 1 \$42,316 (pro-rated).

Education:

MVCC- Associates in General Studies Grand Canyon University- Bachelors in Elementary & Special Education (December 2025)

Certifications: - Special Education- In progress

Job Related Experience/Trainings:

Waterville CSD: Special Education Teacher- 2023-

Present Waterville CSD: Summer School Coordinator- Summer 2023 Waterville CSD: Teaching Assistant- 2022-2023

Justification: This position will be to fill a current opening

6. **Appointed Occupational Therapist:**

Be it resolved that the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints Curry Taurisano, to the position of Occupational Therapist, at an annual pay rate MA STEP 15 \$61,612 (pro-rated) effective August 18, 2025. This is a four year probationary appointment extending from August 18, 2025 to August 18, 2029 and is contingent upon clearance from the New York State Department of Education (fingerprint clearance).

Education:

- Utica College- Bachelors of Science in Psychology Child-Life (12/2019)
- Utica College- Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy (5/2022)

Job Related Experience/Trainings:

- House of the Good Shepherd: 2024-Present
- Developmental Therapy Associates- 8/2023- 2024
- 3 Circles Therapy- 8/2022-8/2023
- Mohawk Valley Health Systems- 8/2022- Present (per diem)
- Bassett Medical Center- 4/2022-6/2022
- Oneida Herkimer Madison BOCES: 1/2022-4/2022
- Kelberman Center- 12/2019-1/2022
- ADHD & Autism Psychological Services & Advocacy- 12/2016-12/2020

Justification:

- This position will be replacing our contractual DTA therapist

7. **Accepted Resignation from Teacher Assistant:**

Be it resolved that the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of rad Cleveland from his position of Teacher Assistant, effective June 30, 2025.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Tricia Service, seconded by Angela Service to **adjourn** at 8:32 p.m.

7– YES

0 – NO

MOTION PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

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District Clerk

May 6, 2025

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Middle-High School Library

**Present:** Jack Bono  
Kathleen Sarafin  
Jason Wasielewski  
Angela Service  
Dominick Bellino

**Absent:** 2 – Joseph Ciccone, Tricia Service

**Others Present:** Joseph Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, Connie Giordano, District Clerk, Kacey Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Technology, Dawn Harvey, K-12 Director for Special Programs, Nicole Castronovo, Grants Coordinator

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Jack Bono at 7:01 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:**

Roll call was taken by Jack Bono            5– Present            2 – Absent

**Convene to General Session** – a motion was made by Angela Service, seconded by Kathleen Sarafin to convene to General Session at 7:10 p.m.            5– YES            0 – NO            MOTION PASSED

**Reports/Presentations/Good News to Share:**

- 1. **2025-2026 Budget Hearing** – Kacey Sheppard – Ass’t. Superintendent of Business and Technology
- 2. Updates - Superintendent Joseph Palmer

**Discretionary Period for Residents to Address the Board:**

N/A

**Minutes:**

N/A

**Finance:**

N/A

**Personnel:**

N/A

**New Business:** A motion was made by Angela Service, seconded by Dominick Bellino to reflect the following:

- 1. **CSE/CPSE Reviews:**

It is hereby recommended that the CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following student case numbers that were reviewed be approved:

<u>Student ID</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
580511946	03/28/2025
580513534	04/11/2025
580512833	04/14/2025
580513364	04/15/2025
580513442	04/11/2025
580512876	04/15/2025
580512481	04/09/2025
580511479	04/30/2025
580512308	04/16/2025
580512323	04/16/2025
580513166	04/17/2025
580513458	04/11/2025
580513146	05/01/2025
580513058	04/15/2025
580513201	04/15/2025
580513201	04/15/2025

5 – YES            0 – NO            MOTION PASSED

**Old Business:**

N/A

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Dominick Bellino, seconded by Angela Service to **adjourn** at 7:37 p.m.

5– YES            0 – NO            MOTION PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

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District Clerk