



Regular Board Meeting

Members Present: Rachel Locke, Andrea Spengler, Lindsey Ellis, Jamie Gruber, Jamie Hebner, Derek Case

Members Absent: Michelle Merritt, Student Board Member Sophia Stewart

Administration Present: John O'Connor, Dan Grande, Kerriann Pelletter, Shauna McMahon, Scott Hazelton

Call to Order

Andrea Spenger called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the High School Library.

Pledge to the Flag

Public Comment (Please limit comments to five minutes per person)

Approval of Agenda

Lindsey Ellis made a motion seconded by Jamie Gruber to approve the agenda.

Supervisory Reports

- Mr. Scott Hazelton – Athletics made a presentation regarding the highlights and recap of the fall athletic season. Mr. Hazelton stated that the fall athletic participation has increased. Mr. Hazelton thanked Mrs. LoManto for her help with organizing and running the annual SpikeOut Cancer Volleyball game. Mr. Hazelton acknowledged student Leah Waite for her signing her letter of intent with D'Youville College and acknowledged Carilene Sliwa for her 1000 plus career basketball points. He also added highlights from the Polar Plunge sponsored by the Unified program.
- Mrs. Shauna McMahon – Elementary Principal spoke about the twelve days until Christmas break theme days. The Elementary school is discussing adding more layers to the PBIS program. Mrs. McMahon stated that Ms. Bauer along with a group of students recently visited the Chautauqua County Home and delivered holiday cards and did numerous activities with the residents. She also stated that the holiday concert was a success and the auditorium was full.
- Mr. Dan Grande – MS/HS Principal stated that they are finishing up 504 meetings. He is working on APPR and has been doing teacher evaluations. The MS/HS recently awarded their 1st quarter Hornet Awards to deserving and recommended



students. He also stated that there was a great turn out for Junior High parent-teacher conferences.

- Mr. Kyle Barthel – Building and Grounds
- Mr. Wesley Wright – Technology
- Mrs. Sarah LoManto – Cafeteria
- Mrs. Kris Richter– Transportation

Board Reports

- President
 - Budget Workshop – January 8, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.
- Board Committees
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity and Civics Committee met on December 4, 2026 and discussed regionalization and course offerings.
- Student Board Member Stewart was absent but provided a list of highlights to the Board.
- Superintendent O'Connor reported that budget meetings were beginning to start. He also thanked Parent Connection for all their help.

Discussion Items

None

Old Business

None

New Business Consent Agenda

Jamie Hebner made a motion seconded by Derek Case to approve agenda items A.

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve agenda items A.

A. Meeting Minutes

- 1) Approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2025.

All voted yes, motion carried.



Derek Case made a motion seconded by Lindsey Ellis to approve agenda items B.

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve agenda items B.

B. Financial Items

- 1) Treasurer's Report – October 2025
- 2) Warrant Summary Report and Claims Auditor Report –November 2025
- 3) Extra-Curricular Report – October 2025
- 4) Accept the Tax Collector's Report with the amount of \$259,426.65 plus \$5,188.48 in interest to be returned to the Treasurers of Chautauqua County and Cattaraugus Counties for payment.
- 5) The Board of Education establish the limit of \$22,000 for the 2026 year for Senior Citizen Exemptions and Exemptions for the Disabled.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Jamie Gruber made a motion seconded by Rachel Locke to approve agenda items C.

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve the additional financial item C:

C. Additional Financial Item

- 1) Approve the purchase and payment of the bus garage lift in the amount of \$69,116.30 to Steril-Koni USA Inc.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Rachel Locke made a motion seconded by Jamie Gruber to approve agenda items D.

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve agenda items D.

D. Personnel

- 1) Grant tenure to Christina Bauer who has professional certification as School Counselor in the Elementary tenure area effective February 10, 2026.



- 2) Approve Darlene Charles as a Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, effective January 5, 2026, Step 4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. There will be a six (6) month probationary period from January 5, 2026 through July 5, 2026.
- 3) Accept the resignation of Patrick Valvo, bus driver, for purpose of retirement effective January 24, 2026.
- 4) Approve the following unpaid days:

Kaitlyn Alguire 10/16/2025, 10/23/2025
- 5) Accept the resignation of Sara Botticello, floater/monitor/aide effective December 11, 2025.
- 6) Appoint Sara Botticello as a probationary full-time 12-month Clerk II position effective December 12, 2025. The probationary period for civil service purposes will be six months beginning December 12, 2025, through June 12, 2026.
- 7) Appoint Kristen Bellis to a 10-month Food Service Helper 3.0 hours per day effective December 1, 2025.
- 8) Approve the following substitutes upon successful completion of all requirements:

Connor Heidel Floater Monitor Aide effective 12/01/2025
Kathryn Brennan Uncertified Teacher and Floater Monitor Aide
Kaleb Hycner Uncertified Teacher
- 9) Approve the following for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jenn Corcoran Play-Choreographer
Jay Hagen Play-Sound Coordinator
Rachel Locke Volunteer Play-Costume Designer

All voted yes, motion carried.

Rachel Locke made a motion seconded by Jamie Hebner to approve agenda items B.

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve agenda items E.

E. Other



- 1) Approve the following IEP Recommendations #6713, 7160, 6266, 6655, 6928, 7158, 6896, 6690.
- 2) Approve Forestville combining with Silver Creek (Host School) and Lake Shore for the 2025-2026 Girls Varsity – Flag Football for Section 6.
- 3) Adjust the following substitute rates for 12/31/2025-6/30/2026 to reflect New York State minimum wage:

School Bus Driver Trainee
Custodial
Clerical
Aides/Food Service

- 4) Accept the 2025 fire inspection.
- 5) Accept the bids for the Capital Improvement Project 2024:

KIRST Construction Inc.	\$ 4,618,500.00
TRANE	\$ 1,152,253.00
Numaraco, Inc.	\$ 612,000.00
BECC Electric	\$ 1,053,900.00
Matt Kolo Excavating	\$ 1,487,825.00

All voted yes, motion carried.

Lindsey Ellis made a motion seconded by Derek Case to approve agenda items F.

- F. Recommendation from the Superintendent to accept and adopt the following bond resolution:

A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED DECEMBER 16, 2025, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FORESTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CATTARAUGUS AND CHAUTAUQUA COUNTIES, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT (1) TO UNDERTAKE AN APPROVED “CLEAN GREEN ENERGY PROJECT, 2025” (THE “PROJECT”) CONSISTING OF THE PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES TO VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND THE SITES THEREOF, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$7,466,977; (2) TO EXPEND OR APPLY TOWARD THE PROJECT \$100,000 FROM UTILITY REBATES AND \$945,377 FROM A NYSERDA GRANT; AND (3) TO ISSUE SERIAL BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT (IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,421,600) TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROJECT, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS) TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT.



WHEREAS, at the special meeting and vote of the qualified voters of the Forestville Central School District, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties, New York (the “District”) that was held on October 16, 2025, Proposition No. 1 (the “Proposition”) was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) (1) to undertake, in general accordance with a referenced project plan, a “Clean Green Energy Project, 2025” (the “Project”) at an estimated maximum cost of \$7,466,977; (2) to expend or apply toward the Project \$100,000 from utility rebates and \$945,377 from a NYSERDA grant; and (3) to levy a tax to finance the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be collected in annual installments, with obligations of the District (in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,421,600) to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the expenditure of up to \$7,466,977 for such purpose, and to provide for the financing thereof in accordance with the Proposition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board (by a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of all of the members of the Board), as follows:

Section 1. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution is a capital improvements project involving the partial reconstruction, renovation and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures required by the State Education Department in connection with any significant capital project and various other measures that are generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the written plan for the Project that was prepared by the District (with the assistance of Young + Wright Architectural) and is on file at the District offices, and being subject to the possibility of reallocation, deletion, revision or supplementation, as provided in the public notice of the vote on the Proposition. The foregoing work shall include the purchase of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and sites are used, and all ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and in connection with the financing thereof.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of such class of objects or purposes is determined to be \$7,466,977, which expenditure is hereby authorized. The plan for the financing of the Project is (1) to expend or apply toward the Project \$100,000 from utility rebates and \$945,377 from a NYSERDA grant and (2) to issue up to \$6,421,600 of serial bonds or other obligations of the District that may be lawfully issued under the Local Finance Law (the issuance of which being hereby specifically authorized for the financing of the balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project), with such amount to be offset by any federal, state, county and/or local funds received by the District for the Project. Unless paid from other sources or charges, such balance of the estimated maximum cost of the Project is to be paid by the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of such bonds or other obligations, and the interest thereon, as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the class of objects or purposes referred to in Section 1 hereof is 30 years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00, Sections 56.00 to 60.00, Section 62.00, Section 62.10, Section 63.00, and Section 164.00 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Board pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and details as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds (and the renewals of such notes), are hereby delegated to the President of the Board, as the chief fiscal officer of the District. Without in any way limiting the scope of the foregoing delegation of powers, the President of the



Board, to the extent permitted by Section 58.00(f) of the Local Finance Law, is hereby specifically authorized to accept bids submitted in electronic format for any bonds or notes of the District.

Section 5. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the purpose or purposes described in this resolution.

Section 6. This resolution shall constitute the declaration (or reaffirmation) of the District's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 7. Each of the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and such obligations shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District, without limitation as to rate or amount (subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of New York). The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (1) the amortization and redemption of any such obligations to mature in such year and (2) the payment of interest on any such obligations to be due and payable in such year.

Section 8. The President of the Board is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and may designate the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 9. The President of the Board is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the obligations authorized hereunder (or any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations), containing provisions that are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 10. The President of the Board is further authorized to call in and redeem any outstanding obligations that were issued pursuant to this resolution (at such times and in such amounts and maturities as may be deemed appropriate after consultation with District officials and the District's municipal advisor), to approve any related notice of redemption, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate any such call(s) for redemption pursuant to Section 53.00 of the Local Finance Law, with the understanding that no such call(s) for redemption will be made unless such notice of redemption shall have first been filed with the District Clerk.

Section 11. In the absence or unavailability of the President of the Board, the Vice President of the Board is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board in this resolution.

Section 12. The District Clerk is hereby authorized to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the District's official newspaper. The validity of the obligations authorized hereby, or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations, may be contested only if:

- (1) (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution (or a summary thereof) are not substantially complied with,



and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within 20 days after the date of such publication; or

(2) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Section 13. This resolution is effective immediately and shall be placed in the official minutes of the Board as an official action of the Board.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing bond resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Andrea Spengler, Jamie Gruber, Jamie Hebner, Lindsey Ellis, Rachel Locke, Derek Case

NOES: None

ABSENT: Michelle Merritt

The bond resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Proposed Executive Session

Jamie Gruber made a motion seconded by Lindsey Ellis to enter executive session to discuss collective bargaining and negotiations at 5:50 p.m.

All voted yes. Motion carried.



Jamie Gruber made a motion seconded by Derek Case to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting at 6:02 p.m.

All voted yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Jamie Gruber made a motion seconded Lindsey Ellis to adjourn the meeting.

All voted yes, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Correspondence/Information