

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
ZOOM
March 17, 2021

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member (arrived at 6:48pm)
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President

Adm./Others: Mr. Scot Taylor, Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. of Pupil Services
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve Board Minutes dated January March 3, 2021 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

There was nothing to report for Legislative or Workers' Compensation Alliance.

Mr. Schweiger reported that there was a Health Trust Consortium meeting on Friday, March 5, 2021 he was unable to attend, but Mrs. Seaver did attend. Mrs. Seaver reported that two districts have left or will leave the consortium by the end of the school year. While others are thinking about this, we should keep in mind there may be short-term benefits, but long-term it could be risky. As far as next year's rates, we are in good shape. COVID-19 related costs could have long-term impacts, right now that is a big unknown.

Mr. Roe reported that the Scholarship Challenge Team made it to the WATS/WAVR finals on Saturday, beat Waverly 150-130, and brought home the \$3000 award. The students who

competed are all in 11th grade and were chaperoned by Marie Chianese. Also, Mr. Roe is currently working with teachers on end of the year assessments.

Mr. Cook stated regarding grade 3-8 testing, we are waiting on a waiver from the Federal Government to be approved. Either way, testing will either be cancelled or scaled down to one day instead of two. Progress reports went home recently and unfortunately, for the most part, they did not look good; Student Council advisors have Spirit Week planned for next week.

Mrs. Bombard mentioned that Kindergarten screening will be happening on Wednesdays in April; there are Leprechaun traps everywhere in her building; The Easter Hat Parade has been scheduled for April 1, it will be done virtually.

Mrs. Keene spoke of the addition to the Safety Plan that will need approval later in the meeting.

Mrs. Meister reported that she has finished all her High School meetings and will be starting the Middle School meetings soon; she has had some shifts in placements for some of the off-campus students; there have been several new 504 referrals and she is working on those. Great news, Camp Ahwaga is happening this year, it has been a wonderful experience for our kids in the past, paperwork will go out this week to eligible families.

Mr. Roe stated he would have to wait until the March 31 meeting to talk about the assessment plan as we have received nothing from the state yet.

Mr. Taylor mentioned the recent passing of Mr. Paul Reitz, Mr. Reitz was a long-time teacher in the district and just a great guy. We wish the family the best and thoughts are with them during this difficult time. Regarding testing, we're waiting on a waiver from the government, we should know sooner than later how the testing will work this year. Athletics update: indoor events allowing 2 spectators for the home team only; outdoor events allowing 2 spectators for home and visitors; all must follow protocols; it's great to see kids and parents at these events! We are still attempting to live stream as much as possible with limited cameras and limited people.

Mr. Taylor reviewed the budget calendar and proposed expenditures for the 2021-22 budget with the Board. Review will continue at the next meeting on the 31st. He mentioned some key points: budget numbers reflect some changes in special education needs, addition of a summer school program separate from summer recreation, we are budgeting for 5 days of instruction with double bus runs each day and are losing about .5 million dollars from the STAR program and not sure how long that will last.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the addition to the current Safety Plan as presented.

6. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the *Financial Consent Agenda* items as follows:

Approval of the February 2021 Claims Auditor Report
Approval of the February 2021 Extraclassroom Report
Approval of the December 2020 Financial Report
Approval of the Health & Welfare contract for 1 student attending the New Roots Charter School in Ithaca in the amount of \$778.

7. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the *Personnel Consent Agenda* items as follows:

Approval of the following additions to the Substitute/Volunteer lists:

- *Joshua Canzler – Support Staff*
- *Arielle Ayres – Instructional Staff*

Approval of the following coaching appointment retro March 1, 2021:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	STEP	ACTIVITY	N/C	EXP	LEVEL	PERCENT	LONG	20/21
Desiree	Ford	Modified	Volleyball		37	3	6	2	3,620

Accept and approve retirement letter received from Dianna Babcock. Dianna is retiring from her position as HS Monitor with her last day of service on March 16, 2021.

8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Bombard responded briefly to a question/comment sent in regarding the proposed Ag/Art program in the Elementary.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 4-0 to enter executive session at 6:48 pm.

Joshua Whitmore joined the meeting at 6:48 pm.

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to return to public session at 7:50 pm.

10. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk