

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Board Room
June 17, 2020

Present: Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Dr. Abram Nichols, Member
Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member
Mr. Scot Taylor, Member (arrived at 6:02)
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President

Adm./Others: Mrs. Michelle Bombard, Principal
Mr. Willard Cook, Principal (Zoom)
Dr. David Hamilton, Superintendent
Mrs. Kathleen Keene, Dir. of Instruction (Zoom)
Mrs. Meredith Meister, Dir. Of Pupil Services (Zoom)
Mr. Joshua Roe, Principal (Zoom)
Mrs. Jill Reese, Clerk
Mrs. Kendra Seaver, Treasurer (Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Root called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Board Room.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Abram Nichols, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to approve Board Minutes dated June 3, 2020 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Bombard reported that benchmarking was completed in the Elementary School. Data has been analyzed from benchmarking and the school year, and looking at how to group students for the Fall. Staff has done a tremendous job.

Mr. Taylor arrived.

Elementary Report cards will go out on Monday; final packets are coming back from parents. UPK and Kindergarten registration packets have been coming in as well. Screenings will take place in August.

Mr. Cook reported that his staff had been in for the past 3 days, and they had spent time having grade to grade meetings to see what was missed and what will need to be covered when the school year begins. Chromebook return was Tuesday night and they received about 50%-60% back, they will continue to work on that.

Mr. Roe stated that Chromebook return was today in the HS. All of his Seniors made it through. Big shout out to his teachers that worked with the at-risk students to get their work completed and turned in. Senior Awards Night will be virtual this year. Graduation plans will be shared soon. Mr. Roe will work with 9th grade students over the summer to get them caught up and through marking period 4 to pass their classes.

Mrs. Keene discussed the District Safety Plan for 2020-21 stating that it would be posted on the website for public review and comment for 30 days and then it will be brought to the Board again for approval.

Mrs. Meister reported that she is finalizing IEPs for 70 plus students and will have 3 more meetings before the end of the year, once that happens, I can start my roll over and start looking at services for next year. We are in really good shape right now even though I had to play catch up due to COVID, but we are going to make it to the end of the year!

Dr. Hamilton stated that he wanted to thank the community for their support of the budget, we had an 80% approval rating! Administrators and Managers worked hard to come up with this budget and it great the people are supporting us. We have heard nothing from the Governor as far as the readjustment periods. We have just posted 3 monitor positions for next year and the administrators are trying to see how the numbers will work with the needs that the district has. We have also heard nothing with regard to next year and how the school year will look, Mr. VanDusen is working on a couple scenarios in regards to transportation.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the revision to the 2019-20 school calendar to remove the April 6-13 Spring Recess days.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept and approve the transportation request received from the Dember family to transport their children to and from Ross Corners Christian Academy beginning in September.

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to set the Re-organizational meeting and regular Board meeting for July 1, 2020.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Abram Nichols, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to accept bids received and award contracts to Hale Contracting, Inc., Piccirilli Mechanical, Inc., Blanding Electric, and Kimble Inc., as presented, for the Roofing Project Phase 2a.

6. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the *Financial Consent Agenda* items as follows:

*May 2020 Claims Auditor Report
May 2020 Extraclassroom Report
April 2020 Financial Report
2020 Budget Vote and Election Results*

7. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the abolishment of (1) School Counselor position.

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 6-1 to approve summer recreation positions.

There was much discussion regarding summer recreation, i.e. whether a nurse was needed and how they will be handling all of the regulations handed down with regard to the COVID pandemic. Mrs. Barto was at the meeting (via Zoom) and was able to speak regarding their concerns. She assured everyone that she has been working closely with the Health Department and that she and the summer rec staff will comply with all regulations and that a nurse is not a requirement.

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the permanent appointments as follows:

*Name of Appointee: Tristan Reigelman
Civil Service Position: Groundskeeper
Probationary period: June 30, 2019-June 30, 2020
Permanent appointment date: July 1, 2020*

*Name of Appointee: William Eddy Holstein
Civil Service Position: Custodian
Probationary period: June 30, 2019-June 30, 2020
Permanent appointment date: July 1, 2020*

Mrs. Zwierlein asked about the new hires and if they had been called to let them know their starting salaries had been modified. Dr. Hamilton confirmed this and stated there could be more discussion in Executive Session.

8. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve CSE, CPSE or 504 Recommendations as presented.

9. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Scot Taylor, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to enter into executive session at 7:29 pm, to discuss matters leading to the employment of particular person or persons.

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to public session at 7:55 pm.

11. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Scot Taylor, seconded by Joshua Whitmore, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk