

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Regular Meeting
Board Room
November 4, 2020

Present: Mrs. Cathi Root, President
Mr. Aaron Lounsbury, Member
Mr. Gregory Schweiger, Member (ZOOM)
Mr. Joshua Whitmore, Member (ZOOM)
Mrs. Pamela Zwierlein, Vice-President

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

Absent: Dr. Abram Nichols, Member

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 Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve Board Minutes dated October 21, 2020 for the Regular Meeting as presented.

4. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Zwierlein attended the Annual Business & Meet the Candidates Zoom meeting on 10/22/20. Officers were elected and upcoming meetings were announced as well as the opportunity to meet the candidates. It was announced that there would be a workshop for Board Presidents and VP's on November 3, 2020. Mrs. Zwierlein also attended the workshop where they approved minutes from previous meetings and accepted the Financial Report for the period 7/1/19-6/30/20. Other details of the meeting were sent to the Board via email. The Legislative meeting is scheduled for 1/7/21.

Mr. Schweiger attended the Health Trust meeting on 10/30/20. They talked about a base budget increase of 5% for next year, depending on our experience rating, the increase could be more or less. Also, the Consortium is exploring different Medicare options that they may be able to offer to try to retain the retiree population in the Consortium. Districts are being surveyed for their interest.

There is a Workers' Compensation Alliance meeting scheduled for 11/13/20 at 6:30pm, Mr. Lounsbury plans on attending.

Mrs. Bombard reported that for about 30 minutes last week, things felt normal! They were able to have the Annual Halloween Parade through the halls and the kids had a great time! Some of her quarantined teachers and students will be back at the end of the week and more will return early the following week. It is a balancing act trying to teach in person and remote students at the same time.

Mr. Roe stated that Monday they had to transition to full remote due to a positive student case and with that, the numbers in quarantine would be a little too high to stay in session; everyone will return next Thursday, November 12. Huge thank you to my teachers, Mr. Keene's crew, and Mrs. Robertson's crew who made it possible to hand out chrome books and meals to students on Tuesday.

Mr. Cook stated the MS was switched to full remote learning on Wednesday, 10/28 due to quarantines involving over half the student population, a faculty member and a bus driver. The remote learning will last until at least Monday 11/16. By going full remote until 11/16, it allows us to see if any new cases are reported, and is consistent with the weekly lesson plans teachers develop for remote learning. As of today's date, no further cases have been reported in the MS, and no reports of serious illness have been received from those in quarantine.

Mrs. Keene reported that she had checked with the mentors and they all had positive reports.

Mrs. Meister stated that she had her last round of transfer intake meetings last week; her recent manifestation meeting had been resolved and a transportation contract is being implemented. Mrs. Meister also went over her CSE recommendations report at this time.

Mr. Taylor reported that in the three short days he has been in the office, a lot had happened! The property purchase is about to be wrapped up hopefully this week; with regard to athletics, there was a league meeting recently and there has been discussion on how competitions may look once sports are able to start competing; the preparations the Administrators and Managers did to get us in a position to provide quality remote instruction is amazing; a tremendous amount of work was put forth by everyone, teachers, administrators, students and parents. These are bumps we may have to deal with all year long, but all in all, it's best to have the kids here, on campus.

5. FINANCIAL

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the *Financial Consent Agenda* items as follows:

Approval of the July 2020 Financial Report

Approval of the October 2020 Overtime Report

Approval of the resolution pertaining to Unit Cost Methodology for BOCES 2021-22 shared services

6. PERSONNEL

A MOTION was made by Gregory Schweiger, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a

vote of 5-0 to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approval of Letter of Resignation from Milisa Creller effective November 6, 2020

Approval of the letter from Kathryn Mayer rescinding her resignation

Approval of the permanent appointment of Danette Reis to Bus Driver

Approval of the following additions to substitute lists:

- *Milisa Creller – Support Staff – Bus Driver*
- *Taylor Robertson – Support Staff*
- *Giovanna Rossi – Instructional Staff*
- *Jenna Steele – Support and Instructional Staff*

7. CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

A MOTION was made by Pamela Zwierlein, seconded by Aaron Lounsbury, and carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve CSE, CPSE, 504 Recommendations as presented.

8. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC

There were NO questions/comments from the public.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Aaron Lounsbury, seconded by Pamela Zwierlein, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to enter into executive session at 6:51 pm, to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons.

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 7:45 pm.

10. ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Joshua Whitmore, seconded by Gregory Schweiger, and carried by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Jill Reese
Clerk