

January 22, 2018

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – JANUARY 22, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	ADMINISTRATION PRESENT
Mr. Brown Dr. Corcoran Mrs. Kielbasinski Mrs. Murphy Mr. Schulman Mrs. Tyson Mr. Van Schaick Mrs. Woodcock Dettor	Mrs. Petrosillo	Dr. Kendrick, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Smith, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Schulman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room in the District Office. Others in attendance were Jane Aliberto, Liz Golembeski, Boyd Raymond, Lura Lunkenheimer, John Vavalo, Ann Wright, Tina McQuiston, Justin & Danielle Lambert, Jim & Cora True Frost, Susan Fahey Glisson, Amy Spitzer, Amy Kallander, Joshua King, Anika Flagg, Andrew Hawkins, Penelope Pooler Eisenbies, Michael Fitzpatrick, and Linda Ervin

Community Comment

Mr. Schulman asked for community comments; there were none.

Minutes of December 18, 2017 Board Meeting

Mr. Brown moved, Mr. Van Schaick seconded approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Recommendations of the CPSE and CSE

Mrs. Murphy moved, Dr. Corcoran seconded acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education from their meetings on January 8, 2018 and the Committee on Special Education from their meetings on December 5, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 2017 and January 3, 4, 9, 10, and 7, 2018.

Motion carried (8-0-0)

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Brown moved, Mrs Murphy seconded approval of the following personnel changes as recommended by the Superintendent:

Motion carried (8-0-0).

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NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Appointments

Name and position	Location	Effective
Mark Michael Substitute Bus Driver	Transportation	1/23/18

Change in Status

Name and position	Location	Reason	Effective
Robert Bombard, Jr.	Maintenance	Additional Responsibilities	01/23/18

Betty Williams Bus Attendant	Transportation	Substitute to Bus Attendant	01/23/18
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Larry Whitlock Bus Attendant	Transportation	Substitute to Bus Attendant	01/23/18
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Request for Retirement

Name and position	Location	Effective
Kelly Nye PC Software Support Specialist	District Technology	04/27/18

Cinda Pfrang School Bus Driver	Transportation	02/24/18
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Resignation

Name and position	Location	Effective
Tara Korkue Food Service Helper	M.S. Cafeteria	Resignation 01/19/18

High School Field Trip

Mr. Van Schaick moved, Mrs Kielbasinski seconded the approval for the girls Varsity Basketball Team to travel to Gil St. Bernard High School in Gladstone, New Jersey and St. John Vianney High School in Holmdel, New Jersey February 10-11, 2018 to participate in basketball games.
Motion carried (8-0-0).

**Revised Board Policy No: 5630 – Facilities: Inspection,
Operation and Maintenance – 2nd Reading**

Board Policy 5630 – Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance was explained by Dr. Kendrick. The policy was read at the last meeting. There are no recommendations to modify this policy.

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Mrs. Murphy moved, Dr. Corcoran seconded the approval of Revised Board Policy No: 5630 – Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Budget Discussion – Transportation and Maintenance

Dr. Kendrick presented information about the budget development process at Jamesville-DeWitt. Dr. Kendrick presented the proposed Transportation/Maintenance Budgets for 2018/2019. (See Supplemental Minutes). Both Budgets remain status quo with no recommendations for significant changes. Dr. Kendrick explained account code changes which BOCES officials have made to make tracking expenses more efficient. These changes reflect relocation of budget codes within the 17-18 budget but no change to dollars budgeted. The effect of these changes on the operations and maintenance component of the 17-18 budget were summarized.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kendrick provided information about the State Executive Budget which was released last week. Our proposed State Aid this year is estimated at \$14,003.080, an increase over the current year, in large part due to an increase in building aid. She reminded the Board of the upcoming CNY SBA Legislative Forum for school board members on Saturday, February 10th at OCM BOCES. Dr. Kendrick congratulated all the students who had artwork shown at the CNY Scholastic Arts Show at OCC. 127 students received awards. Faith Carapella, one of our Middle School Art Teachers, was awarded Art Teacher of the Year, a very well deserved recognition. Dr. Kendrick reminded the Board of upcoming events.

Board President's Report

Mr. Schulman congratulated a high school senior on the girls Varsity Basketball Team on becoming JD's All Time Leading Scorer. He noted that it was quite impressive.

Community Comment

Mr. Schulman asked for community comments.

Danielle Lambert introduced herself and her husband Justin who have a son at the middle school. Mrs. Lambert shared how there have been numerous incidents where her son has been bullied. She expressed concern about a recent bus misconduct report. Mrs. Lambert wanted to share her concerns and asked the special education budget be increased and create a program that would teach social acceptance and embrace unique differences.

Anika Flagg spoke about her son who she feels has been mistreated. She feels as though she has been alienated and ignored. She stated her son has been discriminated against in the lunchroom because of how he chooses to eat. She feels that males of color are pushed towards special education.

Joshua King introduced himself and echoed the concerns of Ms. Flagg and Mrs. Lambert. He believes that we need to rewrite the curriculum based on acceptance and inclusion. He stated that he was a community liaison for Springfield Gardens last year and expressed his concern for the closing of the center at Springfield Garden. He stated that it is the responsibility of the school district and the Town of DeWitt to help get the center back open. Mr. King also stated that he is a family advocate and is offering his services to the district in any way.

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Amy Kallender stated that she felt as a whole the district has failed to include all at the elementary school level and that there is a lack of a coherent policy to increase awareness. She asked the Board to step up and play a leadership role, address all students, talk about diversity.

Lura Lunkenheimer expressed that the school culture and climate needs to be tended, stating the solutions are low cost; sensitivity training for staff, many resources available. She encouraged looking into what others in the district are feeling.

Cora True Frost introduced herself as the parent of two children at the school who comes to the meeting tonight with deep concerns on how both children are being educated. She shared her experiences having a child with special needs in the district as well as recommendations for the future for other special needs families.

Linda Ervin, former Jamesville-DeWitt School Board Member shared her concerns for children that have differences. She stated that kids can be cruel, kids shouldn't go home feeling bad, that it is not acceptable. The district should take some action to address these concerns.

Anika Flagg again spoke about how she did not see anyone that looked like her at Jamesville-DeWitt. Parents should be allowed to go into classrooms.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Van Schaick asked if there were any programs in schools (ie: Lunch Bunch). Dr. Kendrick stated that these concerns would be discussed by administration. Mrs. Murphy asked if Dr. Kendrick could report back to the Board. Mrs. Kielbasinski suggested that this issue be placed back on the agenda and a discussion take place.

At 8:10 p.m. Mrs. Kielbasinski moved, Mrs. Murphy seconded the meeting be adjourned to executive session.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

At 9:25 p.m. Mrs. Kielbasinski moved, Mrs. Murphy seconded the executive session be adjourned.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Mrs. Murphy moved, Mrs. Tyson seconded the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has reviewed the Recommendations of the Hearing Officer, Alfred Riccio, appointed to hear the matter of the New York State Civil Service Law Section 75 disciplinary charges approved by the Board at its October 16, 2017 meeting. The Board hereby accepts the findings of fact and recommendations of the hearing officer and terminates the employment of Patricia Ansley as a school bus driver for the District effective January 23, 2018.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

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At 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Kielbasinski moved, Dr. Corcoran seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Kendrick
Acting Clerk of the Board

Board Approved 2/12/18