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MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – March 19, 2018

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

Mr. Schulman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Cafeteria of the High School. Others in attendance were Max MiMaroglu, Lisa Conley, David Filchman, Danielle Jaffe, Haley Morgan, Celia Reistrom, Ann Wright, Trae Farrington, Eric Kenna, Phil Luckette, Sophie Clinton, Katie Clinton, Adam Hyatt, Annie Taylor, Diana Comerford, Courtney Farranto, Christy Davoli, Lyric Davoli, Caelen Constantino, Will Guisbond, Wynnie Gross, Grace Vander Molen, Abigail Zumbuhl, Riya Sharma, Amanda Sumida, Molly Clinton, Sarah Marsh, Alexis Thorpe, Shirley Phipps, Leah Phaneuf, Dina Pettiford, Lauren Sevak, Ahsley Kang, Donna Oppedisano, Karen Doherty, Sarina Alexander, Christiana Semabia, Joe Gross, Rachel Wagner, Alexis Gantos, Michael Fitzpatrick, Chris Sevak, Jingxue Shi, Karlie Huckins, Sloane Leach.

Community Comment

Leah Phaneuf, a parent of a Kindergartener at Moses DeWitt, speaking as a representative of other parents of Kindergartners, addressed the Board with regard to concerns of large classes at the Kindergarten level and wanted to request a third first grade be added next year to the instructional budget. Dr. Kendrick responded that it is being recommended and it will be presented later in the meeting.

Approve Minutes of March 5, 2018 Board Meeting

Mr. Van Schaick and Mrs. Kielbasinski seconded the approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Board Meeting, as amended to include Timothy Decker, Business Administrator, Town of DeWitt Police Chief or designee, Town of DeWitt Fire Chief or designee, and Jamesville Fire Chief or designee as members of the District Wide Safety Team.

Motion carried. (7-0-1) Mrs. Murphy abstained.

Approve Warrants & Expense Reports

The Warrants & Expense reports are being held until the next Board Meeting, March 19, 2018 to approve.

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Accept the Recommendations of the CPSE and the CSE

Mr. Brown moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education from their meetings on February 12, March 5, and 7, 2018 and the Committee on Special Education from their meetings on January 22, and 31, February 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 27, 28, March 1, 5, 6, and 7, 2018.

Motion carried (8-0-0)

Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations

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

Motion carried (8-0-0).

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Name and position	Location	<u>Change in Status</u> Change	Effective
Kadie Leonard Psychologist Probationary Appointment	Middle School	.8 to 1.0 FTE	3/20/18

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2017-2018

Jamesville Elementary

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Karen Doss Replacing T. Ristau	Resource Leader	

Extra duty assignments/teaching 2017-2018

Coaching Spring Season

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Patrick Gillette	Varsity Track Asst. Coach (effective 3/20/18)	
Melissa Quinn	Modified Girls Lacrosse Coach	

There was discussion about how subs are hired and if they are prepared for emergency situations. Dr. Smith responded to questions from the Board.

Resolution to Replace Annual Meeting with Budget Hearing

Mrs. Murphy moved, Dr. Corcoran seconded approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO REPLACE ANNUAL MEETING WITH A BUDGET HEARING

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RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing on the budget in lieu of the annual school district meeting of said School District shall be held at the Jamesville-DeWitt High School, Edinger Drive, Town of DeWitt, New York, on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Section 2. The notice of said public hearing on the budget in lieu of the annual school district meeting shall be in the following form; to wit:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET IN
LIEU OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
JAMESVILLE-DEWITT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Education of Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District hereby gives notice that a public hearing on the budget in lieu of the annual meeting of said School District will be held at the Jamesville-DeWitt High School, Edinger Drive, Town of DeWitt, New York, on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the proposed budget for the School District for 2018-2019 will be presented for review and discussion in anticipation of the subsequent vote thereon by the qualified voters of said District to be held on May 15, 2018.

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the School District at each school house in the District in which school is maintained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen days immediately preceding such public hearing.

Section 3. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of said public hearing on the budget in lieu of the annual school district meeting in the form hereinabove prescribed by publishing the same in "The Post Standard" and "The Eagle Newspapers," said newspapers having a general circulation within the said School District, four times within the seven weeks preceding such hearing, the first publication to be at least forty-five days before such hearing.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Identify Proposition for School Budget Vote

The Town of DeWitt Library is not asking for a tax increase and will therefore not have a proposition for the budget vote this year. The Library receives the same amount of aid as the previous year when they are not requesting money in a proposition.

Mr. Brown moved, Mrs. Murphy seconded to place the following School Bus Replacement Proposition before the District residents at the annual school budget vote on May 15, 2018:

Proposition for School Budget Vote on Tuesday - May 15, 2018

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Proposition #1 School Bus Replacement

Shall the Board of Education of the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District (“District”) be authorized and directed to purchase four (4) 66-passenger diesel school buses with cameras at an approximate cost of \$119,850 each not to exceed \$479,400, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be collected in annual installments in the years and amounts as the Board of Education shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law and, in anticipation of such tax, issue obligations of the District?

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Budget Discussion – 2018/2019 Instructional Budget (K-12, Spec. Ed. & Technology)

Dr. Kendrick reviewed the budget process to date and then presented the proposed instructional budget for the 2018/2019 school year. (See Supplemental Minutes.) Within the technology budget, we have budgeted for the same number of staff as we currently have. We are in the process of interviewing for replacement staff and will know more once that has been completed. We will be adding another \$40,000 equipment lease. This lease will be used to purchase the camera system for the district and will give us approximately \$200,000 worth of equipment. The technology budget will be status quo with a slight decrease of .01%. The proposed instructional budget reflects a 2.53% increase. There will be a decrease in instructional staff by two at the K-6 levels due to a decrease in enrollment. The budget includes three sections of first grade at all elementary buildings. Four counselor positions have been added, one at each of the elementary buildings and one at the middle school. This is a significant change based on the input of parents, teachers and the District-Wide Safety Team. The Safety Team also recommended that an SRO (School Resource Officer) be added into the budget for next year. The budget also reflects our need to serve students in non-public schools within our districts. We need to budget for that staff even though we bill back to the individual student’s districts. The proposed instructional budget represents an increase of 2.53% over the current year. The overall proposed expense plan represents a 2.94% over the current year. Upcoming budget events are as follows: Budget Revenue and Levy Discussion, April 2; public forum April 9; adoption of a budget is required by April 16; budget hearing is scheduled for May 7 and the vote on the budget will be held on May 15.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Kendrick congratulated the Girls Varsity Basketball Team on their 3rd year in a row winning the State Championship. Coach Rob Siechen has done a tremendous job. Dr. Kendrick also congratulated the staff, students and parents involved in the 7th-8th grade production of Mary Poppins this past weekend. They did a fantastic job. Dr. Kendrick attended the 7-12 Grade Band Festival last Thursday in which 166 students filled the stage with a truly wonderful performance. The Orchestra will be doing the same thing this week. The District Wide Safety Team met last week, discussing several issues related to prevention, safety and security; and recommending the addition of four counselors, one for each elementary building and an additional counselor at the middle school. There is an additional recommendation to enter into a contract with the Town of DeWitt Police Department to have an active duty police officer assigned to Jamesville-DeWitt. This is built into the instructional budget for 2018/2019. We have tightened up security in all the buildings, doors are locked at all times and we are minimizing people in the buildings while school is in session. Our architects will be doing a study in all five buildings with regards to security, particularly at the entrances. Security audits will be updated by the Town of Dewitt Police. On Staff Development Day the police will walk the buildings to get a

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better look at where things are, how they are laid out. We are researching software systems that manage several aspects of preparedness and emergency alert notification. The district safety team will meet again this week to continue its work. Dr. Kendrick reported that the data from the parents' and teachers' meetings to discuss diversity, inclusion, and equity are almost completed. The data will be reported back to participants and shared with the District Steering Committee. This is the most representative committee in the district. It is made up of teachers, parents, students, administrators, and non-instructional employees. Dr. Kendrick provided some legislative updates including the proposed increase in Foundation Aid, Teaching Centers not being included in Governor's budget, and the proposed cap on expense based aid. There are several measures proposed to address school safety. Dr. Kendrick reported that enrollment projections for next year show a drop in elementary enrollment and an increase in High School enrollment. Dr. Kendrick updated the Board of upcoming events.

Board President's Report

Mr. Schulman congratulated the Girls Varsity Basketball Team for their New York State Championship. He also congratulated all involved with the Mary Poppins play this past weekend. He said it was spectacular performance. Mr. Schulman discussed the CNYSBAA Roundtable which will be taking place on April 5th. Mr. Schulman attended the All Sports Booster Club Fashion Show. It was a successful show which helps the Booster Club in all that they do. He thanked the Booster Club for all of their work, Mr. Schulman reported back that he thought the District-Wide Safety Team's first meeting went very well and he is looking forward to the next meeting. He also stated that Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Brown and he were all members of the District Steering Committee and if any board member would like to share ideas or advice, for either the Steering Committee or the Safety Team to please contact him.

Community Comment

Karen Doherty questioned whether the recent snow day was in fact related to the student planned walkout. Dr. Kendrick responded that the snow day was 100% due to the weather. She explained that making the decision to close is a very challenging decision and that she needs to be extremely careful with the prediction of snow in the afternoon at dismissal time. The students walking out had nothing to do with the closing and in fact the students walked out the next day and it went very well.

Max MiMaroglu asked if the architects drawing up designs for the entrances of the schools would also be drawing designs for the insides of the schools. Dr. Kendrick responded that the architects were focusing on the primary entrance ways right now. Max also asked who would monitor the cameras that were going to be installed with the new lease. Dr. Kendrick responded that it is the role of the administration of each building to determine how that is handled.

Lisa Conley wanted to know if ideas that are presented here are shared with the Safety Team. Mr. Schulman responded that any ideas can be emailed to him and he will share with the team. His email is listed on the website under Board Members.

Danielle Jaffe suggested that an email blast be made to report back with information on meetings. The topic of students being represented at the District-Wide Safety Team was again discussed and Mrs. Petrosillo directed her to the High School Safety Team which Mr. Gasparini is working with.

Lauren Sevak asked if the S.R.O that would be placed at JD would be armed or not. Dr. Kendrick responded that the S.R.O. would be an active duty police officer that would be armed. Ms. Sevak asked how many S.R.O.'s would be hired, 5 or 1. Dr. Kendrick responded that it is the recommendation of the Safety Team to hire 1 S.R.O. next year.

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Max Mimaroglu suggested that a student be put on the Board of Education to be a voice for students. Dr. Kendrick responded that there is a process to follow and that we can research this suggestion.

Leah Phaneuf, on behalf of other Kindergarten parents, thanked Dr. Kendrick and the Board for adding another section of first grade next year at Moses DeWitt to the budget.

Katie Clinton asked who made up the Safety Team, more specifically which parents from which buildings. Dr. Kendrick directed her to contact the principal of the individual building for that information. Mrs. Clinton said that architecturally, she would like to again suggest locks on the inside of the doors of classrooms as well as shades on the windows of the doors.

Christiana Semabia stated that she had concerns regarding the increase in counseling staff and the lack of representation of children of color. She believes that not having a teacher/counselor representative of yourself has a negative impact on students. She also asked about the District Steering Committee and what the diversity of the team looked like. Dr. Kendrick responded that they have been working with the population very hard to find diverse staff representative of the student body. They have attended job fairs in hopes to cast a "broader net".

Rachel Gilchrist spoke about the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students. She asked if there was leadership within the mental health department. Dr. Kendrick responded that there is no director of guidance but our guidance counselors and psychologists are very experienced and they work with new employees to acclimate them.

Rachel Gilchrist also stated that she feels kids of color and special needs don't feel safe. She feels that a S.R.O. will not make children of color feel safe that they will be biased towards kids of color.

Alexis Gantos, a senior at JD, spoke about how she has never felt unsafe but at times, felt that special education students' needs were not handled appropriately. Students that have behavioral problems and learning disabilities are sometimes mixed together and that this dynamic has often made it hard to focus.

Calaen Constantino suggested that there is a compromise and that the S.R.O. that be hired is a person of color.

Adam Hyatt, a senior at JD said he thinks an S.R.O. may affect people of color and different ethnicities. He thinks that they may feel surveilled which could provoke more dangerous problems to occur.

A comment was made about relatively being "late in the game" as far as safety goes. He felt that we will be judged and that we need to "plant a tree" in the budget now so that collectively, we can feel safer.

Lisa Conley said she thinks that we are 20 years behind and that we need to immediately address what are the risks, and the start thinking proactively about what is next.

Lisa Conley asked what are the responsibilities of a S.R.O.? Dr. Kendrick explained that an S.R.O. will maintain security and develop relationships with the kids. The goal will be for the S.R.O. to spend most of the time at the High School.

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Serena Alexander, a senior a JD, said that the seniors are pushing for safety for everyone before they graduate.

Unfinished and Continuing Business

Mrs. Petrosillo asked if rules and responsibilities for an S.R.O. would be drafted. Dr. Kendrick responded that a Memorandum Agreement will outline the layout of the position. Mrs. Petrosillo also asked what the rotation would be and wondered if they can handle diversity and bias based on color. Dr. Smith responded that Chief Anton of the DeWitt Police Department has informed them that DeWitt Police Officers are trained in diversity and that a great deal of training goes into S.R.O. training.

Mrs. Kielbasinski was at Jamesville Elementary School today and she said all staff were wearing name badges and that it was nice to see. She wanted to know when the rest of the district will be doing the same. She said she was excited for the immediate progress. Dr. Kendrick responded that the decision has not been yet made for the Safety Team to recommend name badges for the district, but the conversation will resume tomorrow at the Safety Team meeting. Mr. Schulman said he will strongly communicate this issue.

Ann Wright extended an invitation to the Board to attend the annual dinner on April 4th at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that this is the same date at the Steering Committee meeting.

Mrs. Kielbasinski wanted to let the students know if they are willing to stand up, she (we) are willing to listen. She wanted to know if the Board members could be a part of the student's safety meeting if they were invited. Mr. Schulman stated that some students might feel uncomfortable with Board members at a students' meeting.

Mrs. Murphy suggested that Mrs. Oppedisano could facilitate an invitation.

Mrs. Oppedisano said that she is always proud of her students, but now more than ever. 20 students met with Mr. Gasparini after the school shooting in Florida and proactively made their voices heard. This week students will take part in the March for Lives at the Everson Museum. She is proud the students, proud of their dignity during the walkout and proud to be their teacher.

Mrs. Murphy noted that she ran into Mr. Gasparini outside of school and he was so proud of the students during the walkout, he was very excited to tell her how it went.

At 9:09 Mrs. Kielbasinski moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (8-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker
Clerk of the Board

BOARD APPROVED : 4/2/18