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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – April 16, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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**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 Board Room of the District Office. Others in attendance were Stephen Militi, Ann Wright, Max MiMaroglu, Mark McIntyre, Sara Gow, Mary Austin, Michael Fitzpatrick, Joshua King, Charles Sawyer, Rachel Gilchrist, Juanita Rivera-Ortiz, Christiana Semabia and Ibte Beg.

**Community Comment**

Mr. Schulman asked if there were any community comments, there were none.

**Approve Minutes of April 2, 2018 Board Meeting**

Mr. Brown moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded the approval of the Minutes of the April 2, 2018 Board Meeting.

Motion carried. (8-0-0).

**Approve Warrants & Expense Reports**

Mr. Brown moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded the approval of the Warrants and Expense Reports.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

**Accept the Recommendations of the CPSE and the CSE**

Mr. Van Schaick moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education from their meetings on March 21, 26, and April 6, 2018, and the Committee on Special Education from their meetings on February 16, 2018, and March 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 28, and 29, 2018 and April 2, 3, 4 and 5, 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:

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Motion carried (8-0-0).

***NONINSTRUCTIONAL***

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Appointments</u></b>		<b>Effective</b>
			<b>Salary</b>	
David Birdsell, Jr. Network Administrator Provisional Appt. New position after dept. restructure	District Office			04/18/18
Henry Burhans, III Network Administrator Provisional Appt. New position after dept. restructure	District Office			04/18/18

***INSTRUCTIONAL***

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Resignations</u></b>		<b>Effective</b>
Stephanie Moore Elementary Teacher	Tecumseh Elementary			06/30/18

***NONINSTRUCTIONAL***

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Juli-Ann Keeler Teacher Aide	Middle School			04/11/18

**Mrs. Susan Petrosillo entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.**

**TENURE APPOINTMENTS**

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Murphy, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Jordan Berger, who is professionally certified in the Social Studies tenure area, be appointed on tenure in the Social Studies tenure area effective September 1, 2018.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Murphy, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Rose Palmisano, who is professionally certified in the English tenure area, be appointed on tenure in the English tenure area effective September 1, 2018.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

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Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Murphy, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Peter Reyes, who is professionally certified in the Elementary Principal tenure area, be appointed on tenure in the Elementary tenure area effective July 1, 2018.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Murphy, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Stephanie Rice, who is professionally certified in the Social Studies tenure area, be appointed on tenure in the Social Studies tenure area effective September 1, 2018.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Murphy, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Lindsay Williams, who is initially certified in the Art tenure area, be appointed on tenure in the Art tenure area effective September 1, 2018.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

#### **Request for Use of Buses By Town of DeWitt Recreation Department**

Dr. Kendrick presented a request from the Town of DeWitt Recreation Department for the use of three (3) school buses on June 2 & 3, 2018 for use during JD's Operation Graduation. Mr. Van Schaick moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the approval of the Town of DeWitt's request for the use of three school buses on June 2 & 3, 2018.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

#### **Election of BOCES Board Members**

Mrs. Murphy moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the Board adopt a resolution casting its votes in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the persons indicated on the ballot as listed below:

Wayne Brownson – East Syracuse Minoa Central School District  
Luke Morenus – Homer Central School District  
Maryam Wasmund – Fabius-Pompey Central School District  
Ann Wright – Jamesville DeWitt Central School District

Mr. Schulman thanked Ann Wright for her service.

#### **BOCES Administrative Budget**

Mrs. Tyson moved and Mrs. Kielbasinski seconded approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Sole Supervisory District of Onondaga, Cortland and Madison Counties, (the "BOCES") duly presented its tentative 2018-2019 administrative budget of \$7,916,958 at its 2018 annual meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to approve said tentative administrative budget.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

Section 1

The BOCES' tentative administrative budget of \$7,916,958 is hereby approved.

Section 2

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

**Adopt 2018/2019 Budget**

Mr. Brown moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded to approve the budget to be presented to the voters as recommended by the Superintendent in the amount of \$56,269,994 and levy the tax to support that expenditure.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Mr. Schulman thanked Dr. Kendrick, Mr. Decker, Dr. Smith and the Finance Committee for all their hard work.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kendrick congratulated all students, teachers and parents involved with the 7-12 Chorale Concert last weekend. There were 365 students performing in a truly amazing concert. The Band, Chorus and Orchestra took part in a competition this past weekend in Boston. Both the Chorus and Band won first place in the competition and the Orchestra came in third place. Dr. Kendrick reported that 18 students at the High School have been recognized as National Merit Scholars for exceptional academic performance. This is the highest number of scholars we have received at one time. Dr. Kendrick reported on the Grades 3-8 ELA testing that was administered. The district made the decision to wait to move to the computer based testing program. There were significant problems in the state and regionally with the computer based administration format this year. J-D will continue to wait until the computer-based program is more reliable. The opt out rate was 8% at all the elementary schools and 16% at the middle school, which was less than last year. Dr. Kendrick advised the Board of upcoming events including the Honor Society Induction on Wednesday as well as the Budget Hearing on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The presentation of the Board candidates will take place at the Budget Hearing and they will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the community. The three seats on the Board that are open for three year terms are for the current board members, Mark Schulman, Michelle Kielbasinski and Angela Tyson whose terms will expire. The eight candidates who will be running for the Board seats are as follows: Mark Schulman and Michelle Kielbasinski, incumbents and Josh Mele, Stephen Militi, Wendy Rhodes, Juanita Rivera-Ortiz, Paul Gratien and Joshua King. Dr. Kendrick reported that a petition under board policy 1260 for a student board position had been received on April 13, 2018. Dr. Kendrick indicated that under education law a petition must contain a question or proposition to be accepted by the board and placed on the ballot for voters. The petition which was turned in did not contain a proposition or a question. Dr. Kendrick apologized that she misstated when she said a proposition to add a student member to the board could be added to the ballot when

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there is a vote for a capital project. By law, a proposition to add a student to the Board of Education can only be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. It is anticipated the student government will bring a recommendation to the Board concerning this matter. It could be brought to the voters in May 2019. A Board policy will need to be put in place. There was a discussion among the Board members with questions such as can the Board decide to develop a proposition, put a proposition together and approve. Dr. Kendrick again stated that this could not be done at this meeting. She reiterated that our counsel would need to review and write the proposition. This proposition would go to the Board ideally in March of next year with the other propositions to be placed on the ballot. Mrs. Kielbasinski stated that she thinks this is an awesome idea and agrees that we need time to develop this plan and do it right. She also feels we could have done more to support the student. Mrs. Tyson agreed that we definitely need time to get through the process. Mr. Van Schaick asked what the time frame to develop the plan would be. Dr. Kendrick stated that the process should ideally begin by the end of summer and a proposition and Board policy put together by March. Mrs. Kielbasinski said that this will bode well for the future to have the policy in place.

### **Board President's Report**

Mr. Schulman said he also attended the Choral Festival. He expected a concert but instead got to see a mini musical which was staged and choreographed wonderfully. He loved seeing the number of kids involved, it was incredible. On April 7<sup>th</sup> he attended the JD vs. CNY Central basketball game sponsored by the JD Boosters Club. The game supported two charities, Clearpath for Veterans and Shamrock Animal Fund. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Schulman attended the CNY SBA Roundtable where Dr. Mary Coughlin presented on how to improve board function. Mr. Schulman reported on an event that took place on behalf of the Autism Awareness Club. The event was a "buddy bowling" event which paired club members with autistic students. Very positive feedback was received from parents. This is just one example of what occurs in our schools that speaks to the issue of inclusion.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Kielbasinski said that there is extreme kindness going on all the time here at JD and that the kids are doing things within the community. She appreciated Mr. Schulman's story and said that we need to do a better job at communicating and sharing with the community what we are doing.

Mrs. Tyson suggested things such as "Cool Schools" where a school is recognized on the news for their contributions.

Mrs. Kielbasinski gave an example of the greeting banner that hangs as you enter Jamesville Elementary. A parent had made the banner that greets the students with Hello and Welcome in the many different languages that are or have been represented by students at Jamesville.

Dr. Corcoran stated that we all benefit from things like that.

### **Community Comment**

Mr. Schulman restated the ground rules for community comment time.

Max Mimaroglu asked if the deadline for petitions for the Board of Education was today. Dr. Kendrick said yes.

Rachel Gilchrist said great things are happening at JD and things like these previously mentioned, make us even better. Mrs. Gilchrist stated that she is a mother of four children, two of them are black.

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She knows that these are uncomfortable positions that she puts herself in, but that is the commitment she is making for her children. She read a prepared statement in which she gave examples of students that have been discriminated against. She said she feels that students of color experience little things all day long that make them aware of their differences such as not seeing their faces represented in any staff. She wants kids to feel safer and she wants staff, all staff, who know the right thing to say and do.

Juanita Rivera-Ortiz asked about the petition that was turned in by the student and if it was rejected only because it was not asked in the form of a question or proposition.

Dr. Kendrick responded that the petition must have a proposition or question attached to the signatures.

Mrs. Rivera Ortiz asked to have clarification of the difference between a question and proposition.

Dr. Kendrick responded that the question and proposition are the same thing. A proposition is how the question is presented on the ballot, word for word.

Joshua King thanked Rachel Gilchrist for her comments and said her examples are several that we are all very aware of that go unaddressed. He would like to go a little further into a discussion about diversity and the lack there of on the Board, but he will save his comments for another time.

Christiana Semabia apologized for speaking out of order at last Board meeting. She said it was out of frustration in her ability to connect. She said as a parent, she feels powerless and that is why she keeps showing up again and again. She asked Mr. Schulman to consider adjusting the rules for people to be able to defend themselves. The stories she has heard are hard to listen to. She understands that she needs to stay positive but at the same time, some things are just not acceptable as a parent of bi-racial children. She feels that the ones having to manage the feelings are the kids.

Max MiMaroglu said the same things have been brought up before in JED talks, racial inequality and racial injustice. He believes that students don't know where to go. He said that students feel the least safe in the lunchroom.

He asked the Board to theoretically consider resubmitting the petition.

Joshua King said the Board needs to make a motion to support Max.

Dr. Kendrick stated that she has spoken with our attorneys and the petition cannot be presented as a proposition for the budget vote.

Mrs. Murphy asked if the Board could get an invitation to the JED talks as we like the concept of engaging students.

Dr. Corcoran stated she thinks the students should be able to come to the Board as an open forum.

Max stated that the problem is with scheduling. Students have school, homework, sports, etc., most students can't give up their time to come to the meetings.

At 8:24 p.m., Dr. Corcoran moved and Mrs. Woodcock Dettor seconded the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the employment history of specific personnel.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

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At 10:05 p.m., Dr. Corcoran moved and Mrs. Woodcock Dettor seconded the executive session be adjourned.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Dr. Corcoran moved and Mrs. Woodcock Dettor seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker  
Clerk of the Board

**BOE Approved: 5/7/18**