

May 21, 2018

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – May 21, 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 Board Room of the District Office. Also in attendance were Michael Fitzpatrick, Ann Wright, Abbie Leavitt, Didi Leavitt, Julie Abrams, CNY Central Crew, Rachel Gilchrist, Jesse Spina, Devin Sarno, Kate Brown, Donovan Coughlin, Wendy Rhodes, Mo Aliani, Linda Ervin, Juanita Rivera-Ortiz, Christiana Semabia, Lennier Stynes, Markos Petkopoulos.

Special Education Annual Report

Ms. Tracey Menapace, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Mr. Timothy Ristau, Assistant Director, provided the Board with an overview of the special education services provided during the 2016/2017 school year. (See Supplemental Minutes.) She updated the Board on the number of students currently identified in the educational disability categories for the 2016/2017 school year and compared those numbers to the two previous school years. Statistics and information were provided as they relate to CSE meetings, services provided for non-public school students, continuum of services and utilization of alternate placements (BOCES Programs).

Community Comment

Mr. Schulman asked if there any community comments. Donna Oppedisano started out by acknowledging her students and how proud she was of them. She also wanted to make a comment about the budget. Mr. Schulman directed her to Community Comment #2.

Approve Minutes of May 7, 2018 Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting

Mr. Brown moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded the approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2018 Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting.

Motion carried. (9-0-0).

Approve Minutes of May 15, 2018 Special Meeting

Mr. Van Schaick moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the approval of the Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Special Meeting.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

May 21, 2018

Approve Warrants & Expense Reports

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

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Accept the Recommendations of the CPSE and the CSE

Mr. Brown moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education from their meetings on April 9 and 20, 2018, and May 7, 2018 and the Committee on Special Education from their meetings on April 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, May 4, 8, 9 and 11, 2018.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

Motion carried (9-0-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2017-2018

Intramural Coaching

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Jess Duerr	School Year Intramural Coach Substitute (3 Sessions)	
Dan Glazier	Wiffle Ball (5 Sessions)	
Sarah Levesque	Pillow Polo (5 Sessions)	
Jason Martin	Speedminton (4 Sessions)	
Pat Sawatzke	Wiffle Ball & Pillow Polo (10 Sessions)	

Request for Leave

Name and position	Location	Reason	Effective
Stephanie Tortorelli Nurse	M.S.	Parental Leave (paid & FMLA)	10/18/18-01/09/19

Request for Retirement

Name and position	Location	Effective
Pamela Shibley Teaching Assistant	Tecumseh	06/30/18

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Request for Leave

Name and position	Location	Type of Leave	Effective
Richard Lewis Custodian	Tecumseh	Intermittent FMLA Leave (unpaid)	5/21/18-5/21/19

May 21, 2018

Resignation

Name and position	Location	Effective
Stephanie Stevens Teacher's Aide	JES	06/02/18

**ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL CHANGES
May 21, 2018**

The following personnel changes are recommended by the Superintendent:

INSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	Leave	Reason	Effective
Sunnet Placito-Raymond Guidance Counselor	Middle School	Unpaid Leave		05/11/18 – 06/30/18

New Board Policy 5684 – Use of Surveillance Cameras in School District and on School Buses – 2nd Reading

Dr. Kendrick explained Policy 5684. The policy was read at the last meeting. The only recommendations for change were adding buses to the list of locations where both cameras could be placed as well as where signage would be placed.

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Brown seconded approval of New Board Policy 5684 – Use of Surveillance Cameras in School District and On School Buses. (See supplemental minutes)

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Award Construction Contracts for Approved Capital Project

Dr. Kendrick reviewed the bid process and the challenges involved. She explained that we accept the lowest bids. The construction manager researches the companies to make sure they are reputable. With changes in cost of construction materials as well as the availability of work, it was anticipated the cost of the project would be more than originally planned. Dr. Kendrick explained how parts of the project were pulled out and offered as alternates to bid on. Based on this information, seven contracts are recommended to be offered to the lowest bidders. These bids include some but not all of the alternates. (See supplemental minutes).

Mr. Van Schaick moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded the approval of seven contracts for the capital project to be awarded as recommended.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kendrick thanked the community for overwhelmingly accepting the 2018-2019 School Budget. She said that this is why we are able to provide so many opportunities for our students. Included in the budget is financial support for the new positions that were proposed. We will be adding four new social workers/guidance counselors, one at each elementary school and one additional at the Middle

May 21, 2018

School. We are also beginning the process of hiring an S.R.O. The S.R.O. will be an active police officer. We are in the process of developing a Memorandum of Understanding. The Town of DeWitt is developing a draft and from there we will go through the process of finalizing it. On the recommendation of the District Wide Safety Team, money was also allocated for nighttime security at the high school. The plan calls for a full-time district employee. This is a civil service position and we will begin the process of canvassing for it. Dr. Kendrick reported that she had been to the elementary schools' Band, Orchestra and Chorus Concerts and that it was truly amazing to see their level of performance. Dr. Kendrick attended the High School Drama Club performance of Lennon and Me. She offered congratulations to the Drama Club as well as the adults that worked with them. Kaleidoscope Night was last week as well. This event showcases student work in the special areas. She updated the Board with Kindergarten enrollment numbers and stated that the plan for now is three sections of Kindergarten at Jamesville Elementary and Moses-DeWitt and two sections of Kindergarten at Tecumseh. Dr. Kendrick updated the board on upcoming events.

Board President's Report

Mr. Schulman reminded the Board of the CNY SBA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, and informed the Board that Tom Taylor, a former Board member was being recognized for his longstanding work and achievement. Mr. Schulman offered his thanks for approving the 2018-2019 School Budget and for re-electing him. He thanked Angie Tyson and Michelle Kielbasinski for their service to the Board of Education and the school district. Mr. Schulman also congratulated all the students that had artwork displayed at the polls, and said the work was incredible. Mr. Schulman reported that both he and Mrs. Murphy attended the faculty retirement party which was a very nice event.

Community Comment

Mr. Schulman read the Ground Rules for Community Comment Time and asked if there were any comments.

Mrs. Donna Oppedisano expressed her concerns with regard to hiring an S.R.O. and that since the "train is out of the station", she now wants to focus on her concerns to make sure the school is not militarized in an effort to protect our children. She wants to make sure that we are very careful in the selection process and that an S.R.O. is not in charge of discipline, as students with disabilities often act out. She feels an S.R.O. should be well trained on the impact of students of color

Wendy Rhodes seconded the comments of Donna Oppedisano and feels that there should be a public comment opportunity with regard to the Memorandum of Agreement as well as the opportunity to ask for clarity and detail as to what type of training has been provided to address students with special needs and students of color. Mrs. Rhodes also addressed the Special Education Report and asked for insight into student demographics when PPS presents the department's next report.

Linda Ervin asked why no DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) form can be found on the website. She said that she tried to find it on our website and could not. She said it should be placed under general information and documents.

Rachel Gilchrist stated that she was excited for the hiring process of the Social Workers/Guidance Counselors. She said that she feels strongly that when hiring people for these positions, we should

May 21, 2018

consider their expertise in diversity, equality and inclusivity. She also strongly recommends that the mental health team be managed by a leader.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Van Schaick commented that Kaleidoscope Night was fantastic and it was wonderful to see the kids doing such a great job. Mr. Van Schaick also wanted to give a shout out to Tecumseh PTG who sponsored the Multicultural Night. The PTG did a super job, the food was fantastic and it was a great night of learning and fun.

Mrs. Petrosillo also wanted to mention and congratulate the Middle School Orchestra led by Jeannine Abbott who participated in a competition near Batavia, New York in which they won a “great big trophy”.

Mrs. Murphy wanted to acknowledge Teacher Appreciation week and thank the teachers and staff for everything they do. She also wants to recognize and express appreciation for the PTG groups that work so hard and provide so much. They are an important communication tool and she would like them to know how important they are.

At 7:50 p.m., Mrs. Murphy moved and Mrs. Kielbasinski moved seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker
Clerk of the Board

BOE APPROVED 6/4/18