

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – September 17, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Corcoran
Mrs. Murphy
Mrs. Petrosillo
Mrs. Rhodes
Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz
Mr. Schulman
Mr. Van Schaick
Mrs. Woodcock Dettor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Brown

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Dr. Kendrick, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Decker, School Business Administrator
Dr. Smith, Assistant Superintendent

The Board met at 6:45 P.M. in the library at Tecumseh Elementary School in Executive Session to conduct finalist interviews for an administrative opening.

Mr. Schulman called the public meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at Tecumseh Elementary School. Others in attendance: Nancy O'Connor, Karen Dunn, Theresa Johnson, Michael Fitzpatrick, Lauren Young, Sarah Beshers, Jessica Ochse, Eric Sutherland, Larry Stroh, Diane Ennis, John Patalita, Fidel Martinez, Amy Kallander, Neer Paou, Tanya McGuire, Max Ruckdeschel, Andrea Jaccobs, Jin Eun Gwak, Justin Bird, David Tyler, Jim True-Frost, Shane Wright, Mareen Aliani, Craig Burton, Sandy Burton, Michelle Santiago, William Santiago, Jennifer Blusk, Cora True Frost, Tina McQuiston, Max MiMaroglu, Donna Oppedisano, Max Schulman, Niko Dimikopoulos, Kasey McDonough, Ashley Saulle, Athena Tzetzis, Ariel Duchene, AnnWright, Lura Lunkenheimer, Samantha Aitken, Geraldine Wason, Neal Abrams, Margo Lynne, Howie Lynne, Gergory Sawith, Elaine Howe, Mary Jo Galletta, Ana Dieroff, Jed Kissane, Julie Morse, Kelly Parker, Emma Silverstein, Merril Silverstein, Adam Honis, Robert Galusha, and Dana Dietz.

Presentation – Tecumseh Elementary School Mrs. Jill Zerrillo, Principal

Mrs. Zerrillo welcomed the Board of Education to Tecumseh. She spoke to the Board about Tecumseh's Character Education Program. She explained the components which are embedded throughout the day and provided examples.

Mr. Schulman thanked Mrs. Zerrillo. Mr. Van Schaick asked Mrs. Zerrillo if she has had any feedback regarding the recent security changes such as eliminating the Halloween parade, birthday parties and parent volunteers at lunch. She indicated there had been little reaction either way. Mr. Van Schaick commented that at the Welcome Back Picnic, there were many families still present at 8:15 p.m. He thought this was a great show of community and inquired if there will be alternative opportunities for parents to interact. Mrs. Zerrillo stated that there are a variety of ongoing opportunities for parents.

Community Comment #1

Mr. Schulman read the ground rules and stated that this comment time was for comments regarding agenda items. He also stated that this evening, due to time frame of the evening schedule, comments would be limited to two minutes each.

Mr. Burton wanted to speak but it was not regarding an agenda item.

Mrs. Santiago read a prepared statement in which she spoke about her dissatisfaction with current administration, feeling unwelcome at the school, and feeling their rights for their daughter to attend school have been violated.

Maria DeAngelis expressed concerns over the Board of Elections and polling within the schools.

Minutes of August 27, 2018 Board Meeting

Mrs. Murphy moved, Mr. Van Schaick seconded, approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried (7-0-1) Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz abstained.

Warrants and Expense Reports

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz reviewed the warrants and expense reports and moved their acceptance, seconded by Dr. Corcoran.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Recommendations of the CPSE and CSE

Mrs. Murphy moved, Mrs. Woodcock Dettor seconded acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education from their meetings on August 28 and September 11, 2018 and the Committee on Special Education from their meetings on August 21, 22 and 28 and September 4, 5, 6, 7 and 11, 2018.

Motion carried (6-0-2). Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz abstained.

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Van Schaick moved and Mrs. Petrosillo seconded the approval of the Superintendent's Personnel recommendations.

Motion carried (6-0-2). Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz abstained.

INSTRUCTIONAL

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019

High School

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Rich Adler	Cafeteria Supervision	
R. Leo Brown	Cafeteria Supervision	
Henry Cline	Cafeteria Supervision	
Charles Clinton	Cafeteria Supervision	
Joseph DeChick	Cafeteria Supervision	
Joseph Goldberg	Cafeteria Supervision	
Diane Huyck	Cafeteria Supervision	

Jeffrey Ike	Cafeteria Supervision
Michael Keenan	Cafeteria Supervision
Michael Klemperer	Cafeteria Supervision
Lee Krukowski	Cafeteria Supervision
Daniel Law	Cafeteria Supervision
Meghan McGee	Cafeteria Supervision
Constance Myers-Kelly	Cafeteria Supervision
Donna Oppedisano	Cafeteria Supervision
Simone Pacilio	Cafeteria Supervision
Dennis Schahczenski	Cafeteria Supervision
Lawrence Stroh	Cafeteria Supervision
Lawrence Vielhauer	Cafeteria Supervision
LeeAnn Wright	Cafeteria Supervision
Vitaliy Yanchuk	Cafeteria Supervision

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019
Jamesville Elementary School

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Kristin Middleton	Bus Supervisor PM	
Carol Sluis	Bus Supervisor PM	

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019
Coaching - Fall

Name	Assignment	Stipend
George McNamara	Girls Varsity Swimming Asst. Coach (Volunteer)	
Joe Tesori	Football JV (Volunteer)	

Request for Leave

Name and position	Location	Type of Leave	Effective
Katelin Giorno Math Teacher	Middle School	FMLA (unpaid)	10/8/18-1/1/19

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Appointments

Name and position	Location	Salary	Effective
Jennifer Palmer Transportation Director Provisional Appointment	Transportation		10/1/18

Request for Retirement

Name and position	Location	Effective
Michael Guinta School Bus Driver	Transportation 10/5/18	

Resignations

Name and position	Location	Effective
Kathy Arendt Typist II	Tecumseh	9/28/18
Laurinda Ludwig Teacher Aide	Jamesville	9/21/18
Cheryl McCoy Food Service Worker	Moses-DeWitt	8/31/18
Laurie McDevitt Teacher Aide	Tecumseh	9/14/18
Steven Thompson Teacher Aide	Jamesville	9/4/18

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kendrick provided the Board with current enrollment numbers. There have been some increases and some decreases and at this time, there are no recommendations for staff changes based on numbers. Mrs. Petrosillo asked about the census study and how many years ago it had been done. Dr. Kendrick replied that the last major census study had been done approximately ten years ago. Dr. Kendrick informed the Board of upcoming events in the District.

President's Report

Mr. Schulman spoke to the Board about the upcoming OMSBA Annual Meeting on October 4, 2018.

Unfinished and Continuing Business

Mr. Van Schaick reported he attended a recent NYSSBA summit in Watertown. The summit was about what education will look like in 2030. These presentations are open to Board members and parents and he strongly encourages people to attend. The NYS Commissioner of Education was a speaker. Declining enrollment is a state trend. There is a higher percentage of minority students and students receiving free lunch. She shared her concerns about the work force and the need to encourage students to major in education. A presentation by IBM on artificial intelligence concerned technology and how important it is in education. Bill Daggett spoke about changes in the work force and the working environment, recommending we need to educate students in technology so they are prepared.

Mrs. Murphy asked if there were any updates on the Capital Project. Mr. Decker reported that the pool is not yet operational. We were awaiting a new pump. When it arrived, it failed due to a manufacturing

error. We are awaiting a replacement. He expressed regret and understands the frustrations. It is a priority. The pump will be installed as soon as it arrives.

Community Comment

Mr. Schulman read the following statement from the Board: It has been brought to our attention by our mental health professionals that public comment concerning the recent tragedy in our school community and the aftermath affecting the high school music program is impacting the mental health of our students, having the effect of sensationalizing suicide and presenting it as a vehicle for communication to express concern.

With the mental health of our students as our highest priority we will not accept further public comment concerning any aspect of the recent death or the high school music program. If you have additional information you would like to provide, please provide it in writing to the board.

Kelly Parker expressed concern about the pool being shut down.

John Patalita asked when the pool would be open. He spoke about the team having to drive to distant schools.

Mary Jo Galletta wanted to know why the pool was not fixed over the summer.

Ariel DuChene spoke about her concern about the schools scheduling events on holidays, specifically, events scheduled on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

Jin Eun Gwak expressed the need for an interim plan regarding the pool.

Amy Kallandar spoke about the presentation on character education. She would like to see more service based projects not just fundraising where parents are expected to purchase items or donate money.

Neal Abrams commented with regard to a letter that was received regarding building access being restricted and how it relates to voting in schools, more directly that voting in schools is in direct contrast to the districtwide policy. He recommended the voting location be changed.

Sarah Beshers spoke about a specific request on behalf of a student concerning a CDOS credential.

Max Ruckdeschel spoke about security measures, specifically how they affect Tecumseh and general election day polling. He believes schools should not be polling places.

Cora True Frost expressed concern that students were not allowed to speak about what they came to speak about at this meeting. She recommended parents in the district be surveyed.

Geraldine Wason said we need to talk more about mental health.

Tanya McGuire was sorry for the juniors and seniors on the swim team. She was upset that people were limited to speak for two minutes at this board meeting.

Jim True Frost spoke about the CPSE and CSE, feeling parents should get a vote on the outcome of the meeting. He urged the Board to survey parents on their experience with the CSE.

Jessica Ochse spoke about inclusion issues at the school.

Jed Kissane commended the schools for the Responsive Classroom program but feels the district needs to look at a data driven approach. He recommended a survey by a third party facilitator.

Julie Morse echoed the request for a survey of parents. She recommended the school handbooks have more information about how to file a DASA complaint and how to have a child evaluated for special education services. She asked about the assistant superintendent search.

Christina Semabia appreciated Mr. Van Schaick's information on what Schools will look like in 2030. She asked that we look back. The things that were happening in 2000 are still happening now.

Rachel Gilchrist feels that you have to hear people's hard stories. Safe spaces for hard conversations need to be set up.

Michelle Kielbasinski expressed concern over the two minute time limit for community comments. She would like to see a resolution with regard to polling place in buildings. She asked why PTG's are no longer allowed to have meetings in the school buildings but the school board does.

At 9:40 p.m., Mrs. Murphy moved, Mrs. Woodcock-Dettor seconded the meeting be adjourned to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of specific personnel.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

At 12:58 a.m. Mrs. Murphy moved, Dr. Corcoran seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker
Clerk of the Board

BOARD APPROVED: 10/1/18