

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – October 1, 2018

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### MEMBERS ABSENT

### ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

Mr. Schulman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Jamesville Elementary School. Others in attendance: Nancy O'Connor, Max MiMaroglu, Carrie Parish, Cindy Andreatta, Sophia Vinciguerra, Larry Stroh, AJ Ortega, Michelle Kielbasinski, Annika Tyson, Tom Taylor, Ann Wright, Carolee Whalen, Rachel Wagner, Christiana Semabia, Dina Pettiford, Gretchen Bliss, Sandy Burton, Sophia Seth, Liam Kaplan, Marc Baum, Sheana Martin Zombek, Jackson Brang, Jake Brang, Laura Young, Linda Ervin, Michael Fitzpatrick, Michael Gilbert, Julie Morse, Clayton Reynolds, Ameen Iraqi, Jordan Archer, Grace Thomas, Bella Rubino, Amanda Semmel, Mona Osman, Nick Mandelis, Nina Grigorian, Abby Palin, Adam Louise, Anna Sofia Hege, Maddi Brown, Mia Antonucci, Nick Mannion, David Lang, Anna Naugle, Andie Ellis, Ethan Moskow, and Michael Sizing.

### **Presentation – Jamesville Elementary School Mr. Peter Reyes, Principal**

Mr. Reyes welcomed the Board of Education to Jamesville Elementary School. He provided an update on student enrollment and staffing. He reviewed the 2017-18 building goals and presented the goals for 2018/2019.

### **Community Comment #1**

Mr. Schulman read the revised ground rules and stated that this comment time was for comments regarding agenda items.

Nancy O'Connor inquired about the time limit for individual comments. It was clarified that the limit was three minutes.

Linda Ervin commented on the appointment of the new Superintendent, expressing concern about the process used by the Board. She hopes for more diversity in the buildings.

Rachel Wagner stated that approving personnel is an enormous responsibility, reinforcing the importance of diversity in the hiring process.

Christina Semabia discussed her frustration that approved minutes do not provide sufficient detail in regards to community comments, requesting a process for corrections.

### **Minutes of September 17, 2018 Board Meeting**

Mrs. Murphy moved, Mrs. Woodcock Dettor seconded, approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-1) Mr. Brown abstained.

**Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations**

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Brown seconded the approval of the Superintendent’s Personnel recommendations.

Motion carried (7-0-2). Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz abstained.

***INSTRUCTIONAL***

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Appointments</u></b>		<b>Effective</b>
			<b>Annual Salary</b>	
Pete Reyes Asst. Supt for Educational Services Replacing P. Smith	District Office			1/2/2019

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Change in Status</u></b>		<b>Cert</b>	<b>Effective</b>
			<b>Annual Salary</b>		
Sharon Osterdale AIS Teacher Part-time (from .67 to.83 due to enrollment)	Middle School	Perm. N-6		9/20/18-6/30/18	

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Change in Status</u></b>		<b>Effective</b>
			<b>Change</b>	
Maria DeJesus	High School		Additional Class	9/4/18-6/30/19

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Cindy Cobb	Bus Duty – p.m.	
Christine Gamlen	Busy Duty – a.m. & p.m.	

***NONINSTRUCTIONAL***

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Appointments</u></b>		<b>Effective</b>
			<b>Salary</b>	
Hoa Tram Custodial Substitute	Custodial Dept.			10/2/18

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Change in Status</u></b>		<b>Effective</b>
			<b>Change</b>	
Theresa Quinn Food Service Helper	Food Service	JES to MS	3.25 to 3.75 hrs.daily	9/5/18

### Termination

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Jessica Reitz Food Service Worker	Middle School	6/30/18

Dr. Kendrick congratulated Mr. Peter Reyes on his appointment as new Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services. Mr. Reyes is currently the principal at Jamesville Elementary School. A search for a new principal will begin immediately.

### **Appointment of Superintendent**

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Brown seconded the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District, pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Education Law, appoints Dr. Peter Smith, as Superintendent of Schools for the period of January 3, 2019 – June 30, 2022, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an employment agreement between the Board of Education and Dr. Smith. Further, this appointment is contingent upon Dr. Smith maintaining certification as a Superintendent pursuant to the requirements of the New York State Education Law.

Motion carried (7-1-1) Mrs. Rhodes opposed. Mrs. Juanita Rivera abstained.

Mrs. Rhodes stated that although her vote is in opposition, she will fully support the new Superintendent.

Mrs. Murphy stated that the succession plan for a new superintendent has been discussed for at least five years.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kendrick discussed the recently released grade 3-8 test scores. Because of the change in test format last year, with fewer questions and reduced time, scores cannot be compared against previous years. JD's scores are significantly higher in both ELA and Math than New York State and Onondaga County. These results help determine which students receive academic intervention services. Dr. Kendrick congratulated Mr. Paul Gasparini, principal of the High School for being named to the National Assessment Governing Board for the Department of Education which oversees the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Dr. Kendrick reported that at Jamesville Elementary School, there have been some changes in enrollment since the last Board meeting, specifically in kindergarten and third grade. Based on those changes, an additional section of Kindergarten will be added and a teaching assistant will be added to the building to support the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers. Dr. Kendrick informed the Board of upcoming events.

### **President's Report**

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

### **Unfinished and Continuing Business**

Mrs. Murphy commented that the Assembly may be interested in changing the mandate that schools be used as polling locations if requested by the Board of Elections. Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked about the

district proposing to change the polling locations. Mr. Decker replied that schools are required to be polling places, if requested by the Board of Elections.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked about the metrics associated with district goals and if they will be available. Dr. Kendrick responded that they will probably be available at the end of the first semester.

Mr. Van Schaick asked about the status of the Steering Committee. Dr. Smith responded that he has tentative dates for meetings. Mr. Van Schaick asked about the membership status of the Committee. That is being finalized with committee members and principals.

## **Community Comment #2**

Mr. Schulman stated this comment time was for non-agenda items.

Carrie Parish requested a fourth section of third grade at Jamesville Elementary School, expressing concern about large class size and some student behavior.

Michelle Kielbasinski asked about the role of the teaching assistant being added to Jamesville Elementary, commented about the evolution of Community Comment time, and asked that an open forum for constituents be considered.

Gretchen Bliss also spoke about third grade class size at Jamesville Elementary School and believes that a TA is not the best option.

Dina Pettiford, also a third grade parent, expressed similar concerns.

Nancy O'Connor spoke about a summary of a student, parent meeting that occurred in the high school recently, wanting to make sure the Board had the information.

Christine Semabia spoke about the Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity meeting last February, feeling the problems have not been acknowledged and resolved.

Michael Gilbert expressed concern about the district's approach to mental health issues.

Jim True-Frost spoke about his dissatisfaction in lack of responsiveness with regard to Special Education.

Lura Lunkenheimer spoke about the school climate and suggested the use of a survey. She expressed concern about board transparency.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz moved and Mrs. Rhodes seconded, the scheduling of a special meeting to discuss our responsiveness to our community.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Mr. Brown moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the meeting be adjourned to executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment of certain personnel.  
Motion carried (9-0-0).

At 9:40 p.m. Mrs. Petrosillo moved, Dr. Corcoran seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD APPROVED: 10/15/18**