

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – October 15, 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 District Office. Others in attendance: Tim Skeval, Teddy Mulvihill, Gregory Sanville, Tommy Ryan, Sharon Salvo, Ellie Salvo, Joe Woodin, Joseph Woodin, Dan Holdridge, Michelle Kielbasinski, Ann Wright, Tom Taylor, Trey Romano, Alex Yoo, Christina Jefferson, Cheyenne Jefferson, Dina Pettiford, Christiana Semabia, Maureen Aliani, Katie Hooks, Kofi Addai, Michael Fitzpatrick, and Julie Morse.

Presentation – 2017-2018 External Audit Report –Grossman St. Amour

Mr. Mark Ciaralli, CPA, and Jaimie Galante, CPA presented the 2017/18 independent audit report to the Board of Education. (See Supplemental Minutes.) The process followed to complete the audit was explained as well as a general review of the specific statements of the audit. In the auditor's opinion, the financial statements of the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District are fairly presented and in accordance with generally-accepted accounting standards. The auditor's opinion is unmodified.

Community Comment #1

Mr. Schulman asked if there were any comments regarding agenda items. There were no comments.

Minutes of October 1, 2018 Board Meeting

Mr. Brown moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the approval of the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Warrants and Expense Reports

The acceptance of the Warrants and Expense Reports was postponed until Mrs. Rhodes was in attendance.

Recommendations of the CPSE and CSE

Mrs. Murphy moved, Mr. Van Schaick seconded acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education from their meetings on September 12, 14 and 26, 2018 and the Committee on Special Education from their meetings on September 4, 6, 7, 14, 17, 18, 20, 24, 26 and 28, 2018.

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

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

INSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	<u>Appointments</u> Annual Salary	Cert	Effective
Laura Dineen K-6 Classroom Teacher Probationary Appointment (3 yrs) New position due to increased Kindergarten enrollment	JES		Perm Pre-K-6, English 7-9 Ext.	10/16/18

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019

High School

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Justin Bird	H.S. Musical Vocal Director	
Clete Gualtieri	Hole in the Wall Club Advisor	

Request for Extension of Leave

Name and position	Location	Type of Leave	Effective
Amy Harmon Psychologist	District	Parental Leave	12/4/18-12/13/18

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019

Coaching - Winter

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Joseph Amedro	Boys Varsity Swimming Asst. Coach	
Patrick Gillette	Boys & Girls Varsity Indoor Track Asst. Coach	
Matthew Lauro	Modified Wrestling Coach (Volunteer)	
William Leberman	Boys & Girls Varsity Indoor Track Asst. Coach (Volunteer)	

Resignations

Name and position	Assignment	Effective
Matthew Lauro	Modified Wrestling Coach	10/16/18
William Leberman	Boys & Girls Indoor Track Asst. Coach	10/16/18
Brian Wright	JV Head Baseball Coach	10/16/18

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	<u>Appointments</u> Salary	Effective
Deanna Green School Bus Driver Probationary Appt. Replacing M. Guinta	Transportation		10/16/18

Patricia Schaefer School Bus Driver Probationary Appt. Replacing D. Maycumber	Transportation	10/16/18
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Marjorie Sherman Typist II Probationary Appt. Replacing K. Arendt	Tecumseh	11/5/18
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Name and position	Location	<u>Change in Status</u>	Effective
		Change	
Jonna Cosbey Teacher Aide New Position	JES	PT to FT Teacher Aide 32.5 hours	10/16/18

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

External Audit Report

Mr. Van Schaick moved, and Mrs. Woodcock Dettor seconded acceptance of the External Audit report.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

District Reserves 2017-2018

The Board was provided a history of the reserves and the projected fund balance. (See Supplemental Minutes.) Dr. Kendrick reviewed the information provided. The projected fund balance reflects an increase in total reserves from last year to this year, bringing total reserves to \$9,388,720.

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mrs. Petrosillo seconded approval of the District Reserves as recommended.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Approve Request to Close Inactive Student Activity Accounts

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Van Schaick seconded the approval to close the following inactive Student Activity accounts and distribute remaining balance to the Student Government Account: Unplugged Games and Mu Alpha Theta.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Revised Board Policy 6121, Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, 1st Reading

Dr. Kendrick introduced the Revised Policy 6121, Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. As part of the New York State Budget, the Legislature is requiring all employers in New York State to adopt a

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Policy that meets minimum standards set by The Labor Department. The policy service used by the District provided this revised policy that complies with the enacted law.

Mr. Schulman asked about the training. Dr. Kendrick indicated the training providers used by school districts are currently updating the training to comply with the new regulations. Mrs. Murphy inquired about volunteers. It is believed they are covered under the Non-discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District policy.

Dr. Kendrick indicated there will be a complaint form placed on the website that was developed by the Department of Labor. This policy will be brought back for a second reading at the November 5, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz inquired about the law references noted at the end of the policy. Dr. Kendrick explained that the Policy Service does the research for the notation. These are the laws that gave rise to this policy.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kendrick presented the Board with a request from the Town of Dewitt for the use of a district bus for a senior citizen trip scheduled for October 18, 2018. Dr. Kendrick explained that the town routinely rents buses for activities during the summertime. The bus they had planned to use for the trip is unavailable. The Town apologized for the short notice.

Mrs. Petrosillo moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the approval of the request from the Town of Dewitt to use a district bus for a Senior Citizen Trip on October 18, 2018.

Motion carried. (8-0-0).

Dr. Kendrick shared the enrollment numbers that were recorded on BEDS day, October 3, 2018. (See Supplemental Minutes) Dr. Kendrick reported there was much discussion in multiple venues last spring about our diverse student population, and what we could do to improve support for all students at all levels, addressing the opportunity gaps that exist for some students. This is a challenging problem faced by every school in the nation with a diverse population. We knew we needed expert help and looked specifically for experts who would help us understand the complexity of the issues involved and then guide us as we develop specific strategies for J-D. The District found a national organization, the Perception Institute, which specializes in this work with schools and other professional settings. The Perception Institute helps organizations center their strategies on the latest evidence-based research that can be applied to everyday individual and organizational interactions. We are very early in this long-term process.

Mrs. Rhodes entered the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Dr. Kendrick informed the Board of upcoming events.

President's Report

Mr. Schulman reported that he along with Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Petrosillo, Mrs. Woodcock-Dettor, and Dr. Smith attended the OMSBA Annual Meeting on October 4, 2018. It was an informational night with a presentation on Embedding Career and Technical Education Programs in Business, including such programs as Physical Therapy and Engineering. Mr. Schulman reminded the Board of the upcoming CNYSBA 3rd Annual Leadership Summit for School Board Members on November 10th. Mr. Schulman congratulated both the Boys Varsity Golf Team for winning the Section Title and the Girls Varsity Soccer Team for an undefeated season. He wished both teams good luck in playoff games. Mr. Schulman, as well as other Board members attended Open House at the High School on October 10th. There was a student presentation of the Positivity Project. He was very impressed with the students and teachers.

Unfinished and Continuing Business

Mrs. Petrosillo asked which other schools/businesses has the Perception Institute supported. Dr. Kendrick provided examples.

Mr. Van Schaick asked Dr. Smith for any updates on the Steering Committee. Dr. Smith responded that the first meeting will be held at the end of November. Mr. Van Schaick also asked about the ongoing situation with Shoppingtown Mall and is there any plan to meet for discussion with the Town of DeWitt. Dr. Kendrick responded that the communication has been through legal counsel. Mr. Van Schaick said the after school program for elementary school students has been a popular program that closes out every year. He asked if we would be able to work with them so that this could be opened up to more families. Dr. Kendrick stated that this is a Town of DeWitt program that uses our facilities. Mrs. Rhodes asked that given the need for this type of program for our families, could we advocate for the families. Dr. Kendrick stated that this is not an issue of space, it is an issue that the Town of DeWitt has with staffing this program.

Mr. Schulman and Mrs. Murphy spoke about the Embedded Technical Education Programs that were presented during the CNYSBA annual meeting.

Mrs. Murphy spoke about attending Open House, getting more information about student clubs. She was very impressed and believes that we should support clubs any way we can.

Mrs. Petrosillo asked if we currently send any students to any of the Embedded Career Programs through BOCES.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz reported that on October 25th, both she and Mrs. Rhodes will be attending the NYSSBA Pre-Convention Communications Workshop in New York City and will report back to the Board.

Mrs. Rhodes asked about scheduling the special community meeting and Mr. Schulman stated that they will speak about that at the Board of Education retreat.

Warrants and Expense Reports

Mrs. Rhodes reviewed the warrants and expense reports and moved their acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Murphy.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Community Comment #2

Mr. Schulman read the guidelines for community comment time.

Michelle Kielbasinski spoke about safety and security measures and her concern of the implementation of the new changes.

Carolee Whalen expressed her concerns with the short notice for the first chorus concert and her concern with the future of the music program.

Erin Holdridge spoke about the addition of the fourth section of Kindergarten at Jamesville and how it affected her son.

Katie Hooks spoke about the Kindergarten addition at Jamesville and how it affected her son. She suggested a review of the screening process and believes adding another section is disrupting to the students' learning.

Julie Morse suggested adding a section for email and phone number to the comment cards. She asked about Steering Committee meetings and if they were open to the public.

Christiana Semabia is encouraged and thanked Dr. Kendrick for the information on the relationship with the Perception Institute. She requested more details about the process.

Alex Yoo a high school student, stated he was speaking on behalf of himself and his peers with regard to the music program. The music department has been a source of pride at JD and he feels the shift in quality.

Rachel Wagner stated that everyone should be allowed to speak and grieve the music program. She also spoke about the character education programs and the Positivity Project. She does not support the Positivity Project.

Mr. Schulman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz said she had questions.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked for follow-up on the statement of adult classes still being scheduled at the elementary buildings in the evening. Mr. Decker stated that these events are for the use of the gyms and we have maintained the same gym schedules for usage by the JDYAA and the Town of DeWitt. Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz referred to the Kindergarten screening process that the community members commented on. Dr. Kendrick responded that we screen all incoming Kindergarteners.

Mrs. Rhodes asked if the Steering Committee meetings are open to the public. Dr. Smith responded they are not subject to the Open Meetings Law. He said the Steering Committee has representatives that report back to constituents. Mrs. Rhodes stated that many people are unaware of who the

members are and would like to know if there will be guidance for members of the Committee. Dr. Smith stated that there will be training at the first meeting of the year.

At 8:21 p.m. Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Brown seconded the meeting be adjourned to executive session.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

At 11:23 p.m. Mr. Brown moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker
Clerk of the Board

BOE Approved: 11/5/18