

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – February 4, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Dr. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Decker, School Business Administrator  
Mr. Reyes, Asst. Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Petrosillo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. Others in attendance were Ann Wright, Christiana Semabia, Rachel Wagner, Jennifer Blusk, M. Aliani, and Michael Fitzpatrick.

**Presentation – Jamesville-DeWitt Middle School**

Mr. Eldridge welcomed all in attendance and introduced his staff that would be presenting, which included Kerri McKee, Kitty Robinson, Mia Woolery, Anna Endreny, Molly Anthony and Denise Stillitano. The presentation was based on a day in the life of a middle school student and included, communication, collaboration and problem solving, as well as examples of community involvement. Mr. Eldridge also shared that the Middle School has been invited to apply to become a New York State School to Watch. The Middle School would be the first in the area to achieve this honor.

**Community Comment Time #1**

Mrs. Petrosillo asked if there were any comments, there were none.

Dr. Corcoran left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**Minutes of January 14, 2019 Board Meeting**

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Dawe seconded the approval of the minutes of the January 14, 2019 Board Meeting.

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

**Superintendent’s Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Van Schaick moved and Mrs. Woodcock Dettor seconded the approval of the Superintendent’s Personnel recommendations as follows:

***INSTRUCTIONAL***

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Change in Status</u></b>		<b>Effective</b>
			<b>Change</b>	
Laurie Fabian	Middle School		Additional Class (.2 FTE)	1/28/19-6/28/19
Dan Vinette	Middle School		Additional Class (.1 FTE)	1/28/19-6/28/19

**Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019**

**High School**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Stephanie Rice	Cafeteria Supervision		1/29/19-6/30/19
Vitaliy Yanchuck	MUN/Political Affairs Club		9/1/18-6/30/19

**Resignation from extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019**

**High School**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Dan Law	Cafeteria Supervision	2/1/19

**Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019**

**Middle School**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Lindsay Voight Replacing P. Richardson	Bus Supervision (am only)		1/28/19-6/28/19
Lindsay Voight Replacing P. Richardson	Cafeteria Duty- Grade 5		1/28/19-6/28/19

**Request for Leave**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Leave</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Cheryl Hoosock Speech Therapist	JES	FMLA (paid & unpaid)	4/27/19 – 6/26/19
Kimberly Lewis K-6 Classroom Teacher	Moses-DeWitt	FMLA (paid & unpaid)	4/29/19 – 6/26/19

**Request for Retirement**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Linda Annable Teaching Assistant	High School	6/28/19
Barbara Boduch K-6 Classroom Teacher	Jamesville Elementary School	6/30/19
Kelley Caldwell Math Intervention Teacher	Middle School	6/30/19
Diane Maloney K-6 Classroom Teacher	Middle School	7/1/19
Simone Pacilio Second Language Teacher	High School	6/30/19
Dennis Schahczenski Math Teacher	High School	6/30/19

Joan Smith Special Education Teacher	High School	6/28/19
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**Resignations**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Tyquan Horton Teaching Assistant	High School	1/26/19

***NONINSTRUCTIONAL***

**Appointments**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Anatoliy Barva Sub Bus Driver	Transportation		2/5/19
Steven Dunn Sub Bus Driver	Transportation		2/5/19
Jeremy Edge Sub Bus Attendant	Transportation		2/5/19
Amanda Bedell Full-Time Teacher Aide New Position	JES		2/5/19
Jonathan Bacon Custodial Sub	Custodial Dept.		2/5/19

**Change in Status**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Theresa Charles Teacher Aide Replacing K. Woiler, A. Gallagher	Moses-DeWitt	P/T to F/T	2/5/19

**Resignations**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Anthony Caporizzo Driver/Messenger	Maintenance	11/29/18

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

**Approve High School Field Trip**

Mrs. Rhodes moved, and Mrs. Murphy seconded the approval for the Model United Nations club to travel to St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY from 3/8/19 to 3/9/19 for a conference.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

## **Authorize Use of Bus by Town of DeWitt**

Dr. Smith presented a request from the Town of DeWitt for the use of a school bus from Tuesday, February 19th, through Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. (See Supplemental Minutes). The bus they were planning to use has been sold and they are in the process of purchasing a new one.

Mrs. Woodcock Dettor moved and Mr. Van Schaick seconded the approval of the Town of DeWitt's request.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

## **Revised Board Policy 5761, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Dr. Smith introduced the Revised Policy 5761, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers. This is a change in the name of the policy which is in response to a change New York State Law. The policy calls for pre-employment drug testing and expands the pool of employees to be held accountable for random drug and alcohol testing. It also calls for drug testing after observation is made by a supervisor of reasonable suspicion of drug and/or alcohol use. Dr. Smith explained that this is mandated by New York State and the federal government as well. There were comments regarding the possible legalization of marijuana and the ramifications and Mr. Decker stated that the Policy Service will update the policy at that time. There were questions regarding impairment by other medicines or prescriptions such as Benadryl and if this was addressed in another policy. Dr. Smith will research that question. This revised policy will come back for a second reading at the next Board meeting, February 25, 2019 and can come back for a third reading if needed.

## **Potential Consideration for Future Meetings**

Mrs. Petrosillo asked the Board if anyone had ideas for consideration at future meetings. The following topics were included as possible topics to be discussed in the future:

- Communication Policy
- Financial Commitment of Board Members
- Potential representation by Board Members on PTG/Booster Club
- Formation of a Policy Committee
- Discuss NYSSBA Analysis

## **Students Serving as Ex-Officio Member of the School Board Discussion**

The idea of a student serving as an ex-officio member of the Board of Education was discussed. Both the rationale and the expectations were addressed. It was agreed upon by the Board that they would like to move forward. This will need to be communicated with Mr. Gasparini. A discussion about the timeline took place and it was decided that the Board needs more clarity on this. Dr. Smith said a policy would need to be developed to allow a student to serve. The policy will need a first and second reading. A draft of the proposition will be needed from our attorney by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Budget Discussion – Transportation & Maintenance**

Dr. Smith presented the proposed Transportation and Maintenance Budgets for 2019/2020. (See Supplemental Minutes). The Transportation Budget has a slight increase due to increased costs associated with changes in personnel. Dr. Smith said all buses will be equipped with cameras by fall 2019. Dr. Smith explained the Operations and Maintenance Budget which also has a slight increase due to personnel costs. While the equipment costs are down slightly, the cost of service contracts has increased. The Fringe Benefits portion of the Budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Smith presented the Board with his goals connected to his Transition Plan that will be accomplished between now and July.

1. Present a financially responsible budget
2. Structure listening sessions with the public
3. Summarize the information from the listening sessions for the Board
4. Rewrite the Annual District Goals
5. Work to address issues of Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity.

Dr. Smith explained that the legislature has mandated a survey of the community be completed by all school districts in spring 2020. Dr. Smith informed the Board that JD has been approached by Syracuse University to host Fulbright Scholars. We will be one of three districts partnering with SU to host the scholars. Scholars will be placed in the Middle School, High School and Moses-Dewitt. The scholars will be in the classroom approximately 8 to 10 hours a week through April 12<sup>th</sup>. They are here to learn about our education system. Dr. Smith met with Patrick Longo, Member Relations, from the NYSSBA and was excited to learn about the support available from the NYSSBA. Dr. Smith talked about recent legislation passed by both houses of the legislature but not yet signed by the Governor that changes the mandate to use test scores in the evaluations of teachers. School districts are waiting to see if the bill becomes law and then will rely guidance from the state to inform changes. Dr. Smith congratulated Bob Bewley, Girls Swimming and Diving Coach for being awarded the 2017-2018 New York State Coach of the Year. Teachers of AP Language and Composition encouraged students to participate in the New York Times Editorial Cartoon Contest. The contest had 1,000 entries and students from Jamesville-DeWitt won many of the top honors. Dr. Smith encouraged anyone who has not seen the Scholastic Art Awards Show at O.C.C to visit. It is the largest art awards show in America with over 5,600 pieces submitted. JD Middle and High School students won 93 awards including Best Work in Ceramics and Glass, Creative Design and Best in Show in Gold Key Artwork. (Mrs. Murphy asked if there was anything we could do in the future about the conflict of the awards ceremony during Regents Exams in January). Dr. Smith received a thank you letter from Gretchen Brown, the coordinator of the Jamesville Food Pantry. She thanked the students and faculty for organizing and participating in food drives that benefit our community. Dr. Smith congratulated the students and adults involved in the production of the Wizard of Oz at the Middle School this past weekend. He said it was a tremendous show. Dr. Smith read a notice that is posted on the website with regard to running for the Board of Education. Lastly, Dr. Smith reminded the Board of upcoming events.

## **Board President's Report**

Mrs. Petrosillo reported that the Steering Committee was set to reconvene on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, but due to the snow day, the first meeting will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Corcoran and Mrs. Murphy will

represent the Board of Education. She reminded the Board that the CNYSBA Legislative Forum will take place on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Petrosillo announced that the NYSSBA Annual Conference and Expo will be held in Rochester this year. She is hoping that because it is in Rochester, it will be more affordable to attend and has asked Dr. Smith if this can be put into the budget. Mrs. Petrosillo said that with regard to communications, she has been making an effort to respond to emails in a timely manner. She invited anyone to send her a reminder follow-up email if necessary.

### **Unfinished and Continuing Business**

Mr. Van Schaick recently attended a PTG meeting at Tecumseh. He said they did fantastic job with many members participating and also said they do a great job with fundraising. He is looking forward to Tecumseh's Multi-cultural Night this year. Mr. Van Schaick stated that parents had approached him with DE&I concerns. Mr. Van Schaick also questioned the afterschool activities through the Town of DeWitt and the funding for it as there are only 60 spots with 25 on the waiting list.

### **Community Comment #2**

Maureen Aliani addressed the Board with regards to the elementary schools not participating in the Special Olympics. She also thanked Dr. Smith for the full-time aide that has been appointed.

Christiana Semabia suggested an opportunity for more narrow constituent groups with regard to community listening and asked if the budget/election information be placed on the website in a spot that was easy to locate.

Ann Wright stated that Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz will be taking a tour of the BOCES facilities this Friday and she has invited all Board Members and administration to attend, as well. She stated a second tour will be scheduled to visit the Crowne Road facility at a future date.

At 9:50 p.m., Mr. Van Schaick moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded the meeting to be adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of specific personnel and for a student issue.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

At 10:30, Mrs. Rhodes moved and Mrs. Tyson seconded the adjournment of Executive Session.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

At 10:31, Mrs. Rhodes moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded the adjournment of the Board of Education meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD APPROVED: 2/25/19**