

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – May 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Woodcock Dettor

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 8:36 p.m. in the Large Group Room of the Jamesville-DeWitt High School. Also in attendance were Melanie Dawe, Tom Buckley, Karin Kirnie, Emma Cleary, Susan Germain, Ken Souser, Cameron Schultz, Jordyn Hatch, Gabe Cahill, Courtney Burns, Cece Hatem, Arysa Lux, Max Mimargolu, Rachel Wagner, Kerry Coleman-Herrick, Ann Wright, Gabriella Kielbasinski, Michelle Kielbasinski, Anna Naugle, Michael Fay, Zecariah Alex, Bailey Doust, Salim Fawagi, Sophie Magisa, Michael Fitzpatrick, and Alexis Thorpe.

Community Comment Time #1

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

Minutes of April 22, 2019 Board Meeting

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Dawe seconded the approval of the Minutes from April 22, 2019 Board Meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Warrants and Expense Reports

Mrs. Murphy reviewed the warrants and expense reports and moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Van Schaick.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Recommendations of the CPSE and CSE

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Dawe seconded the acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education from their meetings on April 11, 22, 26, and May 6, 2019 and the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from their meetings on April 8, 10, 11, 12, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, and May 6 and 7, 2019.

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

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz stated that there are certain policies in place for recommendations to be approved. She and Mrs. Rhodes have asked for documentation that policies have been followed. As this documentation has not been received, they are voting in opposition.

Mrs. Murphy stated that the same practice of presenting the Board with the recommendations has been used for 20 years.

Mrs. Petrosillo stated that a committee will be made to review Special Education policies as well as all policies once the new Board is in place.

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Corcoran moved and Mr. Van Schaick seconded the approval of the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations as follows:

INSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	<u>Appointments</u> Annual Salary	Cert	Effective
Sarah Babbles Math Teacher Probationary Appointment (3 yrs) Replacing K. Spector	Middle School		Prof. Math 7-12	09/03/19
Kathryn Byrd Math Teacher Probationary Appointment (3 yrs) Replacing D. Schaczenski	High School		Perm. Math 7-12	09/03/19
Erin Nowicki Special Education Teacher Probationary Appointment (4 yrs) Replacing J. Smith	High School		Init. SWD 7-12 Generalist	09/03/19

INSTRUCTIONAL

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019

Mentors

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Erin Cooley	Mentor (Christina Taylor)	
Michelle Duffy	Mentor (Nikki Wylde)	
Loretta Krewson	Mentor (Laura Dineen)	
Sophie Leo	Mentor (Karista Lewis)	
Heather Meyer	Mentor (Courtney Perrigo)	
Rose Palmisano	Mentor (Kristen Hefti)	
Melissa Quinn	Mentor (Sarah Tiffany)	
Daniel Rossister	Mentor (Lisa Kerwin)	

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018/2019

Coaching – Winter

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Patrick Gillette	Extended Season – Varsity Track (Asst. Coach)	

Juan Martinez
Emily Rowles

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Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018-2019

Middle School

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Keith Bryant	Science Olympiad (Coach)	
Kelly Colone	Science Olympiad (Coordinator & Coach)	
Anna Endreny	Science Olympiad (Coach)	
Catherine Flynn	Science Olympiad (Coach)	
Sarah Levesque	Science Olympiad (Coach)	
Dan Vinette	Science Olympiad (Coach)	

Request for Retirement

Name and position	Location	Effective
Debra Holmes Physical Therapist	District	6/25/19

Request for Leave

Name and position	Location	Type of Leave	Effective
Jeannine Abbott Music Teacher	M.S.	FMLA (Paid & Unpaid)	9/3/19-11/12/19

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Request for Retirement

Name and position	Location	Effective
James Wentworth Head Custodian	Middle School	07/26/19

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

Mrs. Rhodes stated that she and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz would like to review policy before voting yes. Specifically, they are referring to the hiring, training and evaluation of substitutes.

Mrs. Petrosillo said that the Board is working on how to best address their concerns so that they will be able to vote *yes*.

Approve Non-Public Transportation Requests

Dr. Smith presented the Board with the requests for transportation to non-public schools. (See Supplemental Minutes.) Mrs. Murphy moved and Mrs. Tyson seconded the approval for transportation to non-public schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Inspectors of Election for School Budget Vote

Mr. Van Schaick moved and Dr. Corocoran seconded approval of the following inspectors of the school district election for the school budget vote on May 21, 2019: Sue Smith, Ronna Louise, Dixie Blackley, Chris Tzetzis, Tom Taylor, Cher Rapp, Jordan Hardy, Cyndi Signorelli and Kim Schellinger.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Resolution to Approve 5 yr. Contract with OCM BOCES for Classroom Technology, Library Automation and Other Instructional Technologies

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Van Schaick seconded the approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE JAMESVILLE-DEWITT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Jamesville-Dewitt Central School District desires to enter into up to a FIVE year service contract with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereafter referred to as OCM BOCES) in order for the Regional Information Center (RIC) to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being but not limited to classroom technology and library automation and other instructional technologies in CoSer 562 and/or Co-Ser 620.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the above School District agrees to enter into a contract with the OCM BOCES for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the estimated principal amount of \$300,000.00 plus related borrowing fees incurred by the OCM BOCES on behalf of the school district, plus yearly Regional Information Center support during the term of this contract. This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. Payments will be made as part of a regular annual BOCES contract for services. Further, this contract will be finalized by the Superintendent of the school district and is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education for both this multi-year service agreement and the OCM BOCES Installment Purchase contract which will be entered into on behalf of the school district at its request. This contract will be for a maximum period of FIVE years commencing on or about 01 July 2019.

CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT CLERK

I, Timothy Decker, District Clerk of the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District, hereby certify that the attached resolution was adopted by the required majority of the Board of Education at its meeting held on May 13, 2019.

Date: May 14, 2019

District Clerk

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Potential Consideration for Future Meetings

Mrs. Petrosillo asked the Board if anyone had ideas for consideration at future meetings

- Presentation by the Athletic Department, including how students with disabilities are engaged.
- Better understanding and documentation of the Board's responsibilities relating to PTGs and Boosters.

Quarterly Financial Reports

Mr. Decker presented the Board with the quarterly financial report together with a diagram of our system of accounts for better understanding. All accounts are in balance with the exception of the Capital Funds. (See Supplemental Minutes).

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith reported that work has begun on the emergency roof project. Unfortunately, there was a leak due to the high winds and rain. Dr. Smith also stated that the JD Athletic Hall of Fame Induction was also sidetracked due to the weather but the ceremony took place inside. Dr. Smith addressed previous questions about funding for Title 1 & Title 2 grants and while there is no guarantee, there is strong indication that the money will be there for 2019-2020. Dr. Smith reported that while the Grades 3-8 ELA computer based testing was challenging, adjustments were made and the Math testing took place without a hitch. Dr. Smith shared that a week ago at the Perception Institute's Parent Forum approximately 45 people attended. This was an opportunity for families to share their experiences. Dr. Smith said the district is waiting for the summary and analysis of teacher survey and district data. When the Institute reports back they will offer recommendations for professional development. Dr. Smith shared J-D's ranking from the U.S. News & World Report. JD was ranked #821 in the country out of 17,245 schools and # 77 in New York. The High School recently received results from the National Spanish and National French exams. Students were recognized for 45 out of 91 entries in the National French Exam and 121 out of 161 entries for the National Spanish Exam. The High School also had two winners (1st place and honorable mention) in the National Sijo Poetry Contest, which is sponsored in collaboration with the Korea Institute at Harvard. Dr. Smith updated the Board on upcoming events as well as the upcoming CNYSBA Annual Meeting.

Board President's Report

Mrs. Petrosillo apologized if her reply to a story on the RamPage offended anyone. She thanked Ann Wright and Colleen Viggiano on behalf of herself and Mr. Van Schaick for the tour they were given of the OCM BOCES Training and Technical Center. They saw JD students in action and was very impressed with the program. Mrs. Petrosillo recommended that Board members consider attending the School Board Appreciation event at Welch Allyn on June 27, 2019, which is sponsored by NYSSBA. Mrs. Petrosillo attended the J-D Hall of Fame Induction, which she said was a highlight of the year. Mrs. Petrosillo thanked the Moses-DeWitt crew and Lisa Patchen for the invite to the staff lunch.

Unfinished and Continuing Business

Mr. Van Schaick also thanked Ann Wright for the tour of BOCES. He applauded BOCES and said that it has evolved into a special program that transitions students into jobs.

Mrs. Murphy noted that the Bus Driver appreciation week was missed and it is important to recognize the bus drivers for the important work they do each day.

Mrs. Murphy had a few comments with regard to the Perception Institute. She thought that they did a great job at the Parent Forum. She suggested a few things that could be done to make people feel more comfortable including posting signs that say either *All Are Welcome Here* or *Hate Has No Place Here* to be placed in front of the buildings, making unisex bathrooms available, a review of new security protocols and how to make people feel welcome, asking PTG's to reach out to families. She added that people want to help and are waiting to be asked and the PTG's can help with this. Lastly, she suggested that PTGs explore community wide events, such as speaker forums. This would be an opportunity for PTG's to work together.

Mrs. Rhodes agrees that people don't feel welcome and shared her concerns with the Perception Institute using J-D as subjects for a study. She feels that the P.I. is a step in the right direction but would like a better understanding of the study.

Dr. Smith explained that the Perception Institute contracts with consultants. In the case of the Perception Institute, they have contracted with a consultant that is affiliated with the University of Massachusetts. Because she is affiliated with the university, permission is needed for her to do the work.

Mrs. Rhodes asked if we are part of a research project or are part of an academic conversation. Are we directing the hypothesis? Is work that is being done for us or as part of the University?

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked how does this body of work fit into our comprehensive equity plan? She is concerned that all of the focus is on teachers but really needs to be about policies.

Mr. VanSchaick stated that he believes that parents should be included as well as some input from students if they are being research subjects. He believes that at some point we need an equity audit and would like to know what the P.I. thinks about it.

Mrs. Tyson stated that she was somewhat disappointed in the turnout since it was open to all parents.

Mrs. Petrosillo said all parents were not personally invited.

Mrs. Tyson stated it was on the email blast.

Mrs. Rhodes said that there was confusion about what the parent forum was.

Community Comment #2

Mr. Ramesh Gaonkar commented about the bus proposition and asked to postpone the purchase of new buses and to explore the option of electric buses.

Christiana Semabia commented about the Perception Institute and its effectiveness for implicit bias but lack of a mechanism to deal with explicit bias.

Donna Oppedisano commented about the tax cap and her concerns with cutting corners in technology. She wondered what it would look like to ask voters to support a budget that exceeds the tax cap.

Rachel Wagner commented about the Perception Institute Parent Forum being the safest space so far. She added that it was not an adequate amount of time to speak and a need to follow-up with opportunity for parent input.

At 9:55 p.m. Mrs. Rhodes moved and Mr. Dawe seconded the meeting to be adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

At 10:21 p.m. Mrs. Rhodes moved and Mrs. Murphy seconded Executive Session be adjourned.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

At 10:22 p.m. Mrs. Rhodes moved and Mrs. Murphy second the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker
Clerk of the Board

BOARD APPROVED: 6/3/19