

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – March 25, 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 7:00 p.m. in the District Office. Others in attendance were Nancy O'Connor, Emma Clardy, Rachel Wagner, Christiana Semabia, Kerry Coleman-Herrick, Anna Naugle, Karlie Huckins, Megan Dilger, Maureen Aliani, Michael Fitzpatrick, Aliyah Kilpatrick, Lauryn Gouldin, Cora True-Frost, Jim True-Frost, Maureen Kissane and Ann Wright.

Community Comment Time #1

Rachel Wagner commented about the SRO relating to the budget.

Cora True-Frost commented about the Special Education Policies that are up for a first reading.

Jim True-Frost commented about Special Education Policy 7613.

Minutes of March 11, 2019 Board Meeting

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mrs. Tyson seconded the approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Board Meeting.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Warrants and Expense Reports

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

Motion carried (9-0-0).

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 March 4, 11, 12 and 14, 2019 and the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from their meetings on February 7, 14, 26, 27, 2019 and March 4, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12, 2019.

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

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – March 25, 2019

The following personnel changes are recommended by the Superintendent:

INSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	<u>Request for Leave</u>	
		Type of Leave	Effective
Alyssa Ascenzo Teaching Assistant	TEC	Maternity Leave (paid & unpaid)	4/4/19-5/29/19

Name and position	Location	<u>Resignations</u>	
			Effective
Emily Steele School Psychologist	District		4/22/19

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	<u>Appointments</u>	
		Salary	Effective
H. George Wilson P/T Driver/Messenger Replacing S. Mahar	Maintenance		3/26/19

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	<u>Resignations</u>	
			Effective
Seamus Mahar P/T Driver/Messenger	Maintenance		3/13/19
Amy Wright F/T Teacher Aide	JES		3/15/19
Maria B. Smith P/T Teacher Aide	JES		3/28/19

ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL CHANGES– March 25, 2019

The following personnel changes are recommended by the Superintendent:

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	<u>Appointments</u>	
		Salary	Effective
Alex Way F/T Teacher Aide Replacing Maddie Bedell	Middle School		3/26/19

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

**Adopt Resolution to Appoint an Ex-Officio
Student Member to the Board of Education**

**JAMESVILLE-DEWITT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

It was moved by Dr. Corcoran and seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution

The Board of Education hereby resolves that the following proposition shall be placed upon the ballot for consideration by eligible voters at the Annual Meeting held on May 21, 2019:

Proposed:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to appoint an *ex-officio*, non-voting student member to serve on the Board pursuant to Education Law § 1804(12), subject to criteria established by the Superintendent for selection of such a student member and further subject to the requirements that such student shall serve for only one year, shall be a high school senior and shall have been in good standing for a period of not less than two years prior to appointment to the Board of Education. If approved, such student member shall be entitled to sit with Board members at all public meetings of the Board and to participate in all Board public hearings and meetings. The student Board member shall not be allowed to attend executive session, and shall not receive compensation of any form for participating at Board meetings.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

**Adopt Resolution to Establish a Budget
Hearing In Lieu of Annual Meeting**

It was moved by Mr. Van Schaick and seconded by Mr. Dawe that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION TO REPLACE ANNUAL MEETING WITH A BUDGET HEARING

RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing on the budget in lieu of the annual school district meeting of said School District shall be held at the Jamesville-DeWitt High School, Edinger Drive, Town of DeWitt, New York, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Section 2. The notice of said public hearing on the budget in lieu of the annual school district meeting shall be in the following form; to wit:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET IN
LIEU OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
JAMESVILLE-DEWITT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Education of Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District hereby gives notice that a public hearing on the budget in lieu of the annual meeting of said School District will be held at the Jamesville-DeWitt High School, Edinger Drive, Town of DeWitt, New York, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the proposed budget for the School District for 2019-2020 will be presented for review and discussion in anticipation of the subsequent vote thereon by the qualified voters of said District to be held on May 21, 2019.

Notice is hereby given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the School District at each school house in the District in which school is maintained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the fourteen days immediately preceding such public hearing.

Section 3. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of said public hearing on the budget in lieu of the annual school district meeting in the form hereinabove prescribed by publishing the same in "The Post Standard" and "The Eagle Newspapers," said newspapers having a general circulation within the said School District, four times within the seven weeks preceding such hearing, the first publication to be at least forty-five days before such hearing.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

**Identify Proposition for
School Budget Vote**

Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Dawe seconded a motion to place the following propositions before the District residents at the annual school budget vote on May 21, 2019:

Proposition #1 School Bus Replacement

Shall the Board of Education of the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District ("District") be authorized and directed to purchase four (4) 66-passenger school buses with cameras at an approximate cost of \$117,500 each not to exceed \$470,000, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be collected in annual installments in the years and amounts as the Board of Education shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law and, in anticipation of such tax, issue obligations of the District?

Proposition #2 Library

Shall the Board of Education of the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District ("District") levy and collect a tax in the amount of \$1,460,202 Dollars for the support of the Community Library of Dewitt & Jamesville, pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law?

Proposition #3 Ex-Officio Student Board Member

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to appoint an *ex-officio*, non-voting student member to serve on the Board pursuant to Education Law § 1804(12), subject to criteria established by the Superintendent for selection of such a student member and further subject to the requirements that such student shall serve for only one year, shall be a high school senior and shall have been in good standing for a period of not less than two years prior to appointment to the Board of Education? If approved, such student member shall be entitled to sit with Board members at all public meetings of the Board and to participate in all Board public hearings and meetings. The student Board member shall not be allowed to attend executive session, and shall not receive compensation of any form for participating at Board meetings.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Revised Board Policy 7612, 7613 and 7630– 1st Reading

Dr. Smith explained the revision process of a Board Policy.

Dr. Smith began by explaining the revision in Policy 7612. There was lengthy discussion among the Board about how the policies reflect the mission and values of the JD District. Mrs. Murphy stated that Special Education is monitored by the State and we are mandated to follow the laws and suggested the possibility of a Special Education Mission Statement.

Dr. Smith continued with the first reading of Policies 7612, 7613 and 7630.

Mrs. Woodcock Dettor commented that this is extremely difficult to navigate in this type of forum and suggested reconvening in a subcommittee to discuss.

Dr. Smith stated that the Board has talked about forming a Policy Committee and the work of that committee could include a review of the policy manual or the development of a new policy manual.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz suggested a Subcommittee would be a great idea to help review the policies. Dr. Smith suggested that a Policy Committee be developed during the Reorganization Meeting in July.

Mrs. Murphy suggested reaching out to Erie 1 to see what kind of support they would use/take from the Committee and Mrs. Woodcock Dettor suggested sharing with Erie 1 what we are trying to accomplish.

Dr. Corcoran reiterated that a Mission Statement for special education would need to be a reflection of the needs of the JD District.

It was decided to table the Revised Board Policies at this time and Dr. Smith will reach out to Erie 1 BOCES Policy Services.

It was also suggested that we look at the way a policy is dated; for instance have a line for the last date it was reviewed, as well as revised. The review date would change each time a policy is reviewed so that it can reflect the most recent review. (ie: Policy 7614)

Potential Consideration for Future Meetings

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

- How do we address higher performing students?
- Is it possible to use Thoughtexchange to gather more information about communication needs?

Budget Discussion – 2019-2020 Instructional Budget (K-12, Spec. Ed. & Technology)

Dr. Smith briefly reviewed the budget process to date and then presented the proposed instructional budget for the 2019-2020 school year. (See Supplemental Minutes.) There is a slight projected overall increase of .80% for this segment of the budget. Dr. Smith then summarized the expense plan. The Revenue and Levy portion of the budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Van Schaick asked about an evaluation or report to determine if the School Resource Officer has met expectations and if such report would be made available to the Board before the final budget is presented. Mrs. Murphy stated that there was some information on the SRO shared by Mr. Gasparini, during Executive Session. Mr. Van Schaick asked if we would keep staffing constant if enrollment declines and Dr. Smith stated that more information will be available after Kindergarten orientation.

Mrs. Woodcock Dettor left the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith reported that the District Steering Committee has met and they are tasked with looking at the District Technology Plan. He stated the Thoughtexchange has ended and the information will be analyzed. Dr. Smith reported on Superintendent's Day this past Friday, which was highlighted by presentations by the Perception Institute. He is awaiting a report from the Perception Institute which will target recommendations for professional development. Dr. Smith followed-up on the Special Olympics request and presented a plan, beginning in 2019-2020, that would allow elementary students to participate. Dr. Smith reported that the emergency roofing project has been approved by the State. The next step is to solicit bids. He will continue to update the Board. Dr. Smith reported on the many accomplishments of our students including four students who were selected as finalists in the Syracuse Stage Young Playwrights Contest, one student who placed in the top eight of the Poetry Out Loud contest and two students who won Gold Keys in the National Scholastic Writing Contest. Dr. Smith updated the Board on upcoming events.

Board President's Report

Mrs. Petrosillo thanked the Board for their contributions toward the Service and Leadership award. She explained that the community comment time is important, but she asked people to send email regarding topics for upcoming Board meetings in time to consider the information being presented. She discussed a training meeting between three Board members and Dr. Smith where they discussed the NYSSBA survey questions about lobbying initiatives.

Unfinished and Continuing Business

Mr. Van Schaick commented that he attended a Middle School PTG meeting. As well, he attended the Middle School Orchestra concert, which was fantastic. He also commented on the Special Olympics and while is happy with the decision to attend next year, asked to reconsider the decision to not attend this year.

Mrs. Rhodes asked about the timeline on the functionality for the Board tools. She also reported that she and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz visited the Thompson Road BOCES facility. They had an opportunity to meet with students and see the different programs offered. She thanked Ann Wright for the tour. They will visit the Crowne Road facility next and it is open to anyone to come along. Mrs. Rhodes commented that the Perception Institute does not addresses the review of current practices and experience of students and parents. Dr. Smith indicated that the next steps in the process are to build the capacity of the staff to understand and recognize bias before looking at data.

Mrs. Petrosillo asked about if a parent forum has been scheduled yet. Dr. Smith would report back on that at the next meeting.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked if the Thoughtexchange data will be shared with the Perception Institute. Dr. Smith responded that he is working with both to see how to put the tools together to make it happen.

Ann Wright stated that the BOCES Annual Meeting will take place in Cortland.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked if the Board would be seeing discipline reports with regard to the SRO. Dr. Smith stated that there is an annual discipline report.

Community Comment #2

Kerry Coleman-Herrick commented about the availability of documents and policies prior to Board meetings. She requested the documents be published earlier to have more time to review.

Maureen Aliani commented about Special Olympics/field days.

Lauryn Gouldin commented about Special Olympics.

Rachel Wagner commented about the Perception Institute Plan.

Mrs. Petrosillo allowed Cora True-Frost to comment in place of Jim True-Frost who had left the meeting. Mrs. True-Frost commented on Special Education.

At 9:35 p.m. Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Dawe seconded the meeting to be adjourned.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker
Clerk of the Board

BOARD APPROVED: 4/8/19