

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – April 8, 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 Kerry Coleman-Herrick, Will Guisbond, Bella Picciano, Ben Catania, Ahmad Abu-Ramadan, Anas Al-Koubah, Jennifer Blusk, Jim True-Frost, Christiana Semabia, Rachel Wagner, Ken Souser, Ashleigh Freeman, Mark McIntyre, Grace Martin, Joshua Greenway, Ann Wright, Maureen Aliani, Michael Fitzpatrick, Susan O'Donnell, Karin Kirnie

Community Comment Time #1

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

Minutes of March 25, 2019 Board Meeting

Mrs. Petrosillo made a motion to approve the amended minutes from March 25, 2019, to include an expanded comment from Kerry Coleman-Herrick. Mr. Van Schaick seconded

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

PERSONNEL CHANGES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – April 8, 2019

The following personnel changes are recommended by the Superintendent:

INSTRUCTIONAL

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018/2019

Coaching – Fall

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Tracey Fishkin	Extended Season - Varsity Girls Gymnastics (Head)	

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2018/2019

Coaching – Winter

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Michael Acchione	Extended Season – Varsity Track (Head)	

Robert Bewley	Extended Season – Varsity Boys Swimming (Head)
Jeffrey Ike	Extended Season – Varsity Boys Basketball (Head)
Joseph Moran	Extended Season – Varsity Wrestling (Head)
Robert Siechen	Extended Season – Varsity Girls Basketball (Head)

Request for Retirement

Name and position	Location	Effective
Faithanne Carapella Art Teacher	M.S.	6/27/19

Request for Leave

Name and position	Location	Type of Leave	Effective
Cristina Reed K-6 Classroom Teacher	M.S.	FMLA (Paid & Unpaid)	6/10/19-6/26/19
Caitlin Pompo Language Arts Teacher	M.S.	FMLA & Parental Leave	9/3/19-6/26/20

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Appointments

Name and position	Location	Salary	Effective
Richard Fralick Custodial Sub	Custodial Dept.		4/10/19

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

**Adopt Resolution to Accept
A Gift From JDYAA**

It was moved by Mrs. Woodcock Dettor and seconded by Mrs Murphy that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
JAMESVILLE-DEWITT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
ACCEPT A GIFT TO THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Jamesville-DeWitt Youth Athletic Association (“the JDYAA”) has generously offered to donate \$12,269.00 (“the Gift”) to the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District to improve the conditions and maintenance of the Lyndon athletic fields;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District, in accordance with the Board's statutory power and duty pursuant to Section 1709(12) of the New York Education Law and Board of Education Policy 5230 to accept gifts, grants, bequests and devises on behalf of the District and the District's schools hereby accepts the donation of the Gift with gratitude; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gift shall be utilized for the purpose set forth in the bequest, i.e. to install a water hydrant to water the fields on the lower Lyndon athletic field; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby acknowledges and thanks the JDYAA for its support and efforts.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Appoint Chair for Annual Meeting and Budget Vote

Dr. Corcoran moved, Mrs. Murphy seconded that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Linda Schellinger, be appointed as Chairperson for the 2019 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Potential Consideration for Future Meetings

Mrs. Petrosillo asked the Board if anyone had ideas for consideration at future meetings. There were no new considerations brought forth, but it was decided to concentrate on those already suggested.

Budget Discussion – 2019-2020 Revenue and Expenses

Dr. Smith briefly reviewed the budget process to date and then presented the proposed Revenue side of the 2019-2020 budget, based on the state aid allocation for 2019-2020. (See Supplemental Minutes). The proposed total budget for the 2019-2020 school year is \$57,711,751 which represents a 2.56% increase over the current budget. He presented the major revenue sources which include a proposed tax levy of \$40,841.885, state aid of \$14,060,239 and proposed use of \$1,365,900 from designated reserves. Dr. Smith indicated that the Finance Committee will discuss the reserves at their next meeting, Wednesday, April 10. The public forum is scheduled for April 11th. The Board must adopt a budget by April 22nd. The Budget Hearing is May 13th and the Budget Vote is May 21st.

Report on Electronic Document System

Mr. Reyes gave the Board a presentation on electronic tools to manage Board documents. He explained three options including; Board Docs, Google Drive and to continue doing what we are presently doing. Mr. Reyes has done research on both Board Docs and Google Drive. He offered the following positive points of Google Drive: ability to dialogue, compatibility with policy services, mobile friendly, searchable, and cost is free. He demonstrated the ease of Google Drive and said that both New Hartford Schools and ESM use this system. ESM offered to help with training. The cost of Board Docs is approximately \$14,000 per year and is not mobile friendly. Dr. Smith stated that this changeover would take place during the on-boarding of new Board in July. He suggested that we think about this option and continue discussion during the first meeting in May.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Smith reported that the roofing project has gone out to bid and the contract is scheduled to be awarded at the next meeting. Dr. Smith reached out to Erie 1 Policy Service and it was suggested that we create a new Policy Manual. This would take place after July 1st and would be a two year process. The cost would be \$4,400 per year for two years, which is BOCES aidable. The manual would be created from scratch and a policy committee would need to be put in place. We will be able to

customize/create policies but if policies created locally differ significantly from those created by Erie 1, they would need to go to our attorneys for review. Dr. Smith will get more information on the policy service provided by NYSSBA as well as information on the upgraded level of service from Erie 1 that has been recommended. Dr. Smith reported that both he and Mr. Decker met with Sam Gordon and Sam Young from the Town of Dewitt regarding installing sidewalks on certain streets in DeWitt. Dr. Smith shared that the Town of DeWitt is struggling to find funding for this project. The possible streets that sidewalks would be installed on are streets near schools (Randall Road, Waring Road, Edinger Drive, Maple Road, Seneca Turnpike). There is nothing that the district needs to do at this time. Dr. Smith updated the Board on Shoppingtown Mall and a new lawsuit that has been brought as well as an update on the impact of the solar project by the canal landfill. Dr. Smith also gave an update on the Klim Center. The space previously occupied by the center has been partially taken over by the new leasing office. The Town is in the process of hiring a site manager for the after school program and hopes to have the center open in the fall. Mrs. Murphy suggested sharing any outdated computers that the district might have with the Klim Center. Dr. Smith gave an update on the 3-8 ELA Testing which occurred last week. Dr. Smith, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Ortiz-Rivera attended the OCM BOCES Annual Meeting at the Cortland Campus. It was the 70th Anniversary of BOCES with 30 to 40 Superintendents and Board Members attending. Dinner was prepared and served by the students. Dr. Smith announced that the Perception Institute will be hosting a parent forum on April 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., location to be determined, to promote belonging in the district. The meeting will be facilitated by two professionals from the Perception Institute. Dr. Smith will promote this meeting via email and website. Dr. Smith updated the Board on upcoming events.

Board President's Report

Mrs. Petrosillo said that she is trying to stay connected with emails from parents. She said she is taking a tour of BOCES with Mr. Van Schaick on May 3rd and that it is open to any other Board member.

Unfinished and Continuing Business

Mrs. Murphy reported on the Steering Committee, which met two weeks ago. She said they were tasked with updating/rewording the goals. Mr. Reyes will be copying the goals to everyone involved.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked if the Thoughtexchange results will be appropriated into the Steering Committee. Mr. Reyes responded that they are taking information from the first meeting to inform the vision and using the information in the second meeting to inform the goals.

Dr. Smith reported that information coded from the Thoughtexchange as DEI was sent to the Perception Institute.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked if Board was welcome to attend the parent meeting. Dr. Smith said the evening was open to all community members and explained the need for a safe space for discussion.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked about the process for getting through the list of items for potential consideration for future meetings. Dr. Smith responded that we have touched many of the items on the list already. Mrs. Murphy stated that the budget is a priority right now. Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked about the 5 year forecast and Mrs. Rhodes asked about the SRO report. Dr. Smith responded that there would be information during Executive Session with regard to the SRO.

Community Comment #2

Jim True-Frost commented about the Perception Institute and his hope for more parent involvement in district decision making and his recent experience with accessibility at the Jamesville Elementary school.

Kerry Coleman Herrick suggested that there be Board of Education Liaisons to each building.

Christiana Semabia commented about the upcoming parent forum hosted by the Perception Institute and the need to ensure that this is a safe space for parents to share their experiences.

Maureen Aliani commented about police at elementary schools and the need for crisis training for staff.

At 8:52 p.m. Mrs. Murphy moved and Mr. Mr. Van Schaick seconded the meeting to be adjourned to Executive Session.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

At 10:12 Mrs. Rhodes moved and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz seconded Executive Session be adjourned.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

At 10:13 Mrs. Murphy moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker
Clerk of the Board

BOARD APPROVED: 4/22/19