

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – January 13, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Archer  
Mrs. Deforest  
Mrs. James-Murad  
Mrs. Petrosillo  
Mrs. Rhodes  
Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz  
Mr. Souser  
Mrs. Woodcock Dettor  
William Guisbond

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Corcoran

### ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

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

Mrs. Petrosillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Group Room of the High School.

Others in attendance were Roxana Acura, Lorena Castillo, Kristine Wisniewski, Mona Osman, John O'Loughlin, Danielle O'Loughlin, April Butler, Johnathan Ingram, Sonia Kraugh, Elina Park, Amaris Rodriguez, Jackie Kadish, Kerry Coleman-Herrick, Chloe Erwin, Jodi Schwedes, Michael Fitzpatrick, Ann Wright, Christiana Semabia, Rachel Wagner.

### Jamesville-DeWitt High School Presentation

Mr. Paul Gasparini welcomed the Board to the High School, and introduced Mr. Nylén, Ms. Johnson and the members of the Student Government. The Student Government members shared schoolwide notable achievements. Mr. Gasparini introduced Ms. Kristine Wisniewski, who is the English Language Learner teacher at the High School. Ms. Wisniewski provided the Board with a presentation on the ELL program, how it is determined if a student is eligible and what the program looks like at the High School. She introduced three past students to share their experiences.

Mrs. Rhodes entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

### Community Comment Time

Jackie Kadish commented on energy usage and asked for a committee to be formed to research sustainability in the district. She gave examples of schools to model.

Sonia Kraugh commented on the Strategic Plan and asked the Board to include sustainability as an area of focus in the Plan.

Kerry Coleman-Herrick commented on Board Policies 3210, 3220 and 3230 and the need for a system that scans licenses to provide more safety for students. She asked about how the new policies connect to previous policies, also.

### Minutes of December 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

Mr. Souser moved and Mrs. James Murad seconded the approval of the minutes of the December 16, 2019 Board meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

**Minutes of December 17, 2019 Special Meeting**

Mrs. DeForest moved and Mrs. James Murad seconded the approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Special meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

**Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

Mrs. James Murad moved and Mr. Souser seconded the approval of the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations as follows:

***INSTRUCTIONAL***

**Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2019-2020**

**Coaching – Unified Sports**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Jeffrey Ike	Co-Ed Unified Basketball Coach	
Erin Nowicki	Co-Ed Unified Basketball Advisor	

**Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2019-2020**

**Intramural Coaching**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Jessica Duerr	Substitute Coach	
Dan Glazier	Substitute Coach	
Sarah Levesque	Thursdays, Soccer Tournament	
Mitzi Longway	Mondays and Wednesdays, Soccer Tournament	
Pat Sawatzke	Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Soccer Tournament	

**Request for Leave**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Leave</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Alexandra Bishop K-6 Classroom Teacher	M.D.	Parental Leave (Paid & FMLA)	4/13/20-6/26/20

**Request for Extension of Leave**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Leave</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Lynette Neumann Speech Language Path.	M.S.	Parental Leave (Unpaid)	2/12/20-6/26/20

**Request for Retirement**

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Jill Zerrillo Principal	Tecumseh	7/1/20

## ***NONINSTRUCTIONAL***

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Appointments</u></b> <b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Cheyenne Dunn Substitute Bus Attendant	Transportation		1/14/20

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Change in Status</u></b> <b>Change</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Jenny Wheeler Food Service Worker Replacing G. Alexander	M.S.	Part-Time to Full-Time	1/14/20

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Resignation</u></b>	<b>Effective</b>
Casondra Auricchio Teacher Aide	M.D.		12/20/19

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

### **High School Field Trip**

Mrs. Archer informed the Board that a family member had submitted this request for an overnight field trip yet she would like to vote unless anyone opposes.

Mrs. Archer moved and Mrs. Woodcock Dettor seconded the approval for the Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team to travel to Long Island New York on 4/4/20 & 4/5/20 to compete competitions and scrimmages.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

### **Policy Review - First Reading**

The following eleven policies came to the Board for a first reading:

- [Board Policy 3110 Media/Municipal Governments/Senior Citizens](#)
- [Board Policy 3140 Flag Display](#)
- [Board Policy 3160 Charter Schools](#)
- [Board Policy 3210 Visitors to the School](#)
- [Board Policy 3220 Use of Service Animals](#)
- [Board Policy 3230 Public Complains](#)
- [Board Policy 3271 Solicitation of Charitable Donations](#)
- [Board Policy 3272 Advertising in the Schools](#)
- [Board Policy 3280 Use of School Facilities, Materials and Equipment](#)
- [Board Policy 3290 Operation of Motor-Driven Vehicles on District Property](#)
- [Board Policy 3310 Public Access to Records](#)

The following Policies were brought back for a second reading:

- [Board Policy 1620 – Annual Organizational Meeting](#)

- [Board Policy 1630 – Legal Qualifications of Voters at District Meetings](#)
- [Board Policy 1640 – Absentee Ballots](#)
- [Board Policy 1650 – Submissions of Questions and Propositions at the Annual Meeting and Election and Special District Meetings](#)
- [Board Policy 2110 – Orienting and Training Board Members](#)
- [Board Policy 2210 – Committees of the Board](#)
- [Board Policy 2320 – Attendance by Board Members at Conferences, Conventions and Workshops](#)
- [Board Policy 2330 – Compensation and Expenses](#)
- [Board Policy 2340 – Board Self-Evaluation](#)

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz stated that there is a Policy Committee meeting tomorrow and that as of today, we have covered 22 out of 281 policies. Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz addressed the remarks made in Community Comments regarding the policy numbers not lining up and she stated that the policy manual is a complete re-write, some policies are cross-referenced and some are not aligned. With regard to the security policies, she stated that the execution is administrative. The policy defines what is to be done and the administration defines how.

Mrs. DeForest moved and Mrs. Rhodes seconded the motion to approve Board Policies 1620, 1630, 1640, 1650, 2110, 2210, 2320, 2330, and 2340, as listed on the Agenda.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

### **Potential Consideration for Future Meetings**

None.

### **Debt Service Discussion**

Dr. Smith presented the debt service portion of the budget. He discussed the components of the proposed debt service schedule for 2020/2021. (See Supplemental Minutes.) There is a small decrease from last year which means the debt service should remain relatively flat. The Transportation and Maintenance budgets will be presented at the next meeting, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Smith stated that the governor will be presenting his budget soon and that he is expecting a shortfall that may impact our budget. The Finance Committee has already been hard at work. The Budget calendar will be linked on the website for the public as well as the power point presentation on Debt Service.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Smith thanked the community for the support of the Capital Project Vote in December. He said that the project is moving forward; architects will work with administrators and teachers and the drawings will be submitted to the state by fall. The first round of design meetings are scheduled for January and February and the second round will include input from students.

**Interim Report on Superintendent's Goals:** Dr. Smith shared and reviewed his Report of Interim Progress with the Board, which included Goals, Objectives and Evidence of Achievement, including specifying Evidence of Achievement progress.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked if the Strategic Planning Committee has identified goals, will they be smart goals, or will they develop into goals; what will come out of the management plan.

Mrs. DeForest responded that during the planning process, the committee spent two of the four full days, just unpacking the data to get to the big picture. She said that the measures will be the next step of the plan; targets were given; now they need to get to the goals.

Will stated that the process was incredibly difficult; the specifics come from the tasks.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz requested that the job description for the new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Equity be shared with the Board.

Dr. Smith stated that the retirement of the Tecumseh Elementary School Principal was approved as part of the personnel recommendations. As such, Dr. Smith provided the Board with a tentative search plan which includes dates from publication through Board appointment and start date.

Dr. Smith reported to the Board about the Second Annual Hoops for Courage event which took place this past Friday. He thanked and congratulated Mrs. Ennis, Mrs. Bond and Mr. Goodson for coordinating this event which focused on sportsmanship, community support, and support for kids who attend Camp Good Days. He also shared the news that High School Teacher, Dr. Joseph Goldberg was awarded the Kappa Delta Pi Master Teacher of Honor. He read the news release and congratulated Joe Goldberg.

Dr. Smith reminded the Board of the CNYSBAA Legislative Forum on February 1, as well as other upcoming events.

### **Board President's Report**

Mrs. Petrosillo shared interesting articles for the Board to review in the On Board Magazine. She said that the Public Forum, which is scheduled for February 24, 2020, is an opportunity to engage more directly with the public for more give and take. An agenda has not yet been set but she encouraged all to attend. Mrs. Petrosillo spoke about arranging a time to meet with the Sierra Club. She stated that she will be reviewing Dr. Smith's assessment of progress at the Executive Session of the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. She needs a draft of the assessment of Dr. Smith's interim progress. She will email the Board and will need it back to her by Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Petrosillo spoke about optimizing the Agenda in two ways; moving Community Comment time to the beginning of the meeting and noting the topic of discussion in the Superintendent's Report. Lastly, she will share a flyer she received promoting a session on the vaping and opioid epidemic, which will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Double Tree Hotel.

### **Unfinished and Continuing Business**

Will commented about the location of the Mission Statement and Beliefs. He said, fortunately he knew where to find them but that it is hard to locate. He asked if we could make it more visible on the website.

Mrs. Rivera- Ortiz asked if we have found out any more information regarding students being locked out of the SAT prep course, with regards to the maximum of 50 students. Dr. Smith responded that students in need are identified and there is a reduced price for students that are economically challenged. Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz responded that she is concerned about self-identification with regard to

the reduced price and also is there another option for the 50+ students that did not get in. Dr. Smith said he will follow-up on that.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked if the Master Teacher Program where Mr. Goldberg was recently named a Master Teacher, the same that program where Jodi Yudin was awarded Master Teacher last year? Dr. Smith responded that it is different and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz would like to hear from a Master Teacher in the future.

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked about what we are doing to help the students at the Middle School that were exposed to the controversial curriculum and Dr. Smith Responded that the Metro Center and Mr. Eldridge are working on that.

Mrs. DeForest congratulated the 21 Jamesville-DeWitt students who took part of the All County Senior High Festival at West Genesee Senior High School recently. She shared that it was really impressive and the music was unbelievable.

At 8:58 p.m. Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz moved and Mrs. DeForest seconded the meeting adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and litigation.

At 9:27 p.m. Mrs. Petrosillo left the meeting.

At 10:25 p.m. Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz moved and Mrs. DeForest seconded the meeting adjourn from Executive session.

At 10:26 p.m. Mrs. James Murad moved and Mrs. Rhodes seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker  
Clerk of the Board

**BOE APPROVED: 1/27/20**