

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 19, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	ADMINISTRATION PRESENT
Dr. Archer	Mrs. Woodcock Dettor	Dr. Smith, Superintendent
Dr. Corcoran		Mr. Decker, School Business Administrator
Mrs. DeForest		Mr. Reyes, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Gross		Mr. Franz, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. James Murad		
Mr. Leach		
Mrs. Rhodes		
Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz		
Max MiMaroglu		

Mrs. Rhodes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Red Ram Recognition

As it is School Library Month, Mrs. Rhodes recognized and thanked the librarians and also recognized and thanked all administrative professionals.

Community Comment Time

Donald Sorbello commented on the current status of plans for the fall and asked for clarification.

Approve Consent Agenda

Dr. Corcoran moved and Mrs. James Murad seconded the approval of a Consent Agenda including:

- Approval of the Minutes of April 12, 2021 Board Meeting,
- Acceptance of the Internal Claims Auditor Reports, and
- Acceptance of the Recommendations of the CPSE and CSE.

Motion carried. (8-0-0).

Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

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

INSTRUCTIONAL

Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2020-2021

Coaching – Spring

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Craig Benedict	Modified Wrestling Coach – Volunteer	\$0
Ana Dieroff	JV and Varsity Coach – Volunteer	\$0
Tracy Parker	Modified Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$3,954

Request for Leave

Name and position	Location	Type of Leave	Effective
Lisa Ward Special Education Teacher	Middle School	Parental Leave (Paid)	6/1/21-6/30/21

NONINSTRUCTIONAL

Name and position	Location	<u>Appointments</u>	Effective
Ryan Ashe Substitute Custodian	Custodial Dept.	Salary \$12.50/hr.	4/28/21
Jill Krawec Substitute Food Service Worker	Food Service	\$12.50/hr.	4/20/21

Request for Retirement

Name and position	Location	Effective
Jane Aliberto Bus Driver	Transportation	6/30/21
Pamela Breck Teacher Aide	High School	6/30/21

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

**Approve 3 yr. Contract with OCM BOCES for
Lit Fiber for High Speed Communications**

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz moved and Dr. Sharon Archer seconded the approval of a 3 year contract with OCM BOCES for lit fiber for high speed communications.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Election of BOCES Board Members

It was moved by Dr. Corcoran and seconded by Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz for the Board to adopt a resolution casting its votes in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the persons indicated on the ballot as listed below:

Wayne Brownson – East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District
Marissa Mims – Fayetteville-Manlius Central School District
Luke Morenus – Homer Central School District
Shawn Reyburn – LaFayette Central School District

Motion carried. (8-0-0).

BOCES Administrative Budget

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. James Murad, who moved its adoption, seconded by Dr. Archer, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the Sole Supervisory District of Onondaga, Cortland and Madison Counties, (the “BOCES”) duly presented its tentative 2021-2022 administrative budget of \$8,938,696 at its 2021 annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve said tentative administrative budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1

The BOCES’ tentative administrative budget of \$8,938,696 is hereby approved.

Section 2

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Appoint Chairperson for the Annual Meeting and Budget Vote

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz moved and Mrs. DeForest seconded the approval of the appointment of Ms. Nancie Romano as Chairperson of the 2021-2022 Annual Meeting and Budget Vote.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Approve 2020-2021 Budget

Mr. Gross moved and Mrs. James Murad seconded the approval of the budget to be presented to the voters as recommended by the Superintendent in the amount of \$60,179,653 and levy the tax to support that expenditure.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Approve Higher Risk Sports of Boys Lacrosse and Wrestling

Dr. Smith recommended approval of the higher risk sports of Boys Lacrosse and Wrestling. He said the district’s plan has been approved by the school physician (See Supplemental Minutes). Dr. Corcoran

asked if the athletes will continue testing and Dr. Smith responded that the higher risk athletes will continue to be tested. Mrs. Rhodes asked if there have been positive cases found from the testing of athletes and Dr. Smith responded yes. Mrs. Rhodes asked if it was at a higher percentage than the county or the district and Dr. Smith responded no.

Mrs. DeForest moved and Mrs. James Murad seconded the motion to approve all levels of Boys Lacrosse.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Mr. Gross moved and Mrs. DeForest seconded the motion to approve all levels of wrestling.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Policy Review – Second Reading

The following policies brought to the board for a second reading were reviewed:

- 7110 [Comprehensive Student Attendance](#)
- 7311 [Loss of Destruction of District Property or Resources](#)
- 7313 [Suspension of Students](#)
- 7314 [Students Presumed to Have a Disability for Discipline Purposes](#)
- 7315 [Student Acceptable use Policy \(AUP\)](#)
- 7316 [Student Use of Personal Technology](#)

No changes were made from the first reading.

Dr. Corcoran moved and Mrs. DeForest seconded the approval of Board Policies 7110, 7311, 7313, 7314, 7315 and 7316.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Jamesville-Dewitt Board of Education Governance Handbook - First Reading

The following items for the Jamesville-DeWitt Board of Education Governance Handbook were reviewed:

Section III – [Board Meetings](#)

- A. Board Meeting Ground Rules
- B. Agenda Planning
 - Appendix B: Board Meeting Agenda Template
- C. Red Ram Recognition
- D. Adding an Item to a Board Meeting Agenda
- E. Preparing for Meetings
- F. Requesting Information about an Agenda Item
- H. Participating in Discussion, Debate and Voting

Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz asked for clarity around item # 3, in Ground Rules – (no surprises). There was a discussion around the topic and it was suggested to change language to read, endeavor to ask questions

in advance, but also in terms of agenda planning, the best practice would be to be clear which topics will require a vote and if there is a vote required, a discussion should take place prior to the vote.

Mrs. Rhodes also asked for language to be inserted in Item H, subsection C to read “before a member is allowed to speak a second time, each member should be provided an opportunity to speak if they choose.”

There was a discussion surrounding Board Policy 1510 and the language that addresses questions surrounding the time frame in which to address questions to agenda items. Mrs. DeForest proposed language to say by noon the day prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Rhodes asked if the Board will vote to adopt it. Dr. Smith responded that it is a board decision but the best practice would be to adopt the handbook.

Potential Consideration for Future Meetings

Mrs. Rhodes said she would put together a list before the next meeting. She reminded the Board that several topics have been moved forward such as meeting with the Town of DeWitt regarding sidewalks and initiating a capacity study for the elementary buildings which will inform implementation of a Pre-K program.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Smith shared that students were welcomed back to four days a week for in-person learning and that this has created a great deal of positive energy from students and staff. He said that there are some challenges that are still being worked on, such as the volume of drop off and pick up at the middle school. Dr. Smith said that beginning on May 3rd, Kindergarten-grade 4 students will be in-person five days a week and that on May 24th there will be another opportunity for families to return to full five days in-person. He said we will continue to work with the Department of Health to monitor new cases to make sure we are not seeing increases in our schools. Dr. Smith shared information about the budget hearing scheduled for May 10th and presented the names of the eight candidates who are running for the board of education. The three candidates with the highest vote totals will fill the three 3-year terms and the candidate with the fourth highest total number of votes will fill the 2-year term. He said the 2-year term is to fill the seat of Christine Woodcock Dettor. As Ms. Woodcock Dettor’s resignation was effective on April 20, this person will be sworn in at the May 24th board meeting. Dr. Smith shared information about a location change for the budget vote and election. Instead of being in the high school main gym lobby, the vote will take place in the main gymnasium, which allows more space for social distancing. Dr. Smith updated the board on year end events for the high school. He said that administration is working on a plan for prom, ball and graduation to be held adhering to Covid-19 guidelines. Dr. Smith discussed the partnership with the County to hold a vaccine clinic on Wednesday, April 28th at the High School with a clinic to take place for the second doses three weeks later.

Mr. Gross asked if people can request an absentee ballot based on Covid-19 and Dr. Smith responded yes. He directed people to the website for timelines and restrictions surrounding the absentee ballot process.

Board President’s Report

Mrs. Rhodes said that participation at the board meetings has been great and that it is good to see so many candidates running for the Board.

Community Comment Time #2

There were no comments.

Unfinished and Continuing Business

There was no unfinished and continuing business.

7:53 p.m., Dr. Archer moved and Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz seconded the motion to adjourn to the meeting to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

At 8:12 p.m., Mrs. Rivera-Ortiz moved and Dr. Corcoran seconded the adjournment of Executive Session.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

At 8:13 p.m., Mrs. DeForest moved and Mrs. James Murad seconded the adjournment of the meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker
Clerk of the Board

BOARD APPROVED: 5/10/21