

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – October 18, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Dr. Archer  
Mrs. Austin  
Mrs. DeForest  
Mr. Gross (attending via Zoom)  
Mrs. James Murad  
Mr. Leach  
Ms. McKenney  
Mrs. Souser  
Mr. Zoghby  
Ms. Evans (Student Board Member)

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

Mrs. DeForest called the meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Office and via Zoom.

**Red Ram Recognition**

Mrs. DeForest recognized the district bus drivers as well as Jenn Palmer, Transportation Director, during National School Bus Safety Week. She also congratulated all the senior fall athletes, and thanked administration and contractors for helping ensure a special event for the Cross Country Senior Night by resurfacing the sections of the course in order to keep athletes safe. Lastly, Mrs. DeForest thanked all teachers and administration for welcoming back students in person.

**Community Comment Time #1**

There were no comments.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

Mr. Zoghby moved and Mrs. James Murad seconded the motion to approve of the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

The following personnel changes are part of the Consent Agenda.

**PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS  
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The following personnel changes are recommended by the Superintendent:

***INSTRUCTIONAL***

**Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2021-2022  
High School**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Jeffrey Ike	Bus Monitor	\$1,198
Juan Martinez	Bus Monitor	\$1,198
Hayley Nies	Bus Monitor	\$1,198
Donna Oppedisano	Bus Monitor	\$1,198
Sabrina Scott	Bus Monitor	\$1,198

**Extra duty assignments/extended teaching 2021-2022**

**Middle School**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
CarolLynn Boice	5/6 ELA Department Chair	\$5,011
Kimberly Giammichele	5/6 Lunch Duty	\$1,711

***NONINSTRUCTIONAL***

<b>Name and position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Appointments</u></b>		<b>Effective</b>
		<b>Salary</b>		
Ryan Ashe Substitute Custodian	Custodial Dept.	\$12.50/hr.		10/19/21
John Hudson Custodial Worker II Part-time/Temporary Apptmt. (51 week)	Custodial Dept.	\$19.73/hr.		10/20/21-10/11/22

**Approve Minutes of October 4, 2021 Board Meeting**

After discussion, Mrs. James Murad moved and Mr. Zoghby seconded the approval of the amended Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Board meeting.

Motion carried (8-0-1). Mrs. McKenney abstained.

**Potential Consideration for Future Meetings**

Mr. Leach referenced an email he sent wanting to discuss building safety and security as well as the recent school violence at Jamesville-DeWitt. Mrs. DeForest indicated that Dr. Smith would be discussing this during his report and will answer questions at that time.

**Board Discussion**

Mrs. DeForest shared the revised Board Goals. (See Supplemental Minutes).

Mrs. Souser moved and Mrs. Austin seconded the motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Board of Education Goals.

Motion carried. (9-0-0).

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Smith's report included the following topics: Official 2021-2022 enrollment numbers, COVID-19 update, school safety, meeting with the Town of Dewitt, Universal Pre-Kindergarten, and upcoming events. Dr. Smith shared a snapshot of our official enrollment numbers as reported on BEDS day. He

reported that the overall population has declined, which has been a trend for the past few years. Dr. Archer asked if we could run an end-enrollment report to determine what the demographics are and if we see a trend. Mrs. DeForest will add that to the list of potential topics for future consideration. Dr. Smith shared a chart with our current COVID-19 numbers compared to last year. He said the county numbers are leveling off and he is hoping our trends will follow. He will continue to keep an eye on the numbers and we will maintain safety protocols in place. Dr. Smith spoke about the three high profile events at the High School over the past week. In response to these situations the district is working with administration at the High School and Middle School to increase supervision at arrival and dismissal as well as supervision during the day and at athletic events. Camera coverage is being reviewed as well. Dr. Smith said he wants to make sure we continue to make resources and staff available to students in need. There was a Board discussion around violent incidents. Dr. Smith said he provides a quarterly report to the Board and can report more formally and publicly, specifically as a follow up on this topic. Dr. Smith, Mrs. Souser, Ms. McKenney, and Mr. Gross shared that a meeting was held with representatives from the Town of Dewitt. They discussed DEI initiatives, Universal Pre-K, the Klim Center and how the District can help. Updates regarding the district's capital project and Shoppingtown were shared. Dr. Smith gave an update on Universal Pre-K and said the letter of intent went out today and was posted on the website. He said that the team has visited a number of different districts and Community Based Organizations to look at their Pre-K programs. He said he appreciated the administration and teachers at Solvay, Marcellus and Chittenango School Districts as they were willing to host members of our team and make staff available for follow up questions. Dr. Smith reviewed dates of upcoming events. Lastly, Dr. Smith recognized the JD Board of Education during School Board Appreciation Week. He thanked the Board on behalf of administration, students and staff for their commitment.

#### **Student Board Member Report**

Ms. Evans provided the Board with a report which included the topics of prioritizing students' mental health, addressing recent violence on school property, implementing the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy and the proposed block scheduling at the Middle School. (See Supplemental Minutes).

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

Mrs. DeForest reminded attendees that the ThoughtExchange is live and encouraged community members to participate. She also said an email reminder was recently sent out regarding surveillance testing and asked for families to register their students if they have not already done so. Mrs. DeForest said the Public Forum on November 18<sup>th</sup> will focus on the culture of wellness and is open to the public to attend. Mrs. DeForest stated the next topic will be Committee Reports. She said the meetings are open to the public and will be added to the agenda.

#### **Facilities Committee Report**

Mr. Leach provided a report on the Facilities Committee. He said the committee toured the Middle School at the last Board meeting, which was hosted by a representative from LeChase Construction Management Company. He said they were able to view every area under construction and was impressed at how clean everything was despite the construction.

#### **Policy Committee Report**

Mrs. James Murad provided a report on the Policy Committee as they met last week. She provided an update on the process to date to include 30 policies that have been sent back to be reviewed. She said the committee will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup> and have first readings at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. She said by the end of the year, we will be ready to adopt the new policy manual.

## **Community Comment Time #2**

Alyssa Moskowitz commented on the AIS program and RTI process at Tecumseh.

Carrie Wilson commented on the proposed block scheduling at the Middle School.

## **Unfinished and Continuing Business**

Mrs. McKenney asked if there was an answer to her question about bussing of special education students attending programs outside the district. Dr. Smith responded that we are gathering the necessary information.

At 8:31 p.m., Mr. Zogbhy moved and Mrs. James Murad seconded the adjournment of the meeting.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Decker  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD APPROVED: 11/1/21**