

**Hicksville Exempted Village Schools
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 22, 2021**

The Hicksville Exempted Village Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The meeting was opened by President, Jennifer Caryer, with the following Board members answering roll call: Minda Jones, Craig Eiden, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer.

The following presentations were given.

Mrs. Kelly VanHorn - Grade 7 - Serving Our Community Class:

- Serving Our Community Class (new class for 7th graders) – class length is approximately 1 month or ½ of a quarter. Projects are required to benefit the community. Soft Skills are emphasized.
- Students have done a Canned Food Drive, Built Bird Feeders for Nursing Home, Pies and Cookies to thank businesses, Mugs Filled with Candy for Hospital Staff and Patients, and Online Auction to Raise Money for Softball Association.

Mr. Lucas Smith – Strength & Facility Update (Weightroom):

- Thanked those organizations who have donated towards this project.
- Discussed old S&C room – being designed for aerobic activities, and discussed the new S&C room. Estimated arrival of new equipment is August 1st.

Eric Bassett, Director of Operations reported on the following.

- Snow removal has been a big effort of late.
- Other items of recent include new building addition including obtaining quotes for equipment and furniture and for new cleaning equipment. Have also been attending weekly contract meetings regarding many different items.
- Working to get prices to seal and stripe parking lots this coming summer and to get prices to paint the faded exterior masonry blocks.

The following items were discussed by the building principals.

Elementary School – Kirsten Coffman

(Mr. Altman covered these items in the absence of Mrs. Coffman)

- Kindergarten registration is scheduled for March 11 & 12
- ELA testing for grades 3 & 4

Middle School – Mike Altman

- PD work developed by Mr. Hunter
- Social media presence
- Mrs. Saunders ELA testing is March 23 & 24

High School – Jeff Slattery

- Senior Coronation
- Senior Trip
- Prom – Currently scheduled for Saturday May 1st. Spring Break – March 29 through April 2
- Commencement is over Memorial Day weekend, Sunday May 30th at 2:00 p.m.

Four County Career Center – (nothing to report)

The following items were discussed by Keith Countryman, Superintendent.

- No school this Friday, February 26 in order to get Covid shots for the staff. Impossible to get enough substitutes to have school in session. Staff will report to work. The second shot is tentatively scheduled for April 9.
- Estimated completion date of the new academic/athletic building is July 14, 2021.

Stephanie Mazur moved and Galen Methvin seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

1. Minutes from the organizational meeting on January 11, 2021 and the minutes from the regular board meeting on January 11, 2021.
2. Treasurer's Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Cash Reconciliation as of January 31, 2021
 - b. Financial Statements for January 2021
 - c. Approve Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year 2021 as presented, total General Fund Resources of \$14,460,959.93 and total Resources for all funds of \$25,437,482.13
 - d. Approve Amended Fiscal Year 2021 Permanent Appropriations as presented, total General Fund Appropriations of \$11,769,076.58 and total Appropriations for all funds of \$21,088,381.53
 - e. Approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09** "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor" as presented.
3. Accept the following donations:
 - \$ 150.00 from Arc Solutions for Wrestling
 - \$ 150.00 from The Country Petals LLC for Wrestling
 - \$ 150.00 from The Hicksville Grain Co. for Wrestling
 - 2 pallets of various wood from 5-Acre Mill for STEAM class
 - 1 box of goggles and 1 pallet of bagged cement from Aaron Herman for STEAM class

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

The following was presented to update the Board and Community regarding benefits of our recently refunded outstanding bonds.

Refunding of the outstanding 2006 and 2014 bonds were successfully closed on January 20, 2021. These bonds were initially approved in the amount of \$9,930,000 by the taxpayers of Hicksville EVSD in November 2005 to construct our current school facility. This refunding created a savings to Hicksville Schools taxpayers in the amount of \$743,272 to be spread out over the remaining twelve years of the outstanding bonds - an annual average interest savings of \$61,976. Beginning with calendar year 2022, the associated millage reduction is estimated to be .56 mills.

Craig Eiden moved and Stephanie Mazur seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve Pam Payne as a certified substitute for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Recommend to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ryan Miser – Assistant Baseball Coach (40%)
 Heather Taylor – Prom Advisor (1/3)
 Heather Taylor – Jr. High Girls Track Coach
 Kelly VanHorn – Jr. High Boys Track Coach
 Rachel Wehrman – Assistant Softball Coach

- Recommend to approve the following as a volunteer for the 2020-2021 school year.

Josh Freese – Track

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Stephanie Mazur moved and Minda Jones seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve the following supplemental contract for the 2020-2021 school year.

Elaine Gerken – High School Musical Director

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Minda Jones moved and Galen Methvin seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

Jennifer Bergman – High School Musical Director Assistant
 James Egly – High School Boys Assistant Track Coach
 Phil Handy – Assistant Baseball Coach (35%)
 Danelle Myers – Prom Advisor (1/3)
 Jamie Parker – Co-Freshman Class Advisor
 Pam Payne – High School Girls Assistant Track Coach
 Jamie Slattery – Prom Advisor (1/3)
 Lukas Yoder – Assistant Baseball Coach (25%)

- Recommend to approve the following as volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Jeff Schroeder - Softball
Madison Siebenaler – Track
Mike Villena - Softball

- Recommend to approve retirement resignation from Rita Bell as EMIS Secretary at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Craig Eiden moved and Stephanie Mazur seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve the 2021-2022 school year calendar.
- Recommend to approve local graduation seals for Hicksville Exempted Village Schools.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

There was a discussion to have an open house for the new building at some point in the future.

Galen Methvin moved and Minda Jones seconded the motion to hold an executive session at this meeting in order to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or issuing suspension, or termination of a license, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official licensee, or regulated individual unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mrs. Caryer further noted that the Board will return from executive session with no further business other than to adjourn.

The Board entered executive session at 6:35 p.m.
The Board exited executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Minda Jones moved and Galen Methvin seconded the motion to adjourn this meeting until the next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0. Time 8:45 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer