

A **Regular Meeting** of the Batavia City School District Board of Education was called to order on **Tuesday, December 15, 2015**, at **7:05 PM** by President, Patrick Burk, in the Batavia Middle School Library Media Center, 96 Ross Street, Batavia, NY.

**Call to Order**

**Members Present:** Patrick Burk, Peter Cecere, Shawna Murphy, Andy Pedro, Karen Tomidy, Lea Brown, Student Ex-Officio Representative

**Roll Call**

**Absent:** Jessica Maguire-Tomidy, Leslie Johnson

**Others Present:** Christopher J. Dailey, Superintendent; Scott C. Rozanski, Business Administrator/Clerk; Roberta Norton, Assistant Clerk to the Board; Maureen Notaro, Middle School Assistant Principal; Julia Rogers, House Administrator; James L. Jacobs, Director of Facilities III; Mark Warren, Batavia Teachers' Association Vice-President; Janet Steves, Staff Member; Jason Benfante, Clark Patterson Lee Architectural Firm; Rick Saunders, Dwayne Fonda, Yadira Mateos, Andres Mateos, Margaret Raley, Jessica Barone, Tess Barone, Tyler Hale, Melissa Mattice and family, Dominic Grazioplene and Family, McKenzy Nigro, Alexis Balduf, Aimee Freeman, Andrew Freeman, Norah Janes, Mark Janes, Ben Adams, Lori and Jerry Reinhart, Kim Marcello, Tracy Radka, Jim Krencik, *The Daily News*; and Kathie Scott, District Public Relations.

Mr. Burk welcomed those present to the meeting and led the pledge to the flag.

**Pledge to Flag**

**Presentations**

**Presentations  
Board Awards**

**Board Awards**

*Janet Steves*

Janet Steves, Batavia Middle School Music Teacher, was recognized as an Outstanding Employee by the Board. Mr. Burk presented the award to Mrs. Steves, noting that, in addition to being an outstanding and dedicated teacher, she supports the BMS community through many kind acts. A veteran teacher, Mrs. Steves demonstrates kindness every day by such things as taking photos of students at extra-curricular away activities, being part of the Sunshine Committee, being a caring and supportive colleague and friend, and being a willing participant in any activity which support our students.

*BMS Student  
Cabinet Members*

BMS Student Cabinet Members Cooper Mattice, Tess Barone, Andres Mateos, Norah Janes, and Dominic Grazioplene were recommended to the Board as Outstanding Students. Awards were presented by Mr. Burk who explained that these students formally meet with Middle School Administration once a month to share ideas from their peers and hear from the administrators about upcoming events and ideas. By participating in Student Cabinet, the individuals have helped the Middle School develop a greater degree of student voice in decisions and activities for the school. They are leaders at BMS who bring a wide range of talents and backgrounds to help the school be a great place to attend.

**Baseball Trip Proposal – Mr. Saunders**

**Trip Request**

Mr. Saunders explained details of the trip proposal for the Varsity Baseball Team to travel to Fort Pierce, Florida on March 22, 2016, returning March 29, 2016. This opportunity would be beneficial to our players to compete in scrimmages and games against out-of-state teams as they prepare for the upcoming varsity baseball season. A variety of fundraising activities support most of the costs, with student athletes also contributing to cover their expenses.

**Motion made by** Mr. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Cecere, to approve the Varsity Baseball Trip to Fort Pierce, Florida, as proposed.

**Yes – 5 [Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Pedro, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Maguire-Tomidy, Johnson]**

**Motion carried. [5-0]**

**5-Year Building Condition Survey – Clark Patterson Lee Architectural**

Jason Benfante reported on the District’s State Mandated 5-year Building Condition Survey. The survey is an evaluation of the condition of district facilities and includes all four school buildings, the Robert Morris building, Richmond Memorial Library and VanDetta Stadium. Mr. Benfante indicated that all of our facilities are in satisfactory condition and continue to be well maintained. However, he further noted that VanDetta Stadium, while currently operational, is likely to need costly repairs. It is the architect’s conclusion that the building is nearing the end of its useful life in regard to overall deterioration, antiquated electrical and mechanical systems, and meeting handicap accessibility requirements. Mr. Dailey noted the survey marks the beginning of conversations about any areas cited for improvement. Particularly with a facility that is part of the community’s history, as is VanDetta Stadium, much discussion will be necessary to determine the best course of action the District should take.

**Bldg. Cond. Survey**

**Batavia Middle School Update – Mrs. Notaro, Ms. Rogers**

Ms. Rogers, Gr. 5-6 House Administrator, described ways teachers and administrators use and share data with each other and with students to develop and utilize strategies for improvement. Their main goal is to increase English Language Arts and Math assessment grades by 5%. Data is also utilized in tracking and analyzing behavioral issues to develop and implement proactive tactics for handling problems. An intervention action plan was established for students with 3 or more behavior-related referrals, showing a decrease for October to November in the number of students in that category.

**BMS Update**

Mrs. Notaro continued the update describing activities aligned with another goal for the Middle School – Family and Community Engagement. Their most recent successful family night was the BMS Family and Community *Warm the Night* event which attracted approximately 250 guests for a light dinner, raffles, laser light show, classroom demonstrations, information about community and school organizations, bike licensing by the Batavia Police Department, and free scarves, many of which were made by student volunteers. In the next few weeks, Mrs. Notaro indicated that students will once again make crafts and personally deliver these items as appreciation gifts for many of the local agencies and businesses who support the Middle School. Also shared were some of the other ways parents have been involved in their child’s education, such as attending orientations, assisting with fundraisers and food drives, attending Open House and school meetings, participating in parent-teacher conferences and by utilizing the Parent Portal.

**Financial Summary Report – Mr. Rozanski**

Mr. Rozanski summarized the financial comparisons of October 2014 to October 2015.

**Financial Summary Rpt.**

There was no one present wishing to address the Board under *Public to be Heard*.

**Public Heard**

**Motion made by** Mrs. Tomidy, seconded by Mrs. Murphy, to approve the agenda alterations, as follows:

**Agenda Alterations**

Add: VI. Consent

- F. Appointments
  - 2. John Socha, Long-term Substitute Business Teacher
  - 3. Peter Hanzly, Long-term Substitute Social Studies Teacher
  - 6. AM Supervisors [BMS] – Jessica Franks, Stephanie D’Alba

L. Conference Requests

- 3. Thinking Collaborative Symposium – Juanita Henry, Nancy Stauber

Renumber/Reletter Accordingly

**Yes – 5 [Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Pedro, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Maguire-Tomidy, Johnson]  
 Motion carried. [5-0]**

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, motion made by Mr. Pedro,**  
 seconded by Mr. Cecere – **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following Consent Items A-M,  
 as listed.

- A. Board of Education Minutes: 11/10/15
- B. CSE Reports: 11/20/15; 12/3/15; 12/4/15
- C. CPSE Reports: 12/7/15
- D. Retirements
  - 1. Sandra C. Griffin, Principal [BMS], effective November 1, 2016, with appreciation and gratitude for 20 years of service to the District
- E. Leave of Absence
  - 1. Colleen Jakubowski, Long-term Substitute Special Education Teacher [JK/Perl (TOSA)], Family Medical Leave, effective November 23, 2015 through *date to be determined*
- F. Appointments
  - 1. Extend Appointment - Joshua M. Pacino, Long-term Substitute Music Teacher [JA/Gilebart], effective December 21, 2015 through January 15, 2016
  - 2. John Socha, Long-term Substitute Business Teacher [BHS/Thomas], effective on or about January 15, 2016 through date to be determined; salary according to the Batavia Teachers' Agreement - \$42,000 - pro-rated at \$210.00/day; plus any new graduate hours submitted at \$80/credit hr., according to the Batavia Teachers' Association Agreement
  - 3. Peter Hanzly, Long-term Substitute Social Studies Teacher [BMS/Brownell], effective on or about December 16, 2015 through on or about February 26, 2016; Salary according to the Batavia Teachers' Agreement - \$36,500.00 - pro-rated at \$182.50/day; plus any new graduate hours submitted at \$80/credit hr., according to the Batavia Teachers' Association Agreement
  - 4. Other Schedule "C" – Other Schedule "C" – Bus Supervisors [JA]; \$20.00/hr.; 1 hr./day; 1 day/week; 15 weeks, beginning December 7, 2015 through April 15, 2016: Wendy D'Amico, Nicholas O'Geen, Jodie Kinsey, Nancy Okoniewski, Ashley Ziccardi
  - 5. 2015-16 E List for Substitutes [BMS]; \$22.00/period; retroactive to December 1, 2015 – Sean Williams
  - 6. Other Schedule "C" – AM Supervision [BMS], \$20.00/hr., effective 12/15/15, 7:30-8:00 AM – Jessica Franks, Stephanie D'Alba
  - 7. Substitute Teachers/Retirees/Aides/Nurses/Clerical List Additions [Bd. Book only]
  - 8. Schedule "C"

**Consent Items**

**BOE Minutes  
 CSE Reports  
 CPSE Reports  
 Retirements**

*S. Griffin*

**Leaves**

*C. Jakubowski*

**Appointments**

*J. Pacino*

*J. Socha*

*P. Hanzly*

*Bus Supervision  
 [JA]*

*E List [BMS]*

*AM Supervision  
 [BMS]*

*Sub List Additions*

F Name	L Name	Bldg.	Assignment	Level	FTE	14-15 Base Total	15-16 Increase	15-16 Base Stipend	Budget Code
Lisa	Brown	BIIS	REVISED - Jr. Class Advisor	3	1.00	1,800.00		1,800.00	A2110 130 11 0138
Linda	Chadwell	BIIS	Musical/Drama Art Assistant	2	1.00	1,411.41	101.50%	1,432.58	A2110 130 11 0139
Linda	Chadwell	BIIS	Musical/Drama Set Assistant	2	0.184	1,200.00	101.50%	224.11	A2110 130 11 0139
Daniel	Hartnett	BIIS	Musical/Drama Set Assistant	2	0.816	1,200.00	101.50%	993.89	A2110 130 11 0139
Gilbert	Pease	JK	Advanced Elementary Orchestra	3	1.00	1,827.00	101.50%	1,854.41	A2110 130 11 0139

**G. Financial**

- 1. Clerk's Report – October 2015

**Financial**

*Clerk's Report*

2. Treasurer's Report – October 2015
3. Budget Transfers – October 2015
4. Warrants
  - A-25: October 2015 Manual Checks
  - TA-11: TA Processing 11/20/15 Payroll
  - E-10: E 11/20/15 Cash Disbursement
  - A-26: A 11/20/15 Cash Disbursement
  - TA-10: TA Processing 11/6/15 Payroll
  - E-9: E 11/6/15 Cash Disbursement
  - A-23: A 11/6/15 Cash Disbursement

*Treasurer's Report  
Budget Transfers  
Warrants*

H. Salary Rate Determination – 2015-16 Game Management Workers; \$12.50/hr.

**Game Wkr.  
Payroll Rate  
Change Orders**

I. Change Orders

#00019	Thomann Paving Corp.	RML Sidewalk (Cr.)	(\$ 2,340.00)
#00020	Thomann Paving Corp.	JA Stairway/Bus Loop	\$12,089.00
#00021	Blackmon Farrell Electric	VS-CS Circuits at Counter	\$ 785.00
#00022	Javen Construction Co.	VS-LK Ramp Joint	\$ 1,401.00
#00023	Thomann Paving Corp.	VS-CS Track Fence (Cr.)	(\$ 287.50)
#00024	Blackmon Farrell Electric	RML Light Switches	\$ 3,188.88
#00025	Javen Construction Co.	HS Terrazzo	\$ 1,709.45
#00026	Javen Construction Co.	HS Door Modifications	\$ 624.00
#00027	Thomann Paving Corp.	JA Aluminum Handrails	\$ 1,500.00
#00028	Javen Construction Co.	HS Door Hdwr./Fire-rated doors (Cr.)	(\$16,873.00)
#00029	Javen Construction Co.	JA Door Hdwr./Fire-rated doors	\$ 2,283.90
#00030	Thomann Paving Corp.	HS Additional Asphalt Sidewalk	\$22,350.00
#00031	Javen Construction Co.	RML Basement Window Restoration	\$ 2,284.00
#00032	Javen Construction Co.	VS-IR Ext. Painting/Locker Rooms	\$24,938.00
#00033	Javen Construction Co.	VS-IR Ext. Painting/Bleachers	\$15,750.00
#00034	Ferraulo Plumbing/Itg	HS Gas Service (Cr.)	(\$ 2,244.00)

J. Contracts

1. REVISED 2015-16 YWCA Adventure Program Agreements [JA/JK/BMS]
2. Agreement between the Batavia Board of Education and Superintendent, Christopher J. Dailey, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019

**Contracts**  
*Rev. YWCA  
C. Dailey*

K. Conference Requests

1. DTSDE Conference, January 11-12, 2016, Albany, NY – Molly Corey, \$725.00; Trisha Finnigan, \$739.00; Julia Rogers, \$669.00
2. NYS Council of School Superintendents Winter Institute and Lobbying Day, March 5-8, 2016, Albany, NY – Christopher Dailey, \$1,532.00
3. Thinking Collaborative Symposium, January 25-28, 2016, Denver, Colorado – Juanita Henry, GRTC Director - \$2,121.00; Nancy Stauber, GRTC Board Member - \$1,762.00

**Conferences**  
*DTSDE-Corey/  
Finnigan/Rogers  
NYS COSS-  
C. Dailey  
GRTC Symposium  
Henry/Stauber*

L. Donations and Gifts

1. Batavia Youth Fitness Fund from Children's Home Association - \$2,000.00

**Donations**

M. Surplus Goods and Materials

1. Special Education Classroom Texts [BHS/Mosgeller]

**Surplus Goods**  
*HS Textbooks*

Title of Book	Author	Publisher	Publ. Address	Copy right	Quantity
AGS Algebra	Siegfried Haenisch	American Guidance Service, Inc	Circle Pines, MN	1998	11
AGS Algebra	Siegfried Haenisch	AGS Publishing	Circle Pines, MN	2004	1
AGS Geometry	Siegfried Haenisch	American Guidance Service, Inc	Circle Pines, MN	2001	11
AGS Algebra Student Wkbk.		American Guidance Service, Inc	Circle Pines, MN	1998	1
AGS Geometry Student Wkbk.		American Guidance Service, Inc	Circle Pines, MN	2001	8
Fearon's Practical Mathematics For Consumers Second Edition	Staudacher, Turner	Globe Fearon Educational Publisher	Paramus, NJ	1994	11

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Fearon's Practical Mathematics	Staudacher, Turner	Fearon/Janus	Belmont, CA	1990	6
Fearon's Practical Mathematics For Consumers Workbook	Ronn Yablum	Globe Fearon Educational Publisher	Paramus, NJ	1994	3
Fearon's Practical Mathematics For Consumers Second Edition	Emily Huthinson	Globe Fearon Educational Publisher	Paramus, NJ	1994	1

2. Wheelchair (Item is old and rusty; no make, model, serial number available)

**Yes – 5 [Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Pedro, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Maguire-Tomidy, Johnson]**  
**Motion carried. [5-0]**

*Wheelchair*

**2015-16 Board of Education Goals –** A new process is in place; goals are currently being developed/discussed and will be acted upon at the January Board Meeting.

**Board Goals**

**Motion made by** Mrs. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Pedro, to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, approve the policy updates/revisions below:

**Policy Updates/Revisions**

1. #5675 – Student Grading Information Systems
2. #5620 -- Fixed Asset Inventories, Accounting, and Tracking
3. #6161 – Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement
4. #8211 – Prevention Instruction

**Yes – 5 [Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Pedro, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Maguire-Tomidy, Johnson]**  
**Motion carried. [5-0]**

**Reports**

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**Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Dailey**

*Bldgs. & Grnds.*

The Building Condition Survey is nearing completion, and after meeting with representatives from Clark Patterson Lee Architectural Firm last week, Mr. Dailey commended Mr. Jacobs for the continuous preservation of our buildings. Survey results indicate we are in a good position with maintaining our facilities, as reported earlier by Mr. Benfante. Findings from the Survey will be considered to lead the direction of where repairs and improvements need to be made over the next five (5) years. Major concern over the condition of VanDelta Stadium poses a need for a more in-depth evaluation of this particular property.

**Policy Committee – Mr. Cecere**

*Policy*

Policies approved earlier this evening cover changes to student graduation and minor verbiage/language revisions. The committee also discussed revisiting recommendations made by the District Code of Conduct Committee readdressing retaliation vs. self-defense. Proposed revisions will be held until spring with implementation in the fall.

**Student Ex-Officio – Miss Brown**

*Student Ex-Officio*

Miss Brown reported on several recent or upcoming activities. Students in Mrs. Thomas' Business Entrepreneur Class participated in GCC's Professional Day for virtual businesses. Many technology-related virtual businesses were created for this event. National Honor Society sent out letters from Santa's elves as part of their fund-raising efforts to help the needy. Cheer Camp, sponsored by the BHS Cheerleaders, will be held this weekend at Batavia Middle School. This is a great opportunity for students to increase their skills as they pursue the sport of cheerleading. Lastly, the Seniors will again conduct the Candy Cane Sale where students can purchase candy canes, add a note, and have them delivered to others.

**Superintendent – Mr. Dailey**

*Superintendent*

Congratulations to Sandy Griffin on her retirement. Her letter was accepted this evening and, on behalf of the district, Mr. Dailey publicly thanked Mrs. Griffin for her tremendous dedication and unending care for our Middle School students. Kudos to the Board and 400+ guests who attended Jackson Primary's *Breakfast with Santa*. Several Board Members and Mr. Dailey read to the students during this event. This is another great aspect for connecting the community with our schools. The College Board reports that our District has earned

a position on the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual AP District Honor Roll. This achievement recognizes districts for increasing access to Advanced Placement coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Honor Roll Districts defy the expectation that expanding access automatically results in a decline in the percentage of exams earning scores of 3 or better. Reaching these goals indicates that our district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP coursework. Mr. Dailey is proud of our students for exceeding these educational expectations. Tech Night is scheduled for January 7, 2016, at BHS. This is an opportunity for students and teachers to share all the good things we are currently doing and to show the community where we will be going with the one-to-world initiative. Mr. Dailey has been participating in Operation Graduation as a panel judge where Seniors are required to produce and report on a topic of choice for issues we face in society. Thus far, the presentations are going well. Mr. Dailey is encouraged to see that NYSED will be allowed to reduce the impact of testing on teacher and principal evaluations. Several meetings have been held with the Commissioner, ESEA and Board of Regents to discuss this matter. Also, he reports that the implementation of the NYS standards will be developed and phased in properly over time with a start date of 2019-2020. Pulling back this part of the principal and teacher APPR evaluation is fair and reasonable. Reviewing the standards with input from stakeholders will be key. This means teachers, parents, and administrators are working with NYSED to ensure we provide a world-class education to all children. Mr. Dailey also reported that the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Grant has been approved providing financial support to our UPK Program, and the District Tech Plan was also approved by the NYS Education Department today. This document will be available on the District Website. The Plan allows each child to have access to equipment in the classroom and the purchase of next-generation Smart Boards. The Smart Schools Bond Act financially supports the Plan and carries no impact to taxpayers. A concern from the student body, expressed by Student Ex-officio Lea Brown, assures everyone that use of cell phones in the classroom for educational purposes will continue.

**Motion made by Mr. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Cecere, to enter into Executive Session at 7:59 PM to discuss information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that would imperil effective law enforcement, if disclosed; collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law; the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; and the acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of thereof.**

**Yes – 5 [Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Pedro, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Maguire-Tomidy, Johnson]  
Motion carried. [5-0]**

**Executive  
Session**

**Motion made by Mr. Pedro, seconded by Mr. Cecere to return to public session at 8:39 PM.  
Yes – 5 [Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Pedro, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Maguire-Tomidy, Johnson]  
Motion carried. [5-0]**

**Return to  
Public Session**

**Motion made by Mr. Pedro, seconded by Mrs. Tomidy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.  
Yes – 5 [Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Pedro, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Maguire-Tomidy, Johnson]  
Motion carried. [5-0]**

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,



Scott C. Rozanski, Clerk

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