

The **Regular Meeting** of the Batavia City School District Board of Education was called to order on **Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6:33 PM** in the Batavia High School District Administration Conference Room, 260 State Street, Batavia, NY by Board President, Patrick Burk.

**Members Present:** Barbara Bowman, Patrick Burk, Peter Cecere, Zachary Korzelius, Shawna Murphy, Karen Tomidy, Michal Lullo, Ex-Officio Student Representative

**Members Absent:** Tanni Bromley

**Others Present:** Christopher J. Dailey, Superintendent; Scott C. Rozanski, Business Administrator/Clerk; Molly Corey, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Roberta Norton, Assistant Clerk to the Board; Nicholas Bestine, Vice-President, Batavia Teachers' Association; Trisha Finnigan, Director of Special Education; Paul Kesler, John Kennedy Intermediate Principal; Dennis Kenney, Susan Presher, Courtney Turcer, Paula Neumann, Michelle Woodward, Julieth Caceres, Claudia Rincon, Michelle Nanni, Alyssa Cole; Howard Owens, *The Batavian*, Jim Krencik, *The Daily News* (arrived at 7:20 PM); Kathie Scott, District Public Relations Coordinator

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

With the passing of one of our Batavia High School students, Lorne R. Brudz, Mr. Burk extended the District's sympathy to the family and asked for a moment of silence.

**Motion made by** Mr. Cecere, seconded by Ms. Murphy to enter into Executive Session at **6:33 PM** to discuss 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. **Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

**Motion made by** Mrs. Tomidy, seconded by Ms. Bowman to return to public session at **6:36 PM**.  
**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

#### **Presentations**

##### **Board of Education Awards – Mr. Burk**

Julieth Caceres is the Student of the Month award recipient for her successful completion of the NYS Regents. Julieth came to the District as a non-English speaking student, worked hard to achieve her goals, and passed two of the NYS Regents Examinations on her second attempt. She never gave up and worked hard to face this hurdle and be successful. Congratulations.

Michelle Nanni and Michelle Woodward were also presented with Board Awards for their continued service and dedication to the students. These staff members go above and beyond their normal duties to offer many additional learning experiences, and at the same time, do this in a kind and caring way.

##### **Special Education Update – Mrs. Finnigan**

Mrs. Finnigan began her presentation with Special Education Facts and Figures, comparing where the District is going and where the District has been over the past few years with our

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge to Flag**

**Moment of Silence**

**Executive Session**

**Return to Public Session**

**Presentations**  
*BOE Awards*

*Special Education*

services. Student Placements, Classification Rates and Graduation Rates show a similar or increased improvement in data as Batavia strives to keep our kids in the least restrictive environment. Administration continues to be effective at targeting all available services for standard classification rates for students with disabilities. We continue to provide feedback to the NYS Education Department at every opportunity about extended graduation rate requirements for these individuals. Currently, the existing process we use does not count towards District scores with the State Education Department. Our focus remains on student completion and passing rates. Last school year, the district participated in the Special Education Indicator 8 Survey for our classified students. SED results from this survey will be provided between November 2017 and January 2018.

#### **Nutritional Services Update – Mrs. Presher**

*Nutritional Svs.*

Mrs. Presher, being new to the district as Nutritional Services Manager for the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership since mid-year last school year, introduced herself and provided a brief biography. She is glad to be here in Batavia and has spent time getting to know the administration and staff. She shared current responsibilities and new programmatic changes introduced in our School Lunch Program. She also works closely with all four building administrators to assist in services requested at the schools. Highlights were shared with the most accomplished enhancement being lead sponsor for the Summer 2017 Feeding Program. Mrs. Presher provided nutritious snacks and meals to BCSD Extend-ed Year/TEAM Literacy, Niagara County Youth Board and the Batavia Youth Bureau to provide breakfast and lunch during the 6-week programs. Positive feedback was received throughout. Goals established for the 2017-18 school year include the return of catering with a new menu options slated to launch shortly, use of Google Docs for recordkeeping, and the commencement of electronic timesheets. The new District Charge Policy is now in place and a review of ways to recover existing lunch charges is in the forefront for discussion. Mrs. Presher thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Dailey extended his sympathy to the Brudz family for the loss of their son and announced that special recognition will take place at the Homecoming Game this weekend.

**Sympathy**

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

**Public Heard**

**Motion made by** Mr. Cecere, seconded by Mrs. Tomidy, to amend the agenda as altered:  
VIII. Consent Items

**Agenda  
Alterations**

**ADD:** C. Resignations

2. Sean Donnellan, Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach, effective 9/1/17.

E. Appointments

12. 6<sup>th</sup> Assignments [BHS], 2017-18; salary according to the Batavia Teachers' Agreement for 6<sup>th</sup> Assignments

A. Burton Howell - \$12,860.11 for a full 6<sup>th</sup> assignment (Physics)

B. John Kirkwood - \$ 6,805.44 for a half 6<sup>th</sup> assignment (Sports Med.)

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

**Motion made by** Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Cecere – **Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following Consent Items, A-I as altered.

**Consent  
Items**

A. Board of Education Minutes – 8/29/17

B. CSE Reports: 8/29/17; 9/7/17 (2); 9/8/17 (2); IEP Amendment without a Meeting (3)

**BOE Mins.  
CSE Mins.**

C. Resignations

1. Paul Caffo, Custodial Worker [RM], effective 9/16/17
2. Sean Donnellan, Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach, effective 9/1/17

D. Leave of Absence

1. Danielle Dwyer, Teacher Aide [JK], Medical Leave, effective September 11, 2017 through on or about September 25, 2017
2. Ashley Hall, Elementary Teacher [JK], Family Medical Leave/Maternity, effective on or about October 3, 2017 through on or about November 20, 2017
3. Jessica Torrey, Elementary Teacher [JA], Family Medical Leave/Maternity, effective on or about December 9, 2017 through on or about January 22, 2018
4. Richard Mogavero, Head Custodial Worker [JK], Family Medical Leave, effective September 13, 2017 through *date to be determined*

E. Appointments

1. SALARY REVISION/CORRECTION – Carrie Saraceni, Long-term Part-time Teacher Aide [JA]; salary according to the Batavia Clerical Agreement - \$11.02/hr.
2. APPOINTMENT STATUS REVISION/CORRECTION – Heather Volpe, Full-time permanent Teacher Aide [JA/SpEd], retroactive to September 5, 2017
3. APPOINTMENT STATUS CHANGE – Kristi Swiatowy, Part-time to Long-term Full-time Teacher Aide [JA], effective September 18, 2017 to June 22, 2018; salary according to the Batavia Clerical Agreement - \$11.02/hr.
4. APPOINTMENT REVISION – Sara M. Miller, Long-term Substitute Special Education Teacher [JK], effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
5. Dennis G. Kenney, Interim Principal [BHS], effective September 19, 2017 through December 22, 2017 on a per-diem basis; salary based on Terms and Conditions with the District- \$475.00/day.
6. Kimberly Y. Maerten, School Psychologist [Districtwide/Barry], effective October 19, 2017; salary according to the Batavia Teachers' Agreement – \$53,000.00 plus \$5,120.00 (64 credit hrs. @ \$80.00/credit hr.)
7. Penny Barry, School Psychologist Consultant (for transitional purposes), 2017-18, effective October 1, 2017; estimated 15 days total; \$332.01/day
8. Freshman Parent Orientation Staff, August 30, 2017, 2 hrs. @ \$38.00/hr. – Gregory Ciszak, Kelly Garner, Joseph Hussar
9. Other Schedule "C" –
  - A. BMS AM Supervision Substitute, 7:30-8:00 AM; \$20.00/hr.  
Valerie Stevens, Stacy Marzello
  - B. BMS Bus Aide Substitute, 1 hr./day; \$20.00/hr.  
Sheri Severino, Valerie Stevens
10. Schedule "D" – 2017-18 E List for Substitutes [BHS], \$23.00/half-block; \$46.00 full-block:  
James Allein, Amanda Antonucci, Richard Boyce, Myron Brasky, Jr., Travis Byrnes, Donna Carey, Elena Chmielowiec, Allison Chua, Gregory Ciszak, Kelly Daneska, Kelly Fix, Lorraine Gammack, Adam Garlapow, Kelly Garner, Sara Geitner, Mary George, Daniel Grillo, Nancy Haitz, Stephani Hamilton, Daniel Hartnett, Melissa Holsopple, Burton Howell, Joseph Hussar, Thomas Ingalsbe, Jr., Deborah Johnson, Natalie Keller, John Kirkwood, Aaron Klumpp, Jennifer Korpany, Sean Krauss, Kristy Kruczkowski, Scott Lawniczak, John Mangefrida, Melissa Martin, John McCarthy, Stuart McLean, Heidi Meides-Judge, Jeremy Mettler, Katherine Metzler, Karen Mosgeller, Robert Mullen, Kristine Olsen, Jane Paladino, Paul Pedersen, Kristen Prospero, Kimberly Przybysz, Thomas Redband,

**Resignations**

*P. Caffo*  
*S. Donnellan*

**Leaves**

*D. Dwyer*

*A. Hall*

*J. Torrey*

*R. Mogavero*

**Appointments**

*C. Saraceni*

*H. Volpe*

*K. Swiatowy*

*S. Miller*

*D. Kenney*

*K. Maerten*

*P. Barry*

*Freshman Parent  
Orientation Staff  
Other Sch. C  
BMS AM Super-  
vision Substitute  
BMS Bus Aide  
Substitute  
E List for Subs –  
BHS*

- Lisa Robinson, Rachel Shay, Timothy Stevens, Loretta Stratton, Maegan Suhr, Nicole Tamfer, Theresa Traver, Jeffrey Tress, Courtney Turcer, Virginia Walker, Mark Warren, Catherine Weaver, Christopher Weicher, Marsha Wolsky-Carson
11. Schedule "D" – 2017-18 E List for Substitutes [BMS], \$23.00/period:  
Teresa Cline/Morrill, Caleb Orbaker
  12. 6<sup>th</sup> Assignments [BHS], 2017-18; salary according to the Batavia Teachers' Agreement for 6<sup>th</sup> Assignments
    - A. Burton Howell - \$12,860.11 for a full 6<sup>th</sup> assignment (Physics)
    - B. John Kirkwood - \$6,805.44 for a half 6<sup>th</sup> assignment (Sports Medicine)
  13. 2017-18 CSE and CPSE Members –  
CSE:  
 Trisha Finnigan, Chairperson/Local Education Agency Representative (LEA), Seana Murphy, School Psychologist/Co-Chairperson/LEA, Marisa Samson, School Psychologist/Co-Chairperson/LEA, Kelly Deneka, School Psychologist/Co-Chairperson/LEA, Kimberly Maerten, School Psychologist/Co-Chairperson/LEA, Allison Chua, Parent Member  
 Other rotating members are the parents of the child, regular education teacher of the child, special education teacher of the child, school physician.  
CPSE:  
 Penny Barry, Chairperson/Local Education Agency Representative (LEA), Kimberly Maerten, Chairperson/LEA, Trisha Finnigan, Co-Chairperson/LEA,  
 Seana Murphy, School Psychologist/Co-Chairperson/LEA, Marisa Samson, School Psychologist/Co-Chairperson/LEA, Trisha Grillo, Parent Member, Amanda Cragg, Parent Member  
 Other rotating members are representatives from Genesee County, the parents of the child, district Kindergarten teachers, district Speech Therapists, Special Education Teachers and staff members from pre-school programs.
  14. 2017-18 Schedule "C" – *[Minor rounding calculation differences may occur in financial figures]*

F Name	L Name	Bldg.	Assignment/Sport	Level	FTE	Stipend
Kimberly	Aquillo	JA	Lego Club Advisor	2	0.50	609.00
Malloryann	Flanagan	JA	Lego Club Advisor	2	0.50	600.00
Lisa	Gilebarto	JA	Handbell Choir Director	2	1.00	1,254.81
Jessica	Korzeliuss	BMS	Honor Society	1	0.50	300.00
Lisa	Leone	BMS	Honor Society	1	0.50	300.00

#### F. Financials

##### 1. Warrants

- TA-3: TA Processing 8/18/17 Payroll for 8/5/17-8/18/17  
 A-7: A 8/18/17 Cash Disbursement for 8/5/17-8/18/17  
 TA-4: TA Processing 9/1/17 Payroll for 8/19/17-9/1/17  
 A-11: A 9/1/17 Cash Disbursement for 8/19/17-9/1/17  
 E-3: E 8/18/17 Cash Disbursement for 8/5/17-8/18/17

#### G. Conference Requests

1. EL Education 2017 National Conference, October 26-28, 2017, Amherst, MA – Ashley Grillo, \$2,399.23
2. Handle With Care Behavior Management System Recertification, October 5-6, 2017, Rochester, NY – Eric Knapp, \$523.27
3. NYS School Music Association Conference All-State, November 30, 2017-December 3, 2017, Rochester, NY – Madison Hoerbelt (Student), \$527.04

#### H. Contracts

1. Memorandum of Agreement between the Batavia Teacher's Association and

*E List for Subs – BMS  
 6<sup>th</sup> Assignments – BHS  
 B. Howell  
 J. Kirkwood  
 CSE/CPSE Members*

#### Financials Warrants

**Conf. Req.**  
*EL Education  
 Handle With Care  
 NYSSMA All-State Conference*  
**Contracts**  
*MOA – BTA*

- the BCSD – Graduation Rate Incentive
- 2. Memorandum of Agreement between the Batavia Teachers’ Association Representing Per-Diem Substitute Teachers/Substitute Teacher Aides and the BCSD – School Closing Daily Rate of Pay
- 3. 2017-18 YWCA Adventure Program Agreement, September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 – JA, JK, BMS
- I. Surplus Goods and Equipment
  - 1. BMS Audio Visual Equipment

Product	Serial #	Model #	Reason
Sharp TV	A607844528	275C26B	Broken
Sharp TV	A607844743	275C26B	Broken
Toshiba TV	9X025290S	XV-2930	Broken

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

**Motion made by** Mr. Cecere, seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve the 2017-18 Tax Warrant in the amount of \$19,810,748.00 (which is a 3.54% decrease in the General Fund tax rate to \$21.46 per thousand of assessed valuation). Included is \$149,889.36 in added exemption removals from 2016-17 and \$2,852.95 in omitted taxes from 2016-17); General Fund total levy of \$18,501.372.00 and Richmond Memorial Library total levy of \$1,309,376.00. The General Fund Tax levy has not changed in the past three years (0.00% increase). The ten-year average tax levy increase is only 0.70%.

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

**Motion made by** Mrs. Tomidy, seconded by Ms. Murphy to elect Patrick Burk as the Voting Delegate and Barbara Bowman, Alternate, for the NYS School Boards’ Association Annual Business Meeting, Saturday, October 14, 2017, 8:00 AM in Lake Placid, NY.

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

**Motion made by** Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Cecere, to renew the District’s Genesee Valley School Board Institute (GVSBI) Membership for 2017-18 in the amount of \$500.00.

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

## Reports

### Audit – Mr. Rozanski

The committee met earlier today and reviewed the draft report from the External Auditor, with no findings noted, received the Internal Auditor Report, and motioned to continue seeking additional investment opportunities to utilize funds. The official External Auditor Report will be provided at the October 3, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.

### School Building Visits – Board Members

Mr. Cecere plans to attend the John Kennedy Open House on Thursday evening. Mrs. Bowman reported that the Batavia Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House welcomed all parents and students. It was a nice evening utilizing popcorn for a “Pop It In” theme. She also had the opportunity to attend the modified football game, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Korzelius said holding the Batavia Middle School Open House the first week of school

*Grad Rate Incntv.  
MOA-Per-Diem  
Subs Rate of  
Pay/ Closings  
YWCA Adven-  
ture Program  
**Surplus Goods**  
BMS AV Equip.*

**Tax Warrant  
and Rate  
Determination**

**NYSSBA  
Voting Dele-  
gate/Alternate**

**2017-18 GVSBI  
Membership**

**Reports**  
*Audit*

*School Visits*

brought in 94 more attendees than in the past. The food trucks were a hit and he is looking forward to the upcoming musicals this year.

Mr. Burk, along with Ms. Bowman, were present at the Staff Orientation on Tuesday and he visited Jackson, Middle School and the High School during the day. He will be stopping in at John Kennedy next week. He also reported that there were no busing issues the first day and asked Mr. Rozanski to thank his workers and the staff at Student Transportation of America.

#### **Student Ex-Officio – Michal Lullo**

“Mikey” Lullo reported that:

It is homecoming week at Batavia High with the other buildings participating with dress-up days and some activities to follow the BHS itinerary.

Batavia Middle School had their Open House on September 8<sup>th</sup>; many families attended.

Batavia High School will host their Open House on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

John Kennedy Intermediate is having a color run in mid-October with more details to come.

It's also picture week at Batavia High School and Middle School.

The High School Z Club is hosting a canned food drive to help those in need. This is also an incentive to earn extra homecoming points. National Honor Society is partnering with Crossroads House to receive the collected canned goods donation.

Again, our sincere condolences to Lorne Brudz's family on his passing. We are all mourning from this terrible loss of life that happened too soon.

*Student Ex-Officio*

#### **Curriculum and Instruction – Dr. Corey**

Dr. Corey reported that the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) met today and established a subgroup to review testing information from last Spring. Members are also working in groups in classrooms to prepare for the next phase in the new Annual Professional Performance Review process. Thursday begins Phase 2 training with swivel equipment being used to tape themselves. The goal is to record themselves, work with peers to analyze their teaching style and performance, and get collaborative feedback for improvement.

*Curr. & Instr.*

#### **Superintendent – Mr. Dailey**

Mr. Dailey reported on the following:

As Board of Director Member of the Business Education Alliance (BEA) of Genesee County, he attended the quarterly meeting last Friday. This group of leaders in our area truly care about connecting kids with careers.

Mr. Dennis Kenney will begin as Interim Principal. He has a wealth of experience, is student centered and will be a great fit at Batavia High School.

Homecoming was moved to next week due to student government advocacy, as shared at the last Board meeting. Events are scheduled in each school throughout the week. There are athletic contests culminating in the football game Saturday night at 7:00 PM.

Last week, the Board of Regents approved the NYS Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan, which will be submitted to the United States Education Department (USDE) on September 18, 2017 for review and approval. It is anticipated that USDE will provide feedback to the Department soon. Final approval of the State's ESSA Plan is expected early next year. Mr. Dailey has been representing WNY on the committee that formulated the plan and looks forward to the completion of this 2-year commitment. He will return to Albany for a meeting on initial input from the USDE on October 5, 2017.

*Superintendent*

Mr. Dailey shared a link to view some pictures from the student parking lot painting project.

The artwork is amazing and the Board is encouraged to stop and check it out.

Mr. Burk will be recognized and honored at the Genesee Valley School Board Association's Al Hawk Dinner for his years of service to the School Board. The event will take place on September 21, 2017.

Board Members and employees are eligible to participate in the Flu Clinic scheduled for September 28, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 AM in the High School Auditorium and 2:30-4:30 PM in the Middle School Auditorium.

A big thank you was extended to Mrs. Diane Bonarigo who did an amazing job filling in at the High School. We cannot thank her enough for her professionalism and grit to get the High School open and running well. She is truly outstanding.

Mr. Burk reported that the NYS School Boards' Association is developing statewide and national awards. He is not only active with NYSSBA, but also has been re-elected to the Genesee Valley School Board Association and the Genesee Valley School Board Institute, undertaking a renewal with training sessions for staff and Board of Education Members. Publication of a newsletter is underway which will highlight those who serve the needs of school districts across the State of New York.

*State Awards and  
State Newsletter*

**Motion made by** Mrs. Tomidy, seconded by Mr. Cecere to enter into Executive Session at **7:20 PM** to discuss 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.

**Executive  
Session**

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

**Motion made by** Mr. Cecere, seconded by Mrs. Tomidy to return to public session at **7:56 PM**.

**Return to  
Public Session**

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

**Motion made by** Mrs. Tomidy, seconded by Ms. Murphy to adjourn at **7:57 PM**.

**Adjournment**

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 (Bromley)**  
**Motion carried. [6-0]**

Respectfully submitted,



Scott C. Rozanski, Clerk  
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