

The **Regular Meeting** of the Batavia City School District Board of Education was called to order on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017** at **6:31 PM** in the Jackson Primary Library Media Center, 411 S. Jackson Street, Batavia, NY by Board President, Patrick Burk.

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

**Members Absent:** Shawna Murphy

**Others Present:** Christopher J. Dailey, Superintendent; Scott C. Rozanski, Business Administrator/Clerk; Roberta Norton, Assistant Clerk to the Board; Paul Kesler, Principal; Kia Evans, Principal; Nicholas Bestine, Vice-President, Batavia Teachers' Association; Courtney Marsh, Christine Bow, Jane Haggett, Kelly Radley, Mallory Flynn, Jerry Sloan, Aimee Nelson, Rachel Shay, Nicholas Burk, Jessica Torrey, Jasmine Barber, Mike Marsh, Joann Plath, David Plath, Shannon Plath, Chris Plath, Amanda Cook, Jeff Cook, Linda DelPlato, Aaron Sherman, Carne and John Lawrence, Sophia and Jack Lawrence, Mary Valle, Passiona McConnell, Khamarrah McConnell, JeKylla Culver, Jerika Barber; Jim Krencik, *The Daily News*, and Kathie Scott, District Public Relations Coordinator; Kristopher Kautz, Security.

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

#### **Presentations**

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

Outstanding Student Awards were presented to Khamarrah McConnell for being so helpful to others and for her improved growth in attendance and responsibility, Aubree Plath for her kindness, being a quiet classroom leader, and for her positive disposition, and Sophia Lawrence for seeing that no one is left out in the classroom during activities and discussing what it feels like to be left out by peers to make them aware.

Several staff members were also recognized by the Board for their continued support and dedication throughout the District and community. Jane Haggett developed an incredible musical performance by our band students in a Veterans' Day assembly. This event created awareness to our students of all that our Veterans do day in and day out. Also recognized was Coach Aaron Sherman for his genuine care and concern for our athletes. Coach Sherman treats each child as someone special and never loses sight of the real reason he coaches. While making a difference in the lives of our athletes, he also informs parents of their children's athletic ability and keeps them informed of upcoming events and competitions. Nicholas Burk went above and beyond to prepare lighting and sound for the Area All State Music Festival, and arrange equipment on stage properly for the performing ensembles. Courtney Marsh, nominated by Mr. Kesler, organized the John Kennedy Color Run that raised over \$4,000.00 for our students. This event could not have occurred without her vision and leadership to make it a success.

##### **Jackson Primary Update – Mrs. Evans and Ms. Radley**

Staff members Mallory Flynn, Jessica Torrey and Jerry Sloan assisted Mrs. Evans and Ms. Radley with the Jackson Primary update. Descriptions of classroom activities and program implemented were explained. The focus for Jackson is to raise levels from 1's and 2's to at least Level 3's for borderline students in preparation for the NYS Assessments utilizing STEAM. Activities in math and science begin at an early grade level and provide students with the necessary services and curriculum. Mrs. Evans reviewed her Building Goals with the Board.

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge to Flag**

**Presentations**  
*BOE Awards*

*BMS Update*

**Sr. Class Trip Proposal – Mrs. Shay and Miss Lullo**

With the aid of seniors Board Student Ex-Officio, Miss Lullo, and Jasmin Barber, Mrs. Shay presented two Sr. Class Trip proposals to the Board for consideration. The Senior Class members are undecided at this time of which trip they prefer. Once the Senior Class survey results are reviewed, a more defined itinerary will be available based on the majority vote. The two trip proposals include Philadelphia, PA and Cleveland, OH. The itinerary for both trips provide educational events, along with down time for relaxing and being together. The selected trip dates are June 8-11, 2018.

*Ice Devils Trip*

**Motion made by** Mrs. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Cecere, to approve both trip proposals, one for Philadelphia, PA and the other for Cleveland, OH, with a final decision pending the Sr. Class Survey results.

**Trip Approval**

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

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

**Agenda  
Alterations**

**ADD:** D. Appointments

1. Amanda L. Cook, 4-year Probationary Elementary Principal [JK/Kesler], effective December 29, 2017; salary according to the Batavia Administrators' Agreement - \$96,500.00

H. 2017-18 Tax Bill Correction

Renumber accordingly

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

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

**Consent  
Items**

A. CSE Reports: 11/3/17; 11/7/17; 11/8/17; 11/9/17; 11/14/17; 11/17/17; IEP Amendment without a meeting (5)

**CSE Mins.**

B. CPSE Reports: 11/6/17; 11/27/17

**CPSE Mins.  
Resignations**

C. Resignations

1. Nicholas Romano, Special Education Teacher [JA], effective November 20, 2017
2. Richard W. Ganino, Assistant Director of Facilities III, effective December 31, 2017 (to accept the position of Director of Facilities III)

*N. Romano  
R. Ganino*

D. Appointments

**Appointments**

1. Amanda L. Cook, 4-year Probationary Elementary Principal [JK/Kesler], effective December 29, 2017; salary according to the Batavia Administrators' Agreement - \$96,500.00
2. Jodie E. Kinsey, Long-term Substitute Special Education Teacher [JA/Romano], effective November 27, 2017 through December 21, 2017; salary according to the Batavia Substitute Teachers' Agreement - \$105.00/day
3. Karen M. Cima, Long-term Substitute Elementary Teacher [JA/Torrey], effective on or about December 7, 2017 through date to be determined; salary according to the Batavia Substitute Teachers' Agreement for Retired Teachers - \$275.00/day

*A. Cook*

*J. Kinsey*

*K. Cima*

4. Caleb D. Orbaker, Long-term Substitute Elementary Teacher [BMS/Gr. 5-Marchewka], effective on or about January 2, 2018 through on or about March 26, 2018; salary according to the Batavia Substitute Teachers' Agreement - \$39,000.00 pro-rated at \$195.00/day	<i>C. Orbacker</i>
5. 2017-18 SOAR Program Staff, Monday-Thursday, 3:20-5:00 PM (2 hrs./day) [BHS/BMS]; Salary according to the Batavia Teachers' Agreement - \$30.00/hr. teaching; \$35.00/hr. staff development – Karen Mosgeller, Kelly Fix Clarify Teacher Aides (paid at their contractual rate) – Valerie Stevens, Susan Buckley	<i>SOAR Program Staff</i>  <i>Clarify Teacher Aides</i>
6. Other Schedule "C" – Extended Day WIN Program staff [BMS/BHS]; \$30.00/hr. – Kristine Olsen, Elena Chmielowiec, Katherine Metzler, Jeremy Mettler	<i>Ext. Day WIN</i>
7. CHANGE STATUS (Provisional to Permanent) Richard W. Ganino, Assistant Director of Facilities III [Districtwide], effective November 29, 2017	<i>Prov. to Perm. R. Ganino</i>
8. Richard W. Ganino, Provisional Appointment as Director of Facilities III, effective January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020; salary – per contract	<i>Dir. of Fac. III R. Ganino</i>
9. Monica L. Thielemann, Internal Claims Auditor [Klein/Ciszak], effective on or about November 30, 2017; \$17.50/hr.	<i>M. Thielemann Int. Claims Aud.</i>
<b>E. Financials</b>	<b>Financials</b>
1. Warrants A-23: October 2017 Manual Checks for 10/1/17-10/31/17 A-28: A 11/22/17 Cash Disbursement for 11/10/17-11/22/17 TA-10: TA Processing 11/22/17 Payroll for 11/10/17-11/22/17 E-9: E 11/22/17 Cash Disbursement for 11/10/17-11/22/17	<i>Warrants</i>
<b>F. Contracts</b>	<b>Contracts</b>
1. Agreement for Renaissance Addiction Services, Inc. (RASI), 2017-18; \$30.00/hr.	<i>RASI</i>
<b>G. Conference Requests</b>	<b>Conferences</b>
1. Richard Ganino, Facilities Management Academy, Latham, NY, December 6-7, 2017; Total Amount: \$719.00	<i>R. Ganino</i>
<b>H. 2017-18 Tax Bill Correction – Application for Refund from 2017-18 Tax Roll</b> SWIS: #184400; SBL: 5.-1-3.1/S; Location: 5276 Seven Springs Road, Batavia, NY; Total Tax Reduction: \$643.77	<i>Tax Bill Correction</i>
<b>Yes – 6 [Bowman, Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 [Murphy]</b> <b>Motion carried. [6-0]</b>	
<b>Welcome: Amanda Cook</b> – Mr. Dailey welcomed and introduced Mrs. Cook, the new John Kennedy Intermediate Principal and thanked the Board Members who served on the interview team.	<b>Welcome Mrs. Cook</b>
<b>Motion made by Mrs. Tomidy</b> , seconded by Mr. Cecere to renew membership in the NYS Association of Small City School Districts, Inc. for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$7,750.00. <b>Yes – 6 [Bowman, Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 [Murphy]</b> <b>Motion carried. [6-0]</b>	<b>NYSASCSD Membership Renewal</b>
<b>Motion made by Mr. Cecere</b> , seconded by Mrs. Bowman to accept the Legal Service Request for Proposal, effective January 1, 2018 as follows: General (prime) and Special Education – Ferrara Fiorenza PC Special Education – Harris Beach PLLC Bond Counsel – Hodgson Russ LLP	<b>Legal Service RPF</b>

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

## **Reports**

### **Audit – Mr. Rozanski**

The Audit Committee meet to discuss the additional Veterans' Exemptions for assessment reductions which will become effective with the 2018-19 school year. More information will follow as it becomes available.

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

- Music Concerts: Batavia Middle School Wednesday; John Kennedy Thursday
- The High School Drama Club is presenting Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone this weekend. All are encouraged to attend.
- This Saturday, the ACT's will be given at Genesee Community College. Next Wednesday there is a 5-hr. Pre-Licensing Course being offered at Batavia High School
- On 12/13/17 from 4-11 PM, the Sr. Class is doing a fundraiser at Denny's Restaurant to support the 100 Days to Graduation and the Sr. Prom
- NYS School Music Association Festival is being held on 12/17/17
- For sports – Varsity Basketball has its home opener this Friday, along with Indoor Track; Wrestling Tournament is being held Saturday here at the High School

### **Superintendent – Mr. Dailey**

Mr. Dailey reported on the following:

The NYSPHSAA approved the District's appeal and will allow our combined wrestling team with Attica to compete together in sectionals! Mr. Bromley did a great job working with the Attica AD throughout this process. This result is what is best for kids!!!

Mr. Dailey attended the Rural Schools Winter Conference at Wayne Fingerlakes BOCES today. This was a very powerful Professional Development on goal setting, Adult Ed, learning networks, STEAM, and innovative collaboration.

STEAM activities were held at John Kennedy on Thursday. The High School robotics class worked with the students all day. It was powerful to observe!

Batavia Middle School Concert is tomorrow night at 7pm for 5/6 Band, Orchestra and Chorus and the John Kennedy Grade 3 chorus concert is at 6:30 PM; Grade 4 at 7:30 PM Thursday.

December 9 is Breakfast with Santa at Jackson Primary.

Mr. Dailey met with other Genesee County Superintendents and Senator Ranzenhoffer on Monday. They discussed many issues and State Aid. The Senator is a strong advocate for our district and region.

Budget meetings with Principals and Department Chairs are underway. Mr. Rozanski is doing a great job preparing a draft of the budget when we meet with individuals.

## **Reports**

### *Audit*

### *Student Ex-Officio*

### *Superintendent*

**Other – Mr. Burk**

Mr. Burk reminded members of the Effective Communications Training, a guide to help equip board members and staff with effective tools and skills for communicating both internally and with the public, which will be held on Thursday, 12/7/17 from 6-8 PM at Rush-Henrietta.

*Other*

Mr. Burk received a Legislative Memo regarding funding for the Teachers' Retirement System. This proposed employer contribution rate change may totally disrupt school district budgets. Our District budgets conservatively so any major fluctuation in employer contribution rate change should not impact us.

**Other – Mr. Korzelius**

*Other*

Everyone was supportive of the social event planned last week for Middle School Staff. Mr. Grillo, Mrs. Notaro and Mr. Sutton did a good job planning the gathering to cultivate relationships among staff.

**Motion made by** Mr. Cecere, seconded by Mrs. Tomidy to enter into Executive Session at **7:19 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, and the acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of thereof.

**Executive Session**

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

**Motion made by** Mrs. Tomidy, seconded by Mr. Cecere to return to public session at **7:34 PM.**

**Return to Public Session**

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

**Motion made by** Mrs. Bowman, seconded by Mrs. Bromley, to approve the following resolutions for a donation of property at 245 Liberty Street, Batavia, NY:

**Donation of Property**  
*245 Liberty St.*

- A. Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)
- B. Resolution Issuing Negative Declaration for the Acceptance of Donation of 245 Liberty Street, Batavia, NY Property

WHEREAS, the Batavia City School District (the "District") proposes to approve a Donation Agreement to accept a donation of property located at 245 Liberty Street, SBL Number 84.019-3-6 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, no certain development plan has been proposed, but if a development plan, which could include use of the site for storage and/or access to the adjacent school were proposed in the future, it would be evaluated at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Batavia City School District and its Board of Education (the

"Board") is the "Lead Agency" and has undertaken an environmental review of this Unlisted Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA");

and

WHEREAS, the District/Board has duly considered the action, the Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining whether the action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the District/Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination under SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Batavia City School District Board of Education that:

1. The Unlisted Action of approving a Donation Agreement to accept a donation of the Property with no certain development plan at this time will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. The attached Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached Negative Declaration.
3. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to sign and file all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.
- C. State Environmental Quality Review Negative Declaration Notice of Determination of Non-Significance
- D. Resolution to Accept Donation of Property

WHEREAS, the Batavia City School District (the "District") desires to accept the donation of a parcel of improved real property located at 245 Liberty Street, Batavia, New York (SBL Number 84.019-3-6) (the "Property") from K. B. J. Holding Company Inc. pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain Donation Agreement (the "Donation Agreement") presented to the Board of Education (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act

("SEQRA"), the Board has conducted a review of the proposed action of accepting the donation of the Property with no certain development plan currently specified, and such review resulted in the issuance of a Negative Declaration determining the action of accepting the donation of the Property will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, which satisfies the Board's responsibility under SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Batavia City School District Board of Education that:

1. The Board hereby approves the Donation Agreement, in the form presented, for the receipt of the donation of the Property; and
2. The Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute and deliver the Donation Agreement and related transactional documents in substantially the form

presented to this Board (with such non-material amendments, additions, curatives, or alterations as may be determined appropriate by the District's legal counsel); and

3. The Board instructs the Superintendent and other appropriate District officials to proceed with the implementation of all steps reasonably necessary and appropriate to allow for the District's performance of the Donation Agreement and the receipt of the donation of the Property.

E. Donation Agreement

**Yes – 6 [Bowman, Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Korzelius, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 1 [Murphy]**

**Motion carried. [6-0]**

**Motion made by** Mrs. Tomidy, seconded by Mrs. Bromley to adjourn the meeting at **7:36 PM.** **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,



Scott C. Rozanski, Clerk  
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