

The **Special Meeting** of the Batavia City School District Board of Education was called to order on **Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM** in the District Administration Conference Room, 260 State Street, Batavia, NY by Board President, Patrick Burk.

Call to Order

Members Present: Tanni Bromley, Patrick Burk, Peter Cecere, Shawna Murphy, Karen Tomidy, Michal Lullo, Ex-Officio Student Representative

Roll Call

Members Absent: Barbara Bowman, Zachary Korzelius

Others Present: Christopher J. Dailey, Superintendent; Scott C. Rozanski, Business Administrator/Clerk; Roberta Norton, Assistant Clerk to the Board; Molly Corey, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Ashley Grillo, Principal; Jim Jacobs, Director of Facilities III; Richard Ganino, Assistant Director of Facilities; Nathan Korzelius, Assistant Principal; Nicholas Bestine, Vice-President, Batavia Teachers' Association; Marco Marascio, James Fazio, Lauren Leone, Nick Neid, Sean Krauss, Tracy Conhiser-Uy, Sarah Gahagan, Lindsey Leone, Shirley Boyd, Anand Patel, Kiara Cherry, Nicholas Burk, Laura Lama, Lori Reinhart, Maiya Reinhart, Caryn Wood, Eric Wood, Brianna Bromley, Mark Janes, Rich Stefaniak, Katie Ange, Tayler Stefaniak, Anne Kleinbach, Ryann Stefaniak, Mackenzie Reigle; Jim Krencik, *The Daily News*, and Kathie Scott, District Public Relations Coordinator; Nicholas Burk, Security

Mr. Burk welcomed those present to the meeting, wished everyone a happy holiday and happy new year and led the pledge to the flag.

Pledge to Flag

Presentations

Presentations

Board of Education Awards – Mr. Burk

BOE Awards

Shirley Boyd was presented an Outstanding Staff Award for taking on additional responsibilities that are not required of her and for her patience and receptiveness to the needs of all students. She is more than willing to assist teachers and takes time out of her personal schedule to build relationships with students that need it most. Additional Outstanding Staff Awards were presented to Sarah Gahagan and Lindsey Leone for their hard work and dedication to making the B-Squad Program at Batavia Middle School such a success. This recognition was brought to the Boards' attention from Jill Halpin, a parent of children who attended the Middle School. Ms. Halpin commends these staff members for the motivation and life-lessons they instilled in her children. She is grateful for their support over the years.

A Proclamation was read and presented to the Batavia High School Drama Club Members in recognition of their spectacular performance of *Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone* held on December 1, 2 and 3, 2017. The Board commends these individuals for their talents to put forth one of the most entertaining plays presented by the BHS Drama Club. The cast and crew exceeded all expectations and brought laughter, jest and extreme entertainment to the audience. Mrs. Wood and her staff did a fantastic job to bring such entertainment to our district and community.

Indoor Track Trip Proposal – Mr. Burk

*Indoor Track
Trip*

Coach Burk and athletes from the Varsity Indoor Track Team presented their trip proposal for the Marine Corps Classic Invitational held in New York City on December 28-29, 2017. Participation in this event would give our highest level athletes an opportunity to compete at a world class facility and to potentially qualify them for meets later in the season. Teammates will have to work cooperatively and commit to reaching high levels of athletic competitiveness at this invitational. Coaches will provide transportation with their personal vehicle and the school district van. Hotel and bus fees will be covered by the students and sports boosters.

Motion made by Mrs. Bromley, seconded by Ms. Murphy, to approve the Varsity Indoor Track Team trip request to New York City, December 28-29, 2017, as presented.

Yes – 5 [Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Tomidy] **No – 0** **Absent – 2** [Bowman, Korzelius]

Motion carried. [5-0]

Trip Approval

Varsity Softball 2018 Myrtle Beach Spring Training Trip – Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Janes

Coach Fazio, Assistant Coach Mark Janes, and parent Mrs. Reinhart, along with the support of several softball team members, presented their trip request to attend the 2018 Myrtle Beach Spring Training event, March 30, 2018 through April 5, 2018, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. An estimated 16-member team with chaperones would travel to compete against other teams throughout the state. This would give athletes an earlier than normal practice opportunity as they prepare for the 2018 season. Mrs. Reinhart explained the cost per student, fundraising efforts to assist with expenses, and insurance coverage. No player who puts forth fundraising efforts would be left behind due to the inability pay. Sports Boosters would assist financially, if needed. As of now, 3 games and 2 scrimmages are planned, with the ability to add additional competitions if desired, increasing the performance prior to the beginning of our high school season. Each athlete would be responsible to get themselves down south to the events, however, parents are already signing up to be drivers.

Softball Trip

Motion made by Mr. Cecere, seconded by Mrs. Tomidy, to approve the Softball Team trip request to Myrtle Beach, SC, March 30, 2018 through April 5, 2018, as presented.

Yes – 5 [Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Tomidy] **No – 0** **Absent – 2** [Bowman, Korzelius]

Motion carried. [5-0]

Trip Approval

Financial Summary Report – Mr. Rozanski

Mr. Rozanski summarized the financial comparisons of October 2016 to October 2017.

Financial Rpt.

Capital Project Update – Campus Construction/Wendel Architectural

Marco Morascio, Project Manager, and Tracy Conhiser-Uy, Architect, provided an update on the 2020 Vision Capital Project. A preliminary construction phasing schedule was shared, with an anticipated project commencement date of October 2018. District is awaiting NYS Education Department project approval which could impact the commencement date. Concern over disruption to usage during the auditorium renovations was expressed, however, all work will be contained within the construction area and not all buildings will begin renovations at the same time. This will allow for usage at other district auditoriums during the construction stage. Athletic events were another concern; Mr. Bromley is developing alternate site locations for competitions. Alternating shifts during site-work is also an option to lessen interruption of instruction. The playground at Robert Morris will be reduced in size but the new location will make for a safer recreational area. Mr. Dailey commended these individuals and companies for their utmost attention to detail and concern for our students. Both companies have done an outstanding job thus far.

Cap Proj Update

BHS Advanced Placement Course Proposals, 2018-19 – Mr. Korzelius, Mr. Krauss

The High School Administration would like to add three additional course offerings in Fall, 2018. These courses include Advanced Robotics, AP Music Theory, and AP Language and Composition. A description of each course was given. Offering these additional courses would not only enhance students' learning but would provide stronger writing and reading levels in the senior level literature course.

Course Proposals

Motion made by Mrs. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Cecere, to approve the proposed Batavia High School Advanced Placement Courses, as presented.

Yes – 5 [Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Tomidy] **No – 0** **Absent – 2** [Bowman, Korzelius]
Motion carried. [5-0]

Course Approval

BHS Student Parking Lot Update – Mr. Korzelius, Miss Lullo

On behalf of the Senior Class, Miss Lullo thanked the Board for allowing this fundraising event to take place. A profit of \$795.00 will support end-of-year activities for the graduating class. There were only a few minor issues, minimal garbage left behind by painters and parking for soccer events, but they were resolved immediately. Miss Lullo proposed that, if approved for next year, more time be allowed for painting. Some students came in to work on their own time, outside of the set window, just to finish their artwork. They were very respectful and cleanup up after themselves. Options to increase profits in the future may involve the National Art Honor Society and the painting of teacher parking spaces. Having assigned spaces in the student lot worked very well and the paint used has been holding up good. Although the amount of vehicles could vary by year, consideration for the Junior Class to participate was discussed. Mr. Korzelius stated that no student discipline issues transpired from this fundraiser. Students were well-organized and helped each other throughout the project.

Parking Lot Update

Reports

Safety Committee – Mr. Jacobs

As his final report to the Board (prior to retirement), Mr. Jacobs reported on the following:
Active shooter training at safety conferences.

Security Monitors – door alarms now show up on security phones.

Student representation now on the Safety Committee. Mr. Kesler will talk with the student safety committee member and include student expectations into the handbook.

Safe Zones in classrooms.

Changes for drills districtwide to include 4 lock down drills and 8 fire drills. Navigate Prepared is in place and he has been working with officials to coordinate devices during emergencies.

Lockdown drills should be scheduled in AM/PM to accommodate BOCES/GVEP students.

Mr. Jacobs thanked the Board for the confidence they had in him and for their support over his time in the District. Mr. Burk and Mr. Dailey commended him for his dedication and years of service.

Reports
Safety

Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Dailey

Several other outside agencies have been looking at Robert Morris to possibly rent space. The parcel of property adjacent to Jackson Primary should be closing in the next week. Again, a huge thank you to Campus Construction and Wendel for their input and expertise in preparing for our 2020 Vision Capital Project.

Bldgs. & Grnds.

Student Ex-Officio – Miss Lullo

The Middle School Winter Concert will be held at the High School tonight at 7 PM.

There is a Photography Show and Sale occurring in the High School Library. Eian Windham's photographs are on display and available for purchase. Stop in tonight after the concert to see his great work and make a purchase.

Batavia Middle School new policy - All doors will now be locked at 4 PM. Attendance office doors will be open for events already underway with restricted access to the gym area.

Student Ex-Offi.

The Batavia High School Blood Drive went well. There were so many donors that some had to be turned away because of time allotted.

The girls basketball team lost their winning streak last night sadly and have moved to 5-1.

Miss Lullo wished everyone a happy holiday and provided goodies bags for Board members.

Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Dr. Corey

C & I

A new plan of instruction has been developed by the Literacy Committee that includes Writing Benchmarks at all grade levels, K-12. Also, English Language Arts and Social Studies teachers for 10th grade have combined to focus on an Animal Farm Unit with the Russian Revolution, common writing prompts, and a common rubric. Teachers are witnessing deeper student understanding/connection which have led to increased expectations in both subject areas.

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) now implement Peace/Academic Circles. These circles are a good tool to use to improve academics. Family engagement workshops are offered districtwide to create positive, collaborative opportunities to involve all family members in their child's learning process. Including dads into the program and notifying them first of any situations with their child has shown improved participation in their son/daughter's education. They are glad to be informed and willing to participate.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Dailey

Superintendent

Mr. Dailey reported on the following:

We had an outstanding Winter Concert at BHS last evening. Our students and staff do a great job entertaining our families.

I am on the Board of Directors for the Business Education Alliance and attended the Annual Winter Breakfast Meeting Friday morning at Terry Hills. We learned about opportunities in the emergency response field for our students now and in the future.

Mrs. Amanda Cook spent the afternoon at JK on Tuesday last week and today in the morning with Mr. Kesler. I am very excited to get her here permanently!

Mr. Rozanski, Dr. Corey and myself met with GVEP leadership on Wednesday to go over budget needs for next year. They are a great group to work with and the collaboration is phenomenal.

I am on the Rural Schools Association Summer Conference Planning Committee that met Thursday in LeRoy at the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership. It is exciting to help develop powerful professional development opportunities for school districts like us.

We signed the documents on the land next to Jackson Friday. We will learn shortly when it is officially closed.

SUNY Geneseo came to surprise one of our seniors with their acceptance letter for early decision admissions for next year. The ceremony was held in the High School Library with her family. Geneseo's head of admissions and mascot were there, too. It was AWESOME!

As a 1993 graduate of SUNY Geneseo, it was a pretty cool moment in time!

Eleven Batavia students succeeded in making the cut for NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Area All-state Ensembles. Students are selected based on their proficiency in a graded audition, competing against many other highly talented students. Eryn Dunn and Elise Hoerbelt (Senior High Treble Choir), Ariana Frias (Junior High Mixed Chorus), Maggie Andersen (Senior High Orchestra), Madison Hoerbelt (Senior High Treble Choir), Cameron Bontrager (Senior High Mixed Chorus), Karissa Kesler (Senior High Treble Choir), Mary Murphy (Senior High Band), Adeena Reidel (Senior High Band), Lydia Geiger (Senior High Band), and Ian Harmon (Junior High Mixed Chorus). Madison Hoerbelt and Eryn Dunn also performed in the Treble Choir at the NYSSMA Conference All State Music Festival.

NYS Scholar Athlete: 8 of 10 fall teams received recognition with all teams having individuals recognized.

Break begins this Friday, with staff and students returning to classes on Tuesday, January 2.

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

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

ADD: D. Retirement

1. Alice E. Franck, Secretary [JA], effective March 2, 2018.

Renumber accordingly

Yes – 5 [Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Bowman, Korzelius]

Motion carried. [5-0]

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-J as altered.

- A. Board of Education Minutes – 11/14/17
- B. CSE Reports: 11/28/17; 12/1/17 (8); 12/7/17 (2); 12/12/17 (2); IEP Amendment without a meeting – 12/1/17, 12/5/17, 12/13/17
- C. Retirement
 1. Alice E. Franck, Secretary [JA], effective March 2, 2018, with appreciation for 22.5 years of service
- D. Resignations
 1. Bonnie Klein, Teacher Aide [JK], effective December 31, 2017
 1. Katy Mest, Long-term Part-time Teacher Aide [JA], effective December 12, 2017
- E. Leave of Absence
 1. Bridget Bertoldo, English Language Arts Teacher [BMS], Family Medical Leave, effective December 12, 2017 through *date to be determined* (estimated 6-8 weeks)
 2. Mary McCabe-Skelton, Teacher Aide [BMS], Family Medical Leave, effective November 27, 2017 through December 12, 2017
 3. Jillian Messina, Food Service Helper [BMS], Medical Leave of Absence, effective December 14, 2017 through *date to be determined*
- F. Appointments
 1. Meghan P. Ellingsworth, 4-year Probationary Special Education Teacher [JA/Romano], effective January 29, 2018; salary according to the Batavia Teachers' Agreement - \$48,000.00 plus grad hours (upon submission of official transcript)
 2. Other Schedule "C" – Extended Day (Writing Academy) [JK]; Retroactive to December 11, 2017; \$30.00/hr. – Lynn Grant
 3. Diane Catino, Substitute Food Service Helper, per-diem, effective on or about January 2, 2018; Salary according to the Nutritional Services Agreement - \$10.40/hr.
 4. 2017-18 Substitute Teachers/Retirees/Aides/Nurses/Clerical List Additions [Bd. Book only]
- G. Financials
 1. Clerk's Report – October 2017
 2. Treasurer's Report – October 2017
 3. Budget Transfers – October 2017

Public Heard

Agenda Alterations

Consent Items

Board Mins. CSE Mins.

Retirement
A. Franck

Resignations
B. Klein

K. Mest
Leave of Abs.
B. Bertoldo

M. McCabe-Skelton
J. Messina

Appointments
M. Ellingsworth

Ext. Day [JK]

D. Catino

Sub List

Financials
Clerk's Report
Treasurer's Rpt.
Budget Transfers

4. Warrants
A-30: A 12/8/17 Cash Disbursement for 11/23/17-12/8/17
E-10: E 12/8/17 Cash Disbursement for 11/23/17-12/8/17
TA-11: TA Processing 12/8/17 Payroll for 11/23/17-12/8/17
- H. Contracts
1. REVISED (Cost only/includes 1:1 aide) Agreement with Oakfield-Alabama Central Schools, 12:1:1; \$44,888.00
2. REVISED (Cost only/includes 1:1 aide) Agreement with Byron-Bergen Central Schools, 12:1:1; \$54,939.00 plus 1:1 aide salary of \$15,971.00; Total: \$70,910.00
- I. Conference Requests
1. Christopher J. Dailey, NYS Council of School Superintendent Winter Institute and Lobby Day, March 4-6, 2018, Albany, NY; Total \$1,299.00
2. Juanita Henry, Teacher Centers' Fall Focus, January 22-24, 2018, Denver, CO; Total \$2,119.00
- J. Surplus Goods and Equipment
1. Auctions International – various items; Total bids received: \$984.00

Warrants

Contracts
O-A SpEd

REVISED
BB SpEd

Conferences
C. Dailey

J. Henry

Surplus Goods
Auctions Intl.

Title	Current Bid	High Bidder	Sales Status	Counter Offer	Commis-sion	Net Estimate	Auction ID
(41) Computers Room Chairs with Coasters	\$25.00	GGCC	Approved		0.00%	\$25.00	12794
Kaivac Bathroom Cleaner	\$25.00	imgonnaownit	Approved		0.00%	\$25.00	12794
(79) Folding Metal Chairs	\$270.00	siefert	Approved		0.00%	\$270.00	12794
(54) Student Combination Desks			No Sale		0.00%		12794
Beverage Air Reach in Cooler	\$152.00	rstedman87	Approved		0.00%	\$152.00	12794
Daktronics Scoreboard	\$26.00	Snowmobile-670	Approved		0.00%	\$26.00	12794
Waiting Area Couch & (3) Chairs	\$26.00	daryl361	Approved		0.00%	\$26.00	12794
Workbench	\$160.00	98newyork	Approved		0.00%	\$160.00	12794
Porter Cable Pocket Cutter	\$300.00	wfish4000	Approved		0.00%	\$300.00	12794

Yes – 5 [Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Bowman, Korzelius]
Motion carried. [5-0]

Motion made by Mrs. Tomidy, seconded by Mrs. Bromley to enter into Executive Session at **7:39 PM** to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, and 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 – 5 [Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Bowman, Korzelius]
Motion carried. [5-0]

Motion made by Mr. Cecere, seconded by Ms. Murphy to return to public session at **7:53 PM.**

Return to Public Session

Yes – 5 [Bromley, Burk, Cecere, Murphy, Tomidy] No – 0 Absent – 2 [Bowman, Korzelius]
Motion carried. [5-0]

Motion made by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Cecere to adjourn the meeting at **7:54 PM.**

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Scott C. Rozanski, Clerk
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