

Herkimer BOCES Board of Education

Special Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2020

The meeting was live-streamed with public access via the Herkimer BOCES website.

Members Present

Thomas Shypski, President
Daniel Voce, Vice President
Michael Clements
Ronald Loiacono
Janine Lynch
William Miller
Jane North
James Schmid

Absent

Linda Tharp

Others Present

Sandra Sherwood, District Superintendent
Shawn Maxson, Clerk

President Shypski called the meeting to order at 6:16pm. Shawn Maxson, Board Clerk, conducted roll call. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the BOCES Annual Meeting, which preceded the April 2 regular meeting.

The Board reviewed the agenda as presented.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Authorization to Continue to Pay Essential Staff

Mrs. Sherwood presented the authorization to continue to pay essential staff for the Board's consideration. She explained that this action is needed in order to continue providing necessary services and support to the fullest extent possible consistent with the Governor's Executive Order during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Schmid seconded a motion resolving that the primary objective of the Herkimer BOCES during this period of a State-declared public health emergency is to continue to provide necessary services and support to school districts to the fullest extent possible consistent with the Governor's Executive Order No. 202.4 and its subsequent related Executive Orders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to direct, assign, and compensate the BOCES staff as necessary to meet this objective, including the authorization to compensate the BOCES staff for work performed from home or other remote locations during the period of declared public health emergency.

All voted in favor; motion carried 8:0.

Remington Purchase Agreement Amendment

Mrs. Sherwood explained that since the BOCES vote to purchase the Remington building has been postponed, a new agreement with Central Valley CSD needs to be signed to extend the time by which the vote must occur.

Mr. Schmid moved and Mr. Voce seconded a motion hereby adopting the addendum of the Purchase and Sale Contract for the Remington Building, extending the time by which any BOCES vote must occur to November 30, 2020, and authorizes District Superintendent Sherwood to execute said Agreement. [Material filed in the supplemental file dated 4/2/20.]
All voted in favor; motion carried 8:0.

The discussion that followed included the vote to purchase the Remington building and budget implications due to the financial issues resulting from the public health emergency.

Mr. Voce concluded the meeting by thanking Mrs. Sherwood for all her efforts and support to the component districts during the coronavirus pandemic. Other Board members concurred with this sentiment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Voce moved and Mrs. North seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm. All voted in favor; motion carried 8:0.

Shawn Maxson
Board Clerk