

Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 2019

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Members present

Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Account for Absences

Joe Alati, Amy West

2. Proposed Executive Session, subject to Board Approval

Action, Discussion, Information: A. It is anticipated that the Board will act upon a resolution to convene an executive session for discussions regarding probationary employment of particular teachers and administrators, as well as to discuss review current negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

3. Return to Public Session

Procedural: A. Return to Public Session

4. Approval of Agenda

Action: A. Approve Tonight's Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

5. Approval of Consensus Agenda Items

Action (Consent): A. MOTION for Approval of Consensus Agenda Items

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Action (Consent), Minutes: B. Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Action (Consent): C. Personnel Appointments

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Action (Consent): D. CSE and CPSE Recommendations

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

6. Public Comment

Information, Procedural: A. Public May Address the Board of Education
There were no comments from the audience.

7. Board President's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Remarks

8. Student Board Representative's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Student Board Representative's Remarks
Jackson Wicks reported that this year's Hockey team has several young students.

9. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Announcements - Capital Project Update

Discussion, Information: B. Superintendent's Report/Update on Proposed Action Items
Superintendent Mancuso presented his report and shared powerpoint slides highlighting items including but not limited to:

- Grandparents Day-March 29th
- Kindergarten Registration at Lima Town Hall - 128 students fully registered
- Manor PTA Pizza and Bingo Night 4/5 (Mrs. Lupisella reported that she was excited to use a new electronic bingo board that was gifted to her!)
- Odyssey of the Mind Teams from Manor and Middle Schools competed at the State level, earning top placements
- Manor is well underway with capital project construction
- History Day event at Middle School
- State Testing at both Manor and Middle Schools is underway today and will continue tomorrow
- Women Leading Business Conference at RIT 4/3
- HF-L Students at the ROC2 Change Event 3/29 - students also earned service credit
- The high school parking lot will be under construction for most of the remainder of the capital project
- The Schoology Parent-Portal test has been very positive thus far - at least one board member is taking part in the pilot program
- Collaboration time, work on assessments, staff health, food trucks and more are scheduled for staff development day on Friday, 4/12
- Architects will be presenting at a meeting in May regarding the capital project

Discussion, Information: C. Presentations

10. Board of Education - Action Items

Action: A. Approval of Proposed 2019-20 School Budget

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Dr. Bruce Capron presented the Proposed 2019-20 School Budget

- Appropriations and revenue are balanced in the budget proposals this evening
- Tax cap limit and use of operating reserves were highlighted

Dr. Capron highlighted incremental revenue shifts since 2015-16 moving forward to 2019-20.

Q - 2017-18 - There was a lower CPI this year

Superintendent Mancuso detailed the trends in upstate NY and how this impacts the budget overall.

Dr. Capron highlighted the initial gaps that were realized after aid figures were released from the state and recommendations were heard from the buildings and PBAC. There was also feedback during the board's budget workshop last Tuesday, April 2, where priorities were set even further.

Dr. Capron clarified the budget strategies leading to the balancing of the budget and recommendations being brought forward to the board this evening.

All slides will be duly maintained in the BoardDocs packet, should the Board of Education approve the draft budget presented to them this evening.

Voter propositions were placed in front of the Board for final consideration.

The board thanked the administration for their diligent work, realizing that reductions are never easy. Superintendent Mancuso echoed that enrollment is down the last ten years by 460 students and some teacher shifts have also occurred. As always, the District seeks to maximize its state aid and understand if the staff to student ratio is where it should be.

The school bus proposition was also highlighted before action was taken. This is in line with the long-range purchase plan, which will be a mix of large and small buses. It was clarified that the dollar figure is also embedded in the overall budget figures, however it needs to be voted on separately due to financing options that need to be made

available to the District, if needed. It was clarified that it is not the intent of the District to borrow funds for financing, but authorization must be sought to borrow, if needed.

Motion to approve the Proposed 2019-20 School Budget, as presented.

Motion by Larry Young, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidui

Action: B. Approval of Property Tax Report Card

It was noted that this form is required by state law and must be submitted in the state's online portal. This also includes the District's reserve amounts.

Motion to approve the Property Tax Report Card, as presented.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidui

Action: C. Approval of Revised Legal Notice for budget vote/information meeting

Motion to approve the Revised Legal Notice for budget vote/information meeting, as presented.

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidui

Action: D. Appointment of Chairperson and Inspectors for Budget Referendum

Appreciate willingness.

Motion to approve the Appointment of Chairperson and Inspectors for Budget Referendum, as presented.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Stephanie Templeton.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidui

11. Board President's Update

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Update

12. Board of Education - Review Only Items

Discussion, Information: A. Contract for Health Services - Avon CSD

Discussion, Information: B. First Review BOCES Administrative Budget

Dr. Capron highlighted areas of service.

Blankets of service are divided by enrollment figures and proportions to programs. These figures are in the Central Office budget. Increase in healthcare costs

Discussion, Information: C. Solar Tax Exemption Request

Ambulance facility on Rts 5 & 20.

Details are highlighted in the background statement.

Solar tax exemptions were approved by the HF-L Board of Education last year, to be reviewed on a case by case basis. If the board is interested, the attorney will draft a PILOT agreement between the two municipalities. With the ambulance, fire department and other sharing partnership opportunities, this is something the Village of Lima is requesting.

The school's attorney would draft a PILOT agreement to exempt the solar equipment and maintain the exemption on the land. The board was in agreement to proceed with drafting an agreement. Action will be requested at a future meeting.

Discussion, Information: D. Board Committee Updates

Sports Updates - Brian Donohue provided a brief update of how spring sports are progressing and addressed the coming together of the community in times of crisis.

Legislative Meeting - Mancuso & Ross attended and realized that many districts are deficit spending.

ILC Meeting - S. Templeton attended and indicated that things are moving along. Majority of the meeting was making sure that the assessments are in alignment with the standards.

Discussion, Information: E. Continued Review Board Procedures Manual Section: Board Meetings (Share Point)

Start of the document - board members reviewed recommendations made by Board Member, Caralyn Ross.

Section 4biii5 [Conduct of Meetings]: Addition, "The Board President will request the District Clerk to add any additional potential future agenda topics to the Board's priorities list for future consideration".

Item 5, section future agenda topics

Item 6a - okay with proposed recommendations.

Board members discussed and debated changes to section 6b-6i [Executive Session]. The following action items were ultimately decided:

6e - disclosing information such as... add, "Personnel items".

6g - Disclosure of information from executive session may be grounds for, "removal from the board". Move this sentence to paragraph b re misconduct.

6i - Should be part of 6a

Section 7 [Electing Board Officers] - Should be its own subsection

Item E. - End of the documents appears to hang there - would like to strike it.

It was noted that Section 9 [Electing Board Members for a temporary term] does not appear to be related to board meetings at all and perhaps added to subsection 7, wherever that is moved to.

The Board reviewed the document through section 7. The Board Clerk will draft the proposed changes in the SharePoint in "strike through" mode for continued review at an upcoming meeting.

13. Questions from the Audience

Discussion, Information: A. Questions from the Audience

Community Member, Danny Bassette shared his thoughts on some of the language in the Boards' Code of Ethics document regarding absence.

Comments from staff and community members:

- Thanks were extended to those who had to work on budget and the due diligence process. Happy to learn that fewer items are being cut than first anticipated. Glad to hear that mental health staff are being maintained.

All in attendance echoed these sentiments.

Participation with the PBAC was suggested for staff members and guests to get involved with.

- Thanks were extended to the administration for pushing through with the Urban Suburban program. As a parent in the community, the guest in attendance expressed that they have seen the advantages in the classroom and in the community.

- Special thanks were extended to Mr. Weider and Mrs. Lupisella for their impact on students, daily.

14. Adjournment

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting 8:17pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by David Francis, second by Stephanie Templeton.

Motion Approved

Yea: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Larry Young, Dave Ghidui

15. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics

Information: A. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics