

Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 2019

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Members present

Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, David Francis (8:58pm), Caralyn Ross, Stephanie Templeton (7:13pm), Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Meeting called to order at 6:59 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

Action, Procedural: A. Call to Order
(not specified)

Motion by Amy West, second by Larry Young.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Procedural: B. Account for Absences

2. Approval of Agenda

Action: A. Approve Tonight's Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Caralyn Ross, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

3. 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 Joe Alati, second by Larry Young.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

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

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Joe Alati, second by Larry Young.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Action (Consent): C. Personnel Appointments

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Joe Alati, second by Larry Young.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Action (Consent): D. CSE & CPSE Recommendations

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Joe Alati, second by Larry Young.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

4. Public Comment

Information, Procedural: A. Public May Address the Board of Education

No public comments.

5. Board President's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Remarks

Board President Bellavia reminded members to contact Colleen Halbohn if they are interested in serving as volunteers for the upcoming Career Fair. Joe Alati indicated that he will be there. Members may also contact Carol if interested.

6. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Announcements – Capital Project Update and Project 2.5 Update

Superintendent Mancuso spoke about the bomb threat that occurred at the high school a couple of weeks back. He clarified that the Board will not receive any confidential information as they could become part of the process depending on where the proceedings go. The Superintendent described the process, the reaction by staff, and some of the things that have been learned following the response to the incident from a safety-team perspective.

S. Templeton arrived at 7:13PM

Superintendent Mancuso reminded everyone that staying inside and hidden is the best action to take. The post-incident debrief provided an opportunity to discuss things that could be done differently or better in the future. Several drills have occurred with staff members who were the least prepared to remind all of best practices.

Congratulations to the District for ranking in the Buffalo's Business First, where we placed second in the region.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Renee Williams, spoke about the Master Teacher Program supported by NYS. Teachers go through a rigorous process to become recognized as a Master Teacher. A stipend from the state follows to encourage Master Teachers to provide leadership to their peers.

Fall Weekend and Alumni Inductions were again an amazing experience by all. State Champions were recognized, the Board of Education walked in the parade as a group, the new Alumni Hall of Fame interactive board located in the high school lobby was also very well received. The songs prepared for each inductee by the music department, were again well received and appreciated.

Lima Primary Principal, Allison Cimmerer and Intermediate Principals shared their excitement in the involvement and events.

It was reported that the First Robotics Team won a cornhole tournament recently to aid in their fundraising efforts. Longtime mentor "Woody", passed away also recently, and it impacted the students deeply.

A Lock-In event will again take place being lead by Jeffrey Taccetta for an overnight gaming event.

Superintendent briefly highlighted the action items on tonight's agenda.

Campus Construction's Dave Levchuk and Bob Roberts presented the monthly report. The gentlemen reported that we are approximately halfway through the project and contingencies. The duo presented powerpoint slides to highlight areas of completion on our campuses and those that are still under construction. All reports and slides are duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet.

Superintendent Mancuso presented on the II.V capital project. He highlighted the latest meetings and a narrowing down of items of importance. Because the project is already approved by SED, and some items of urgency require immediate attention, the decision to move ahead with a community vote is being recommended.

Mike Ebertz, Mark Esposito, Sarah Bald, and others from the SEI Design Group presented detailed information about the proposed project. Their presentation materials are duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet.

Ebertz highlighted slides from their ppt presentation, describing in detail the renovations that would occur as part of this smaller II.V project.

Q - The classrooms are odd-shaped on the second floor, will they be redesigned to a more 4 equal wall traditional arrangement?
A - Perhaps. There are still discussions regarding what the final design phase will look like for these and some other areas.

Ebertz continued by discussing some of the options, including the efficient cooling of smaller spaces, as well as exhaust, etc. Changes at the Middle School were highlighted, and most are already designed from the first project, so the architectural work is complete, with very few changes needed.

Phase 2 designs include flexible lab spaces allowing functionality of the spaces.

Replacing the heating and cooling systems at the high school is a focus of the Phase II.V project. Boilers, cooling towers, chillers would be removed as the boilers are very old and very large, requiring extensive maintenance. These would be replaced with three boilers which are each about the size of a kitchen refrigerator. HVAC system would be a part of the renovations at District Office. Currently, all existing units were installed around the 1970's. Rooftop units would be utilized in the process. Some interior and exterior doors will be replaced. Cameras will also be added at the Transportation Facilities Department, as well as the motorized gate. The multi-purpose field would have a ten-pole light system installed with LED style lighting. Programmable and with aim controls for different sports.

Q - Are any of the pipes ready in preparation for lighting. A - No, there is no infrastructure in place presently. Superintendent Mancuso added that there is nothing in the way to conduct these enhancements. The wires would be buried. Bob Roberts indicated that there was no way to know at the time, where to bury wiring. There are still adjustments that may need to be made.

Mark Esposito shared the components of the \$9,786, 661 project, as highlighted in the powerpoint presentation slides. Attempts are being made to take advantage of aid in the project. Costing of the current project has been taken into consideration for the things that occurred during the first project. The market does not presently project any spikes in any one direction. The Superintendent clarified that due to the overbidding and other aspects of the current project, there has been a great amount of time spent on projecting into the future for trends, etc. The District is relying on the experts in the room who have lost in the past due to market trends. They are confident that there was much learned from the previous experience and great care and consideration have been taken when planning the II.V project.

Dr. Capron highlighted that the capital reserves will take care of the local share and the remainder would be funded through state-aid and will be fully funded by the state. The Board will be asked for approval to transfer \$150k from the unemployment insurance fund to the capital reserve fund. There will be ample time to refund the unemployment fund. There are other

operational reserves as well, and this would simply be utilizing the capital reserve plus a small amount from the unemployment insurance fund. Voter approval is required to use the capital reserves, even though there will be no tax impact on District residents.

The Phase II.V project schedule was shared and is duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet.

Superintendent Mancuso encouraged members to consider questions between now and the time to vote on the resolutions at the October 29, 2019 meeting.

Discussion, Information: B. Update on Proposed Action Items

Discussion, Information: C. Presentations - School Board Recognition Week

The Superintendent read aloud the Proclamation by the Governor, October 21-25, 2019 in celebration and support of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Board of Education for all that they do. There was a brief break to socialize and celebrate with cupcakes.

7. Board of Education - Action Items

Action: A. Health Services Contract - Child & Family Therapy Consultation Services (CAFTACS)

Motion to approve the Contract for Health Services, Child & Family Therapy Consultation Services (CAFTACS), as presented.

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Joe Alati.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Action: B. Music Therapy Services Contract - School of the Holy Childhood (9/4/19-6/25/20)

Motion to approve the Music Therapy Services Contract, School of the Holy Childhood (9/4/19-6/25/20), as presented.

Motion by Caralyn Ross, second by Carol Bellavia.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Action: C. Disposal of District Equipment - Technology Equipment

Clarification was provided that BOCES takes care of the recycling of this equipment.

Motion to approve the Disposal of District Equipment - Technology Equipment, as presented.

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

8. Board President's Update

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Update

9. Board of Education - Review Only Items

Discussion, Information: A. Health Services Contract - Mark Spezzano, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist

There were no questions on the contracts.

Discussion, Information: B. Health Services Contract - Sarah Farney Mack, Psy.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist; Certified School Psychologist

Discussion, Information: C. Speech Therapy Services Contract, Freedom to Speak

Discussion, Information: D. Consultation Services Contract, Karin Theurer-Kaufman, Ph.D.

Discussion: E. University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry - Contract Extension

Discussion, Information: F. Second Review of 2019-20 Program Budget Assumptions, Goals and Guidelines

This being the second review, there were no questions regarding the changes. This will come back to the board for approval at the next meeting on October 29, 2019.

It was noted that in a worst-case scenario, if the economy goes into recession, it will take time for state aid to diminish and adjustments would then certainly follow to our processes.

Discussion, Information: G. Capital Project II.V Review

There were no further questions on this additional opportunity to review Capital Project II.V details.

Discussion, Information: H. Updates on Committee Meetings

Member Alati attended the latest MCSBA Legislative committee meeting. Funding sources for safety and security and mental health are still the areas identified of greatest need. There are continued talks about pursuing other funding options. A subcommittee was formed to prepare two new position papers on the teacher and bus driver shortages. Priorities are foundation aid discussion, education and staff shortage and unfunded mandates. Joe announced that he plans to visit legislators in the coming weeks. Mr. Alati will meet with Mr. Funke next week, and others as well.

The 100th Annual NYSSBA Convention takes place next week. All board members, the Superintendent, and several other administrators will be in attendance with the convention taking place in Rochester this year. Dr. Capron and Director of Safety and Transportation, Bill Harvey will be among the presenters at the convention, with a co-presented session entitled, Developing

Scenario-Based Emergency Response Drills.

Members Stottler, Templeton and West, together with Dr. Bruce Capron, attended the latest Labor Relations meeting. The presenter was well-educated and offered workshops offsite.

Open Houses at each school building occurred over the last several weeks and due to a concentrated recruitment effort by board members and staff, a large number of PBAC (Program Budget Advisory Council) prospective members have shown interest in serving on the council this year.

ILC Meeting, PD Coordinator, Holly Sidebottom shared that standards coordinators shared with others about some recent units and provided Program Evaluation updates. Collaborative common assessments were also a focus, studying the phases and their focus and what the next steps are for each team. Great group of teachers and leaders on the team. Very well done.

At the most recent Sports Boosters meeting, members talked about cross country boys and girls, and girls volleyball teams doing well. There was also overall agreement that the new touch screen in the foyer is drawing a lot of attention; sports schedules will soon be added as well. Girls sectionals, Oct. 22 boys game will be away.

Member West attended the latest Music Boosters meeting. Ken Goold recently brought in an acapella group to perform at the high school auditorium.

The District Safety Committee met today. Parking at the high school has been a continued conversation. Much time is also spent talking about drills and meeting the target number of drill schedules for state requirements. There is continual learning from these drills. Capital project II.V updates and timelines were also reviewed and discussed. Police and fire departments reacquainted with the buildings last week due to new construction. A reminder that parents contact Zoe Stein and staff should contact Martha Harvey with any changes to the mass notification contact information.

Member Templeton attended the latest Art Boosters meeting. Grants for both students and teachers were highlighted, covering such things as Art show entry fees. The group brainstormed ideas for hands-on during Cougar Creations concepts. The next scheduled meeting is not until January.

Monroe County School Boards Information Exchange is tomorrow and then Labor Relations next week.

A policy committee is in the process of being scheduled. The District Clerk will re-engage the committee with options for meeting dates now that all committee members have responded.

Board members engaged in a brief discussion regarding communication via calendar invitations with regard to start times for meetings. The Superintendent suggested that he will no longer include pre-meeting start times in his Weekly Superintendent's Update, and will rely instead on the District Clerk to send calendar invitations to members to avoid any confusion.

Discussion, Information: I. Discussion of Resolutions and NYSSBA Convention, October 24 – 26, 2019

Resolution 6 - There was some frustration found with this proposal as a hearing officer would essentially have his or her hands tied with the proposed changes, and then would be bound by whatever the district's disciplinary decision are in Superintendent's Hearings. There was some discussion and debate among members about the position of the district. Superintendent Mancuso advised the board members that there is no known legislation being created on this. Therefore, HF-L will Abstain most likely.

Resolution 7 - Evaluation of programs occurs for homeschool families, currently. However, there are many questions about. No vote was agreed upon.

Resolutions 9 & 10 - These were discussed and will likely be supported.

Resolution 13 - There was consensus that this might be stepping over the line for NYSSBA to be governing.

Resolution 14 - Not enough information about unaccompanied minors here. This might apply more to downstate schools. Resources are limited. Governmental agencies are limited. Lack of funding is more the problem. That level of support no longer exists in this country. Federal legislation.

David Francis arrived at 8:58 pm

Resolution 15 - regarding parent advocates, they can suggest anything, however, the district's team decides. The resolution seems to state that legislation would enforce sanctions and participation of parent advocates at Committee on Special Education. Not intending to support - not enough information.
4 meetings and hearings.

Resolution 18 - Not sure this is NYSSBA's job.

Resolutions 19 & 20 - Members agreed that our delegate should reject both.

Resolutions 21 & on - Not recommended, and will not be challenged to approve.

Discussion, Information: J. NYSSBA Convention Session Selections

Another discussion about workshop topics will occur at the next meeting on October 29, 2019.

President Bellavia requested that if anyone walks into a session and there are three other members present, please select a different session at the NYSSBA Convention next week. Members were encouraged to provide their session selections to the

Board Clerk to update the grid and provide an organized approach to participation.

There were no further questions about the convention. Feedback regarding session attendance will be requested during upcoming meeting(s).

10. Questions from the Audience

Discussion, Information: A. Questions from the Audience

Community Member Danny Bassette suggested utilizing the Art Boosters and student talent for walls that need to be painted due to construction. Mr. Bassette shared his thoughts about teen vaping and opposition about the NYSSBA proposition decreasing the age to obtain a school bus operator's license.

A female guest inquired why there was no student representation tonight. Superintendent Mancuso responded, indicating that the students were expected this evening, therefore follow up will occur about future attendance and expectations.

11. Adjournment

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting 9:19pm

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Joe Alati.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidui

12. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics

Information: A. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics