

Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, September 10, 2019

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Members present

Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, Larry Young, Dave Ghidiu

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

Action, Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Account for Absences

2. Proposed Executive Session, subject to Board Approval

Action: A. It is anticipated that the Board will act upon a resolution to convene an executive session for discussions involving proposed, pending or current litigation 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.

3. Return to Public Session

Action, Procedural: A. Return to Public Session
Motion to return to Public Session.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, 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 Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, 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 Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action (Consent): C. Personnel Appointments
Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action (Consent): D. CSE & CPSE Recommendations
Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6. Public Comment

Information, Procedural: A. Public May Address the Board of Education
No comments.

7. Board President's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Remarks

8. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Announcements – Capital Project Update

Superintendent Mancuso reported that the flags will be flown at half-staff in observance of 9/11 tomorrow.

Superintendent Mancuso highlighted the action items on the agenda this evening.

Lima Primary Principal, Mrs. Cimmerer reported that students are full of smiles and doing great so far.

Manor School Principal, Mrs. Lupisella reported that everything is ready for the students, despite some minor construction details.

Superintendent Mancuso spoke about a breakdown in processes that occurred resulting in a student boarding a bus and being delivered to his home when he should have stayed at the Cougar Care after school program. The Program Director and Director of Transportation worked through the details to make sure and understand where the breakdowns occurred and have implemented improvements to correct future issues. While the incident was certainly unfortunate, the situation resulted positively, and it was an outstanding opening otherwise with over 160,000 interactions, involving over 2,500 students.

There will be a Monday morning highlight airing on a local news channel, featuring the District's Vidget chairs, which are meeting the needs of students with needs.

Middle School Principal, Mr. Williams shared that it has been a smooth opening, counselors and teams have been meeting and are ready to welcome students. Sixth graders are adjusting well with many having had some exposure to the middle school through siblings and visits.

The Superintendent shared a video entitled, "Excellence Lives Here", which is duly kept a part of the Superintendent's report in BoardDocs.

High School Principal, Mr. Roth also reported a smooth start, sharing kudos to Mrs. Gorley, Holly Sidebottom and the Technology team for preparing for the students. He also reported that the high school staff is happy to be back. Class meetings were positive with staff looking forward to the year ahead.

Education Law 2-d and data security has been a big change but much exposure and resources are being provided to staff and students about the changes. Class Link has provided a great avenue to share the importance of these protections. Phishing links are very prevalent in these times and the protections made available via technology, are of great assistance in protecting students and staff.

Q - A board member wondered how questions may be asked easily via a link or other avenue. Technology Director, Cindy Gorley indicated that she would look into it and also responded positively indicating that many emails with concerning information are and should continue to be turned over to the technology department and deleted, but never opened.

Among the action items covered by the Superintendent, one of community interest is the establishment of a capital project committee to study several items that were cut from the first project. The committee would review the items for consideration with alternate Tuesday meetings opposite of board meetings, resulting in a possible December budget vote, which is already approved by the State Education Department from the first process. Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Dr. Bruce Capron indicated that addressing these items now would be wise by taking advantage of the designs and approvals already prepared, approved and in place and before further failures occur.

A request for approval of an Optimization Study is also on the agenda for a review of district efficiencies. Discoveries are often made and efficiencies are determined regarding how to optimize current staff and processes. The board has been proactive by hearing specifics during the budget seasons. This would occur in two parts - with the first step to negotiate the contract. The final contract will return to the board at a later time.

It is being recommended that the board approve of the installation of a conduit line as an action item on the agenda tonight, for a future charging station. It has been determined that it makes sense to install this future-use station infrastructure while the parking lot is under construction.

Dave Levchuk from Campus Construction clarified that the EV conduit is already figured into the contingencies presented in the report this evening.

It was clarified that the wiring will not be installed at this time, but would simply need to be fished through the conduit when the district decides to begin using the stations. These would be a pay-for-use system. The District is also looking at electrically operated district equipment and future charging stations options for district equipment. Many future opportunities.

Q- Are there any grant opportunities? Are we installing this now to simply avoid tearing up the parking lots later? A - there are

grant opportunities more so for companies installing the actual electrical work. Yes, it does make sense to install now versus to tear up newly constructed lots later.

Q - Is there an opportunity for the conduit to be paid for elsewhere? A - The District would like to be in control at this point, to include in design work and do it right, versus waiting and adding it later, compromising the integrity and physical appearance of our latest enhancements.

Bob Roberts and Dave Levchuk from Campus Construction presented their Monthly Capital Project report, all duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet.

They reviewed and highlighted work being completed at each of the buildings. Photos are provided also as part of the presentation. Tennis courts are complete, many classrooms, high school offices will be finished in the coming days, main entrance work continues and all items are highlighted in the presentation.

Q - What items are pending in the Highschool Office? - A - The windows are being completed with wedge-shaped pieces and openings are being sealed. Curved glasswork is currently being installed as well. Contractors are seizing opportunities as soon as work is completed in other areas across the District.

Campus Construction commended the District for their support.

It was also highlighted that there was a change at the transportation/facilities department to remove a sophisticated PA system as it wasn't practical.

Discussion, Information: B. Update on Proposed Action Items

Discussion, Information: C. Presentation - PBAC Marketing brochure

Dr. Capron highlighted the new PBAC brochure to assist with recruitment efforts. The Board of Education discussed community engagements and opportunities ahead to assist in recruitment efforts. They discussed perhaps walking in the Fall Weekend parade and attending Open Houses, for example. The District Clerk will prepare multiple copies of the brochure for this purpose.

The Superintendent reminded all in attendance of the two at large committees in need of recruitment, PBAC and Capital Project Committee.

9. Board of Education - Action Items

Action: A. Contract for Nurse Services, School of the Holy Childhood Summer 2019 & 2019-20 School Year

Motion to approve the Contract for Nurse Services, School of the Holy Childhood Summer 2019 & 2019-20 School Year, as presented.

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Gary Stottler.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: B. District Agreement for Educational Services, Norman Howard School 2019-20 School Year

Motion to approve the District Agreement for Educational Services, Norman Howard School 2019-20 School Year, as presented.

Motion by Joe Alati, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: C. Second Review/Approval: Revised Board of Education Code of Ethics

Motion to approve the Revised Board of Education Code of Ethics, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: D. Establishment of the 2019 Capital Project Committee

The Superintendent reminded members that the capital project committee is open and the first meeting is the 17th. Moving things along, will post as a news story and place an ad in the Sentinel as well. Social media, ENews Notes in District and all buildings. Open House maps will be displayed at each building and solicitation for the committee can be gained.

Motion to approve the Establishment of the 2019 Capital Project Committee, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, second by Stephanie Templeton.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: E. Award of Optimization Study Contract

Motion to approve the Award of Optimization Study Contract, as presented.

Motion by Amy West, second by Stephanie Templeton.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: F. Capital Project Change Order

Motion to approve the Capital Project Change Order, as presented.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: G. Gift to the School – Playground Bench to Lima Primary School

Motion to approve the Gift to the School – Playground Bench to Lima Primary School, as presented.

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

10. Board President's Update

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Update

11. Board of Education - Review Only Items

Discussion, Information: A. First Review 2019-20 Budget Calendar for 2020-21 School Budget

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

Discussion, Information: C. Updates on Committee Meetings

G. Stottler attended the latest District Safety Committee meeting, which included some discussions regarding backed up traffic on East Main street at drop off and pick up times. With continued efforts, this will smooth out over time. There was discussion about community familiarity about the project and how to improve communication. Capital Project update, fire drills, evacuation drills, HFL does more than the state requires in this and many areas. Safety and follow-through, coordinated with the sheriff and fire departments. One take-away was the thanks for all of the hard work. D. Francis attended and added the evaluation peices of the safety personnel on campus and looking at the policy in the future.

C. Ross attended the Legislative Committee. Minutes from the meeting and Legislative update are both in the BoardDocs packet. Some interesting items to note are that their mission statement has been updated with a language change clarifying advocacy versus lobbying. Educational Committee could be another term to describe their efforts. Upcoming events include, 9/26 MCSBA law conference featuring local school attorneys. This is an option and is different from the NYSSBA Law conference scheduled during the NYSSBA Conference. NYSSBA's Advocacy Liaison sent this year's resolutions to the Superintendent for the upcoming convention. Advocacy trips are coming up on December 9 and the 2-day trip is March 9-10. Group size and participation matter. Feb 8 is the Legislative Breakfast.

A. West and S. Templeton attended the latest ILC Committee meeting. This was Amy's first time and she indicated that it was interesting to see all of the collaboration and there was even homework assigned. Good continuation from last year, and some growing pains and learning how to iron any issues out. Information Exchange Meeting is tomorrow at 4pm.

12. Questions from the Audience

Discussion, Information: A. Questions from the Audience
Manor School incident, no students were injured? No.

13. Adjournment

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting 8:26pm
(not specified)

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Gary Stottler.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

14. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics

Information: A. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics