

Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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Members present

Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, Larry Young (video conference), 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

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

Motion to return to public session

Motion by Joe Alati, second by Carol Bellavia

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, 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 Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, 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 Joe Alati, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, 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 Joe Alati, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, Stephanie Templeton, 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 Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action (Consent): D. CSE and CPSE Recommendations

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Joe Alati, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, Caralyn Ross, 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. Student Board Representative's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Student Board Representative's Remarks

9. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Announcements - Capital Project Update

Superintendent Mancuso presented.

All reports are duly kept a part of these minutes.

Capital Project Construction contingency was shared as well as project updates, as noted in the accompanying powerpoint slides.

Q - How will you keep the geese out of the pond? Uncertain - they have not arrived yet.

Principals Lupisella and Williams reported that the Grade 5 to 6 Moving Up Day went well and was well attended. The first step to entering a new environment.

Assistant Principal Weider commented on the 8th grade social on Friday evening.

Assistant Principal Weaver pointed out a correction to the start time for the Grade 2 Patriotic Show. It should be 9:30am versus, 1:30pm.

Principal Cimmerer reminded all of the Teddy Bear picnic and Flag Day events at Lima Primary.

Principal Williams reminded all about the Schools to Watch event at Middle School on Friday.

Athletic Director Donohue reported on the latest championships. Danielle Fisk is the NYSPHSAA champion. Additional NYSPHSAA accomplishments were also highlighted.

Friday is the scheduled annual trip to Darien Lake for Middle Schoolers.

Music celebrations, Marching bands, Mendon parade, awards night and recitals are all being enjoyed as June's events have kicked off. Jazz events are upcoming, please see the District calendar for details.

Senior student Art Show @ Mendon 64 - all student organized and operated.

Congratulations to Retirees - outlined in the ppt slides in the board packet.

Amey West received congratulations for Board Mastery Award Level 3 from NYSSBA.

Discussion, Information: B. Update on Proposed Action Items

As outlined in the powerpoint presentation.

Discussion, Information: C. Presentations - Urban Suburban Update; 2019-20 Code of Conduct Update

Dr. Renee Williams and Principal Jeanine Lupisella, reported on the Urban Suburban Program update.

- 14-applications were provided for review
- Five 6th-grade applications were received, and three of those will be interviewed with their parents. If approved, orientation will follow.

Principal Jeanine Lupisella reported about the integration of 3rd & 4th graders at the Manor School this year. Exceeded expectations, participated in many events involving family, including chorus.

Issues - Transportation - due to differing school schedules for Districts partnering with HF-L.

Q - Are there any liability issues with volunteers providing transportation? Mrs. Lupisella did say that parents may provide transportation if both families agree.

Q - Is there any plan to speak with the families for feedback about how things went and seek their feedback? A - Mrs. Lupisella agreed that it was a good idea. However, the US program does this follow up as well. Drop in comments are frequent and welcomed by the families.

Q - Any documentation to costs? Dr. Capron reported that with transportation aid, the program netted out well. Netting \$30,000. Is there any cost tracking on administrators time? Dr. Williams indicated that year-one was certainly a learning year. Mr. Williams indicated that the process does change slightly and with a focus on the program periodically, there is not a significant time investment - less than a full day of work to get organized. U.S. conducts the monthly meetings with the families. Some questions and assessments are provided here at HF-L to measure academic readiness and need.

Q - Was the goal to start and keep them throughout the process? Superintendent Mancuso confirmed that this remains the goal. The enrollment by grade level can weigh in on the decisions to which grades to add students to. Mr. Mancuso reminded the board that he does not intend to add teachers to add students.

Mr. Mancuso referenced a recent D & C article about a diversion of funds, much misinformation in the article which quotes the Superintendent, however, he was never contacted. Aid is earmarked and follows each student, wherever they are.

Registration has been busy, therefore an update will be available to the Board in the coming weeks to know more firmly about enrollment numbers. The forecast remains 90-students over three years in loss of enrollment.

The Superintendent reported that the number of applications has decreased in the U.S. program, overall. There are fewer students in the city schools as well. The program has evolved and continues to do so to address efficiency improvements. There are often re-draws within the boundaries of the program.

Q - The Chamber of Commerce for the town has dismantled recently, however they are looking to reorganize and become active again. The Superintendent now serves on the Greater Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, which has been insightful regarding processes toward development.

Q - Will the HF-L committee remain the same, or will it change as additional students are welcomed to the various buildings? Dr. Williams indicated that the core committee will remain the same, but other building leaders will have input if students join their schools.

Code of Conduct Committee members, Shawn Williams, Jim Nelson, and Joelle Weaver, provided feedback on their second review.

The first review was held as part of a public hearing on May 28. The goal is to move forward with approval at the June 25 Board Meeting.

Mr. Williams spoke about loitering, skateboarding and etc. and indicated that a more clearly defined definition has now been added and allows the district to respond to unsafe or troubling situations. Part of the thinking is that kids with skateboards tend to want to do tricks versus simply using as a mode of transportation. There was further suggestion to enhance the language regarding loitering. The committee responded that, if students are there for a school-related event there is likely no break in the code if respectful behavior is being exhibited.

Dave Francis arrived at 7:48pm

The Superintendent provided an example that as a public school, however, private property, students and guests must have a credible purpose for being on campus. During the evening hours, the school becomes more of a park and can typically be addressed, however, judgment calls are necessary when applying all areas of the Code. Shawn Williams indicated that at the high school, supervision on campus is more stringent. If students are not causing a disturbance, they may or may not be approached. Discretion needs to be left to the administration. Trusting the administration to make the judgment call is the appropriate response.

It was decided that the term, "school-sanctioned" provides too broad a spectrum versus using, "credible purpose", in the loitering definition. This should be changed. Maintaining order is the goal.

The Superintendent provided an example of dogs on campus, with defecating, clean up and possible injury caused by a dog or other animal on campus.

Page 32, regarding a reasonable amount of time, the 15-minute definition has now been removed and "a reasonable amount of time", remains. The remainder of the section remains the same. Athletic Director, B. Donohue, described a set of circumstances related to school athletes, and how the 15-minute rule was established. He wondered who will define what is a reasonable amount of time is. There was debate about what language to leave in. It was decided to change the language to, "in approximately 15-minutes".

The E.g on page 11 - it was agreed further to remove bullet points.

Some positions that are no longer valid, are the Dean of Students and Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, have been removed.

Pages 9 & 11 - definitions of cheating were discussed and agreed to that they are suitable.

Page 29 - definition was questioned about the completeness of the section regarding possession of alcohol or drugs. Should it state who this applies to? This should be cited if it is Law being followed. Immoral clause. This will be run by the school attorney.

The final version with changes and edits will be brought forward to the Board on June 25 for approval.

10. Board of Education - Action Items

Action: A. Ratification of all Non-Unit Agreements

Motion to approve the Ratification of all Non-Unit Agreements, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, second by Stephanie Templeton.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: B. Health Service Contract - Upstate Music Therapy Center LLC

Q - Is this Amy Thomas of the Pittsford school board - this will be researched.

Motion to approve the Health Service Contract with Upstate Music Therapy Center LLC, as presented.

Motion by Joe Alati, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: C. Disposal of Equipment

Following research, it was found that this was the most appropriate method of disposal.

Motion to approve the Disposal of Equipment, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, second by Stephanie Templeton.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, 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. Updated Regulation - Student Activities Program Procedures Booklet

Superintendent Mancuso indicated that this is in follow up to the first workshop by the Board earlier in the school year. In response to this, the Student Activities Program Procedures Booklet was updated. This was reviewed with program advisors, attorneys, etc. Continued streamlining is anticipated such as automating forms, etc. Seeking to firm up the financial piece. Dr. Capron is working with Dr. Williams to set up Fall training annually.

Q - All clubs handling money require a Treasurer.

The guidelines are regulations on clubs and activities. The focus by the auditors was on clubs with financial transactions. This is a piece of something larger. This was also a clean up of expectations by advisors.

Dr. Willilams indicated that state recommended language changes and auditors recommendations are clarified to make them understandable by students.

Superintendent Mancuso shared a general definition for a club and described how the regulations will be valuable to all leaders.

Discussion, Information: B. Board of Education Website Discussion

Outline with changes and recommendations were reviewed as outlined in BoardDocs.

Decisions were to be made on items 1-13 with Decision: Strike, Edit, or Keep.

Bios and photos can be added if the board chooses. A suggestion was to also add a group photo as well. Links to say, "meet our board members" with added biographies.

Current Page

1. (Decision: Strike, Edit, or Keep)

There was a decision to condense by adding bullet points and click on the areas one might like further information on.

A suggestion was made that because the public does not understand the board's role, perhaps adding further definition of this.

Do you want to get involved? - Link to more information.

Public Comment - condensed into saying that guidelines are set forth by "recommending agencies", accompanied by a clear definition.

Areas to be enhanced or addressed, include:

Photo(s)

Purpose Statement

Calendar

Want to Get Involved?

PBAC could also go there.

Mandatory reporting hotline for fraud MUST be on the board page.

Q - Who to report fraud to? Board Clerk, Supt. or Board President.

Live to Go Beta Version can be reviewed at the re-org meeting, take feedback and make changes of consensus.

Discussion, Information: C. Update on Board Committee Meetings

Joe Alati attended the Music Boosters Meeting - The group's move from Spaghetti dinner to flower sales has seen a net. Much commitment of time; would like to increase members.

Art Boosters - Gary nto in attendance to report.

ILC Meeting - Stephanie Templeton could not attend. Dr. Williams indicated that a review was conducted, summer events, and all participants will participate again next year. The Superintendent commended the recognition by NY State Department of Education on this committee.

District Safety Committee Meeting - The committee continues to study the traffic patterns at the high school during

construction. The parking lot will not be addressed until 2020. Some potholes have been addressed. Construction equipment traffic continues to impact driving surfaces.

13. Questions from the Audience

Discussion, Information: A. Questions from the Audience

14. Adjournment

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:42 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Joe Alati, second by Stephanie Templeton.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

15. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics

Information: A. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics