

Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2020

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Account for Absences

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

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 David Francis, second by Joe Alati.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action (Consent), Minutes: B. Board Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by David Francis, second by Joe Alati.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

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

Motion by David Francis, second by Joe Alati.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

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

Motion by David Francis, second by Joe Alati.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4. Board President's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Remarks

5. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Announcements
Superintendent's Report - Duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet.

Discussion, Information: B. Update on Proposed Action Items

Central Office presentation C & S representatives, Andrea Orlando and Steve Orbanski presented an Energy Performance Project Scope of Work ppt presentation for members and guests, which is duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet. This project defines that which is proposed in proposition #3 on the upcoming ballot for the school district budget vote, to be voted on, June 9, 2020.

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Dr. Bruce Capron indicated that this project provides a net positive benefit for the District.

Questions/Comments/Answers

C - Great features and tremendous value for tax-payer dollar. All pro-active items are very beneficial for the District. A - The economic environment actually supports this as it is zero impact to tax payers. This is a similar situation as the bus proposition for bonding however it is left to board members to explain to community members and educate them about how this is actually no impact to them.

C - For the next couple of years, the state funding is unclear, and while 79% aid ratio is favorable, there is a concern that foundation aid could be impacted and will need to be watched. A - The District has done well with foundation based aid. A political budget process is more often compromised; this is much more stable project funding.

One of the two presenters spoke about a marketing plan to communicate the benefits and no cost impact, including video-features which will be streamed out on video via the District's twitter, newsletter, local newspaper, website, to provide and highlight the cost savings and benefots in that it pays for itself. Carbon footprint messaging is included and there are marketing campaign materials ready to go.

Superintendent Mancuso indicated that it is critical to remain forward-thinking while maximizing state aid. Proposition 3 is clearly aligned to the District's long-term strategies. It does also provide a reduction of costs and carbon footprint.

C - Agree that it's a great project. The communication plan sounds great.

C - Roadmap for communications will continue to ramp up as much as possible.

C - There appears to be a disconnect in the language in the budget proposition with that that is actually being offered in the project. A - Yes, all proposition language is legal in composition, leaving little room for specifics. Therefore, it will be especially important for board members and staff to become familiar with the details to be prepared for questions, or point inquiries to the budget webpage for further details.

C - It was clarified that if the state experienced financial difficulty to a great degree, the project would not go forward, even if approved by the voters. However, that is unlikely.

Discussion, Information: C. Presentation - Capital Project Update

George Spinaris from Campus Construction reported. All presentation materials are duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet and accessible by the public.

Q - Has change order approved last week been added to the report? A - No, the work has not started yet due to the weather. The water has not started to be removed. Once something is triggered, the process must continue moving forward and at that point, will be added to the change order list.

Mr. Spinaris provided updates on the photos in coordination with the ppt presentation, duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet. Work at the Transportation Center, Music Room at the Manor School, Cafeteria at the High School, HS Kitchen and Serving Areas, Robotics Lab, Main Entry at the HS Lobby, HS Concrete sidewalks, Main Office at Lima, and Classroom 105 at Lima are all at or nearing completion.

C - The project is now at least 85% complete.

6. Board of Education - Action Items

Action: A. Central Office Salary Recommendation for 2020-21

Motion to approve the Central Office Salary Recommendation for 2020-21, as presented.

Motion by Joe Alati, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: B. Resolution regarding State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA)

Every capital project requires a SEQRA, and is a non-impact, and must be approved prior to the proposition.

Motion to approve the Resolution regarding Type II State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA), 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, Dave Ghidui, Chris Neff

Action: C. Resolution to Present EPC Project to Voters

Motion to approved Resolution to Present EPC Project to Voters, as presented.

Motion by Amy West, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: D. Additional Revisions to Legal Notice for 2020-2021 School Budget Vote
Motion to approve the Additional Revisions to Legal Notice for 2020-2021 School Budget Vote, as presented.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: E. Contract for Healthcare Services 2020-2021 - Hillside Children's Center

This includes the rate for the school year, the District gets billed based on the number of students and the rate is set by the state.

Motion to approve the Contract for Healthcare Services 2020-2021 - Hillside Children's Center, as presented.

Motion by Joe Alati, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action: F. Disposal of District Equipment

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

Motion by David Francis, second by Joe Alati.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

7. Board President's Update

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Update

Mrs. Bellavia attended MCSBA President's Meeting and the conversation was entrenched in voting process as most district's are in the same position. There was some concern about the process and the fact that it has been taken out of the district's hands, and basically another unfunded mandate. Lack of support from NYSSBA (New York State School Boards Association), in this situation is a common complaint. There is a gaining concern from a countywide conversation regarding membership renewal with NYSSBA.

Graduation was another topic of conversation. Leaders suggest to continue writing to governors and senators about regarding state aid.

Senator Schumer has been providing regular updates to the District, and HFL still has a very solid long-term financial plan if there is a 20% cut, which would equate to a \$2 million loss for the District.

8. Board of Education - Review Only Items

Discussion, Information: A. First Review Textbook Request: OpenStax-AP Biology

Discussion, Information: B. First Review Textbook Request: Themes-AP French Discussion, Information: C. First Review Textbook Request: University Physics Volume 1 and Volume 2-AP Physics Discussion, Information:

D. First Review Textbook Request: Ready Math

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Williams spoke about three AP books and K-5 books presented for recommendation to approve, which were also highlighted during budget presentations.

AP text recommendations are due to the changes to Physics C. Also, AP French has undergone a major revision. There is information provided in the packets on how to use these texts online.

Board member Ghidui assisted in explaining the concept of Open source texts. This included that all are authored by experts and peer reviewed. They can be printed. Teachers can take chapters out, add chapters in, and save the District a lot of money. In response to a question about their models of revenue, Mr. Ghidui explained that hard-cover books are available, but grant funds are also available. There are also peer review funds and colleges also fund it.

Q - The Physics book can be downloaded into pdf. Can the biology book be downloaded? A - Yes, it can also be downloaded. Teachers have done great at looking ahead and a great deal of work has been done to look at these texts and present them for recommendation.

Q - Does this lead to a lot of additional printing and distribution of papers to the students? A - In the past we thought perhaps that could occur. However, in the past several weeks, teachers and the District have become adept at utilizing resources online. C - There would seem to be great value that these materials can be used off-line. C - Great Online capabilities - better than anticipated.

Q - Studies indicated that hard-copy books are retained better. Is there legitimacy to this? If so, are we monitoring this at all? Personal experience supports this. A - Always seeking balance. It is often a personal choice. Students have very differing preferences. Studies are similar. A - studies are differing, and some of the largest publishers are moving away from hard-copy prints. Therefore, it is important for the District to teach students to maximize the electronic resources.

Discussion, Information: E. Board Committee Updates

S. Templeton attended a policy committee by NYSSBA which was conducted electronically, but seemed to be an advertisement for services and went over by 45-minutes. There is no new garnered knowledge gained. Following to workshop, there was a request for a SS # for credit which caused some concern.

Q - The Health and Safety Committee Meetings - Are these meetings going forward? A - Director of Safety and Security, Bill Harvey indicated that these meetings have been canceled for now. However, a smaller group has been working on the District Emergency Response Plan to present for a public hearing at the May 26 Board of Education meeting.

Board member Alati reported that there is not much happening in the Legislative Community. Executive Director, Sherry Johnson continues to do a great job on behalf of Monroe County Schools through the Monroe County School Boards Association. The Regents are up to date with budget votes. A zoom meeting may be organized in the near future. Unfunded mandates are still being advocated for.

ILC Meeting - Board members, West, Templeton and Francis were all in attendance. A great group of leaders and much collaboration. Brainstorming on what school might look like in the Fall. Proud to be part of a District with a group such as this, along with Renee and Holly.

Appreciation was extended to President Bellavia for putting together the Teacher Appreciation video message.

Members agreed that the virtual Dance Party was great fun, which board members and LT attended last week by invitation from Lima Primary PE teacher, Mr. Kevin O'Connell.

Code of Conduct meeting will take place at the end of this week.

9. Questions from the Audience

Discussion, Information: A. Questions from the Audience - There were no questions.

10. Adjournment

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:50pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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, Dave Ghidui, Chris Neff