

Special Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

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

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

3. Public Comment

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

4. Board President's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Remarks

5. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Update on the COVID-19 Outbreak and School Response

Superintendent Mancuso updated the board on the latest regarding the COVID-19 virus, including a mobile crisis hotline.

Number: 585-368-3950

Home learning plan - District is prepared with an MOA with the teachers unit to proceed with online instruction. Some staff and students do not have internet, but working to address these needs and assisting with distribution of laptops and ipads.

Q - How many families don't have internet access? A - approx. 25, numbers still coming in. Some staff too. Spectrum internet cannot reach customers too far off the road. Free wi-fi hotspots, Verizon does not offer free hotspot. Some on order, but not 25. Mr. Mancuso heard from the library that if you are in the parking lot, you can pick up wifi, this is also true for campus, and some vendors. Work continues to get everyone in touch. Lessons are being planned by block, AP and regents exam, by subject. Reviewed with association, and enhancing per their request. Each building has different offerings. Technology and Library read alouds at the elementary levels. Office hours not available all the time, but actively working on email and available by phone. Any staff collaborative time should continue with colleagues. Differing instruction. Working through instructional plans rolling out at each building.

Action item is with regard to continuity of instruction. Will likely be following up with each unit with MOA's. Changing every 15-20 hours.

Dr. Capron highlighted that essential staff have remained on staff. LT and half of secretaries.

Mr. Leahy highlighted that keeping up with the changes and crediting any accruals. The resolution on the agenda tonight, allows staff to be paid on a continuous basis without placing additional risk on themselves or others. Keeping staff out of fiscal harm. Attempting to recruit ,retain, and regain staff is the goal.,

State Executive addresses shortage of daycare providers, mandated downstate now, so we are preparing in advance. We don't necessarily need to provide it, we are serving as a communication liaison for the state to identify local licensed day care centers, which many are remaining open.

Q - We don't need to institute Cougar Care, is this correct? A - Presently this is accurate at the time. Babies to 4-year olds are the struggle at this time. Each district must submit plans by midnight tomorrow to submit plans.

Q - As parents, where can I call or contact? Even if full details aren't known yet, we can certainly share what we know.
C - Groups are attempting to help community members as well.
C - Schools have become a center of the community. Bill Harvey is leading some of the charges with our local municipalities. There is a community facebook page devoted to COVID-19.
Q - We are not providing names of daycare providers on our website? A - No. We must submit to Monroe County and other agencies. Also seeking licenses and doctors as they may be contacted to assist in the efforts of addressing those in need. Blood donations are also suspending mobile units, so seeking alternatives to getting donors.

Back to the District, is that Mr. Donohue is also serving as a leader in organizing efforts and finding creative ways to reach families in need. Whether it be food delivery, homework help, and many other areas. high school and college students would likely be happy to assist.

Q - PBAC Meeting tomorrow evening will be online versus an in person meeting. It was suggested that PBAC recommendations by attending via Zoom would be appreciated. Have heard from multiple PBAC members.

The Governor is continuing to provide information about a forthcoming budget.

Discussion, Information: B. Update on Proposed Action Items

6. Board of Education - Action Items

Action: A. Approval of Board Resolution Approving Hourly Pay

Motion to approve the proposed Board Resolution Approving Hourly Pay, 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

7. Board President's Update

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Update

3/24 Board meeting with Executive Session set, prior to regular session.

Please extend to the building principals, thank you for the continued efforts, much appreciated.

8. Questions from the Audience Regarding Agenda Items

Discussion, Information: A. Questions from the Audience Regarding Agenda Items

Continuation of learning, college board is looking at rescheduling the ACT. The May SAT's have already been cancelled.

9. Adjournment

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting 7:48 pm

(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, Dave Ghidui

10. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics

Information: A. Next Board of Education Meeting Topics