

Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Generated by Rhonda Schaefer, District Clerk

Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P

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 personnel related discussions; review of HFLEA MOA discussions; and first review of proposed calendar change.

3. Return to Public Session

Action: A. Motion to Return to Public Session
Motion to Return to Public Session.

Motion by Dave Ghidiu, 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, Jeff Klein

4. 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, Jeff Klein

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 Amy West, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

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

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Amy West, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action (Consent): C. Personnel Appointments

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Amy West, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Action (Consent): D. CSE & CPSE Recommendations

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

Motion by Amy West, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6. Board President's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Remarks
No Remarks.

7. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Announcements

Superintendent Mancuso shared his update, which is duly kept a part of the Board Docs packet.

Discussion, Information: B. Update on Proposed Action Items

Discussion, Information: C. Presentations - School Board Recognition

School Board Recognition Week Proclamation - Superintendent Mancuso read aloud to board members and the community, the Governor's Proclamation regarding School Board Recognition Week, Oct. 19-23, 2020.

Small tokens of appreciation were extended to board members.

Superintendent Mancuso walked the board through the latest update from the DOH, stating that this direction comes with the following disclosure, "Failure to follow these rules could lead to imprisonment." Mr. Mancuso reviewed the most recent flow charts released from the DOH, which are also in place on the District's website for the public to access. Mr. Mancuso spoke about a committee he helped to form, the Finger Lakes Reopening Schools Safely Task Force, who met last Tuesday evening as a group of 430 professionals. The most commonly used language regarding COVID symptoms includes, "new, worsening, or unusual sudden onset; and the loss of taste alone", as indicators. The group remains concerned about a complete shutdown.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Renee Williams reported that Friday's Professional Development Day went quite well with a wide variety of offerings, attended by many staff members. Mrs. Ali lead some mindfulness activities and was pleased with the willingness by staff to engage in open communication about how to support each other. Questions and interactions with para-professionals were also meaningful and beneficial.

Professional Development Director, Holly Sidebottom spoke about staff registration and attendance at Friday's PD events which included both international and national speakers. Among the topics were, cultural competencies, and behaviors in the classrooms. All topics were geared to speak to the relevance of all that the staff are going through currently.

Superintendent Mancuso highlighted items including but not limited to:

- The end of snow days is afoot. These days will turn to asynchronous learning days and the school day will not begin until 10am.
- Also, asynchronous for sudden school closings are understood by teachers as the expectation.
- One full weekend of athletics has now taken place. Mr. Donohue gave kudos to spectators and athletes for following regulations and highlighted the new two pass system aligned to each athlete for contact tracing purposes. Senior students will get 2 passes, others will get 1. Each pass is assigned to an event, and can be shared with others. Events will also be live-streamed and recorded for later viewing.
- The first home swimming event will occur on October 24. There is not enough room for many spectators, but events will be live-streamed.

Q - Regarding transportation to events. What about teams that stop at restaurants and do not follow rules? A - Athletic Director should be contacted immediately to notify.

Mr. Mancuso spoke briefly about the action items on this evening's agenda.

He asked the athletic director to address the name change from, "Team of One" to "Incomplete Team". Mr. Donohue clarified that Section V changed this team name as commonly there is more than one individual joining a neighboring team, as in tonight's action item to approve two HF-L gymnasts to participate on Rush-Henrietta's Gymnastics team. Title IX still counts them as a team, therefore this does not impact the District's compliance with the rules.

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Dr. Bruce Capron clarified that the two Universal Pre-K contracts on this evening's agenda for approval were negotiated at the time that state reductions were being discussed regarding grant funding. Twenty-percent reduction has been agreed to by the providers. If the District receives these funds from the state, the providers will also. Q - Money works out to be 28-students? A - Yes, that is accurate.

Pupil Personnel Services Director, Lindsay Ali spoke about some shifting in the CSE & CPSE committees which included a few internal shifts and mostly county changes.

The next meeting on Tuesday, October 27 will include a wrap up of Phase 2 of the capital project and a highlight of project 2.5 as it is readying to get underway.

A Workshop will also take place to review data and student responses to the Thought Exchange about how things are going during the pandemic.

SEL check-ins are adding value in unplanned ways, one of them being extra one-to-one time with students.

8. Board of Education - Action Items

Action: A. HFLCSD Universal Pre-Kindergarten Contracts for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion to approve the HFLCSD Universal Pre-Kindergarten Contracts for the 2020-2021 School Year.

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, Jeff Klein

Action: B. Incomplete Team (formerly known as a Team of One)

Motion to approve the Incomplete Team recommendation, 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, Jeff Klein

Action: C. 2020-21 CPSE Committee Membership
Motion to approve the 2020-21 CPSE Committee Membership, as presented.

Motion by Amy West, second by Caralyn Ross.
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
Yea: Joe Alati, Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, Dave Ghidui, Jeff Klein

Action: D. 2020-21 CSE Committee Membership
Motion to approve the 2020-21 CSE Committee Membership, 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, Jeff Klein
9. Board President's Update
Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Update
No updates.

10. Board of Education - Review Only Items
Discussion, Information: A. First Review Proposed Academic Calendar Changes for Asynchronous Learning Days
Mr. Mancuso spoke about the proposed emergency days and planned asynchronous learning days as highlighted earlier in the evening.

C - It was noted that with the recommended dates, the same cohort of grade 7-12 would be asynchronous learners missing 3 in-school days. A - Dr. Williams presented some recommendations to address this by moving the March 22 day to March 15 or the April 30 day to May 3.

Q - How is there accountability to Professional Development day attendance - do teachers sign-in to the buildings? A - There is not that level of detail established yet. Q - These are required attendance days? C - There was conversation about this being a required process as currently, the previous standard procedures are being followed.

C - An opinion was shared to consider changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.

C - There was opposition expressed regarding no Veterans Day holiday, which is usually a parent conference day in elementary school.

Discussion, Information: B. Discussion of NYSSBA's Proposed Resolutions
Q - As HF-L's volunteer delegate this year, Board Member Ghidui inquired about the process for reviewing and expressing thoughts about the proposed resolutions. A - If there are changes other than what BOCES Board member and NYSSBA representative, Tom Nespeca is recommending, board members were instructed to email the President Bellavia who can take to her next president's group to discuss further.

Most resolutions not supported were further unfunded mandates.

Discussion, Information: C. Update on Committee Meetings
MCSBA's Legislative Committee - G. Mancuso and J. Alati attended the latest meeting where the NYSSBA resolutions were discussed.
Sports Boosters - Athletic Director, Brian Donohue reported that the latest meeting was canceled. Future meeting dates, agendas and materials will be provided to the District Clerk to share with board committee members.
ILC - A. West and J. Alati attended. Reviewing assessments and a technology update made up most of the meeting. It was noted that Holly and Renee run a great meeting.
MCSBA's Labor Relations - Bruce Capron and Bill Harvey presented on Developing Scenario Based Emergency Response Drills, a similar program that the duo presented at last year's NYSSBA convention. This meeting was recorded and is highly regarded by constituents.
C - It was noted that the next Labor Relations meeting is scheduled at the same time as NYSSBA's pre-convention Law Conference. Mr. Stottler offered to attend in Mrs. Templeton's place if a zoom option to attend Labor Relations is not available. District Clerk Schaefer will find out and provide the link if this option is offered.
Music Boosters - A. West attended indicating that the group is keeping their spirits up despite the challenges. The virtual open house was well run. Fund-raising discussions took place as typical efforts need to be re-thought.
MCSBA's Information Exchange - R. Williams attended. Standards based rating and collaboration were among the topics.

11. Questions from the Audience
Discussion, Information: A. Questions from the Audience - Click for contact information
Q - Will grade 6 teachers be invited in soon? A - Not inviting teachers just yet, but soon.

C - Fund-raising is occurring in other ways in town. Candy sale for the anticipated Virginia Beach trip April is currently underway.

C - Empty bottles and cans are being accepted by the Robotics Team. Donations may be made at the residence of G. Stottler, or to the redemption center in town.

12. Adjournment
Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting 8:02pm
Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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, Dave Ghidiu, Jeff Klein