

Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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Members present

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

Members absent

Joe Alati

Meeting called to order at 7:03 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 to review the Superintendents goals and objectives, and for contractual discussions regarding specific individuals.

Motion to move to Executive Session for purposes stated.

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Gary Stottler.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

3. Return to Public Session

Action: A. Motion to Return to Public Session

Motion to Return to Public Session.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: 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 David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yea: 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: 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: 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: 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: Carol Bellavia, David Francis, Caralyn Ross, Gary Stottler, Stephanie Templeton, Amy West, Dave Ghidui, Jeff Klein
6. Board President's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Remarks

7. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Announcements

Superintendent Mancuso presented his report, which is duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet. Some items highlighted included but were not limited to updates on the following items:

- Postponement of the annual Hall of Fame event until 2021
- Successful Red Cross Blood Drive
- Capital Project Update included in this evening's packet, including an unusual architectural approval by the SED in 2.5 weeks versus a typical multiple month process.
- Reopening of Schools
 - The District has been busy sorting through nearly six-thousand parental responses to the survey released by the ASI Office, identifying in-person, online or hybrid preference learning model for the first semester of school. This has been a great accomplishment by the team. With an increased enrollment during the pandemic, the survey results indicate at this time that approximately 204 (or 9.7%) of or students will be remote learning. And approximately 16 - 18 kids per class for in-person learning with social distancing and barriers in place.
- Governor Cuomo signed a bill authorizing reserve fund use for COVID purposes. The Audit Committee will present updates later tonight.
- Schools and education is the largest part of the state budget. Hoping for a bail-out from the federal government.
- Only 35-cases of COVID in our school district community of our geographical area in 6-months time. No official calls from the DOH offices. Worldwide there is a sudden, rapid decline. There is wide debate on whether the virus is losing its strength, or masking is working or what is working. The superintendent spoke about states who are on and off the list.

*It was note that there is an error in the staffing error which will be amended later in the meeting to remove the one error and bring it back to the 9/8 meeting for approval.

Q - Sports for remote learning students? A- From NYS's perspective, they are allowed to play, enrolled, immunized, and otherwise enrolled, but attending online, the state allows them to play, If the board would like to take a different direction, this may need to come back for further discussion and action.

Q - Are families still required to commit to 20-weeks? A - At this time, yes. The superintendent stated that he reserves the right to change this if circumstances warrant. Others are actually looking to HF-L for guidance. Some believe that a more full class load may occur by October if cases continue to decline by masking and social distancing.

The board will likely have future discussion on this. Every family has signed a commitment and have a timeline to change their mind.

Discussion, Information: B. Update on Proposed Action Items

Discussion, Information: C. Presentations - Robotics Report & Presentation

Students and leaders from the Cougartech FIRST Robotics Team presented a powerpoint presentation remotely, via zoom, which is duly kept a part of the BoardDocs packet.

Student presenters then provided a live demonstration of their robot in the parking lot outside the meeting.

Q - Does the team use Swerve Drive? A - There are some limitations at this time.

A - Discord was recommended to the team.

Q - Scholarships available? A - There are \$80 million in scholarships for FIRST students. There is a scholarships page that shows all districts. Recruiting efforts, this rings well with parents.

8. Board of Education - Action Items

Action: A. Third Edition Tax Rates for the 2020-21 School Year

Amendment to the tax rate in Mendon that was signed at the end of last week and the rolls updated last week and is good for the school financially. This does shift the rates.

Motion to approve the Second Revision to Tax Rates for 2020-21, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, second by Gary Stottler.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

Action: B. Article 78 Property Tax Resolution

Property owner settlement asked attorney to authorize any release papers that was reflected already in the tax rolls.

Motion to approve the Article 78 Property Tax Resolution, as presented.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

Action: C. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Audit Committee Chairperson, Gary Stottler spoke about the review by the committee earlier in the evening. The committee learned that the state withheld 20% of BOCES aid and should we be fortunate enough to receive it, it will be received as revenue this year instead of last year.

Appropriation of funds will take place during a second action item on the agenda.

Governor Cuomo signed the allowance to spend restricted reserves on COVID related expenses, if needed. The Superintendent suggested being very transparent with community members that reserves will be used.

C - Budget discussion will be much more difficult next year, versus this year. The reserves can be used, but they do run out.

Motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report, as presented.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by David Francis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

Action: D. Appropriation of Funds to Purchase School Buses for the 2020-21 School Year

Motion to approve the Appropriation of Funds to Purchase School Buses, as presented.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Caralyn Ross.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

Action: E. Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement, Special Education 12:1:1 Placement - Livonia CSD for the 2020-21 School Year

Instead of HFL creating a program, this program already exists outside our neighborhood.

Motion to approve the 2020-21 School-Year Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement for Special Education Placement with the Livonia CSD, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

Action: F. Contract with Mary Cariola Children's Center for the 2020-21 School Year

Motion to approve the educational services contract for the 2020-21 School-Year with the Mary Cariola Children's Center, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

Action: G. Approval of Food Service Pizza Bid for the 2020-21 School Year

Motion to approve the Food Service Pizza Bid, as presented.

Motion by Amy West, second by Stephanie Templeton.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

Action: H. Approval of Board Workshop Topics 2020-21 School Year

Motion to approve the Board Workshop Topics for the 2020-21 School Year, as presented.

Motion by Gary Stottler, second by Amy West.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

9. Board President's Update

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Update

President Bellavia spoke about the Hall of Fame.

Bob Duffy letter Legislative Committee.

Q - NYSSBA convention format, pricing- more information to follow.

10. Board of Education - Review Only Items

Discussion, Information: A. Health Services Contract - Pittsford Central Schools

Discussion, Information: B. School Counseling Consultant K-12, Stephanie Cicero, MS Ed, for students with disabilities

This is a new person, who came to us to offer services to Middle and High School. Prior to this, BOCES wait list was used, so this will be tried this year. The support at younger grades has been very good so far. According to Lindsay Ali.

Discussion, Information: C. 2020-21 Summer Intermunicipal Cooperative Agreement, Special Education 12:1:1 Placement - Livonia CSD

Discussion, Information: D. Service Contract for Review - The Metro Group

Discussion, Information: E. First Review Board of Education Code of Ethics
Board members reviewed and agreed that they would approve at the next meeting.

Discussion, Information: F. Update on Committee Meetings

Amy West attended the MCSBA Steering Committee in person. Amy took a few moments to describe what the Steering Committee does. The president comes up with the goals, this year is to establish goals around the virus, establish relations, new advocacy opportunities, Building relationships within Monroe County. Amy Thomas would like to include vice presidents this year. Amy is serving on the Community Outreach Committee this year. This one includes superintendents and others to develop talking points about what will be important to school districts in the coming school year, the costs, barriers, to distribute to board presidents and superintendents. The goal is to support superintendents.

A - The Superintendent added that The Co-Outreach Committee is an interesting group and sometimes not aligned to HF-L's thinking. Mr. Mancuso hopes that with Amy's involvement, there can be some evolution of thinking.

Policy Committee Meeting tomorrow morning at 8am.

Amendment to Staffing Item on Tonight's Agenda

Motion to remove the Teacher Mentor appointment for Elizabeth Huchthausen with the incorrect salary, and bring back for approval at the 9/8 meeting with corrected salary amount.

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Gary Stottler.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Not Present at Vote: Dave Ghidui

11. Questions from the Audience

Discussion, Information: A. Questions from the Audience - Click for contact information

Mr. Mancuso read aloud, an email from community member, Danny Bassette with his thoughts on percentage related deaths from COVID-19.

Mr. Ackerman - Note of thanks for all that is being done and wishing for a safe and happy opening.

12. Adjournment

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting 9:15pm

(not specified)

Motion by Stephanie Templeton, second by Gary Stottler.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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