

**Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

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**Members present**

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

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 for discussions regarding contractual and legal issues surrounding the school district budget.

## 3. Return to Public Session

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

Motion to return to Public Session.

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

## 4. Approval of Agenda

Action: A. Approve Tonight's Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda 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

## 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 Gary Stottler.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

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

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

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 Ghidui, Chris Neff

Action (Consent): C. Personnel Appointments

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

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 Ghidui, Chris Neff

Action (Consent): D. CSE &amp; CPSE Recommendations

Motion to approve all items of the Consensus Agenda

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 Ghidui, Chris Neff

## 6. Board President's Remarks

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Remarks

### 7. Superintendent's Report

Discussion, Information: A. Announcements

Board President Bellavia spoke about the great fun had during the delivery of senior lawn signs with other administrators and superintendent Mancuso. Saw many excited moms, while many senior's were still sleeping.

Community members, Lauren and Peter Charles donated gift certificates from local eateries and the grocery store and distributed to HF-L food service workers and staff who have been assisting with the food service deliveries during the school closure. Tremendous gesture. Donations of Easter candy from another generous donor will provide extra treats for families accepting meals during this time.

Middle School Principal, Shawn Williams, reported on a very successful blood drive that was hosted at the Middle School. The Red Cross Blood Donation event saw every time slot booked up. The organization received enough donations to assist 100 people.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Renee Williams stood out front of the high school in the cougar outfit, waving the flag and celebrating at a distance as part of the lighting of the village on Friday evening. Many, many families participated. Assistant Manor School Principal, Joelle Weaver wore a unicorn costume at the request of students.

Director of Professional Development, Holly Sidebottom reported that teachers are doing an incredible job, with many participating in PD and making the most of the situation they are in with the school closure and working remotely.

Superintendent, Gene Mancuso spoke about these struggles that can actually make people stronger - by working the problem. There is sometimes no example to follow and looking for solutions is sometimes high stakes. Parents are thankful for the District remaining calm and providing some structure and routine.

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Dr. Bruce Capron presented a budgetary presentation on the proposed 2020-2021 school budget. Dr. Capron spoke in terms of what the District knows today. All powerpoint slides are maintained as part of the BoardDocs packet. Property tax cap is 2.86% which will generate \$842,333. A \$200,000. average home value example was provided as a baseline for increased monthly taxes if voters approve the proposed budget. Almost always there are different tax rates among communities that make up HF-L. Dr. Capron highlighted that state aid formulas were maintained, while the District's foundation aid was reduced, however was offset by the CARES aid, so this keeps this category flat.

Appropriations were also discussed, and graphs provided. All may be viewed in the ppt presentation duly maintained as part of the BoardDocs packet.

Dr. Capron additionally highlighted the following:

- The Capital Outlay Project was approved in December with a district investment of \$22,000.
- Budget balancing is accomplished this year with a combination of retirements, supply and contractual reductions

Questions/Comments/Answers

C - It is outstanding the way the District leverages state aid.

C - Internet connectivity - the District is using less during the school closure? A - Not necessarily, as much support is still provided by the District and BOCES/

Q - Is the District prepared for finals as far as connectivity? A - Home internet settings will connect to servers and should not impact any crash of the systems.

Q - Can capital project funds be used for backup internet services? - A - No, unfortunately capital project funds cannot be used for these types of projects.

Superintendent Mancuso introduced newly appointed High School Assistant Principal, Scott Hassall. Mr. Hassall joins HF-L from the Sodus CSD and the Rochester Prep Charter School as a Social Studies teacher. Mr. Hassall loves the environment of being in a high performing school. Sodus had a different set of challenges, and he is looking forward to growing with HF-L. Excited for the opportunity.

Superintendent Mancuso invited Mr. Hassall to be a part of the interview committee of some upcoming hires. Welcomes were extended to Mr. Hassall.

Superintendent Mancuso spoke about his involvement in multiple committees with state and local leaders. The Governor's re-opening Advisory Board presently has no educational representatives on their advisory board to re-open NY. There are so many unknowns with the upcoming budget vote, that efforts will continue to create pathways to make concerns understood.

Board Member, Stephanie Templeton extended appreciation and gratitude to the Honeoye Falls Fire Department for the celebrations this weekend. They will experience hardships without the Mendon Carnival this year.

Discussion, Information: B. Update on Proposed Action Items

Discussion, Information: C. Presentations

### 8. Board of Education - Action Items

**Action: A. Monthly Treasurer's Report**

Audit Committee Chairperson, Gary Stotter, reported that the committee reviewed the report with the Treasurer earlier in the evening. The state aid payment that was initially deferred, has now been received. Things are fairly well on track and all are keeping a close eye on things. The Business Office continues to do a fine job.

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

Motion by David Francis, 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, Chris Neff

**Action: B. Single Audit**

Audit Committee Chairperson, Gary Stotter, reported that the committee reviewed the Annual audit of federal funds, IDEA and food service funds. There were no findings in the audit. Once again, thanks to the business department for control, management and documentation.

Motion to approve the Single Audit, 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. Proposed 2020-21 School Budget**

Motion to approve the Approval of Proposed 2020-21 School Budget, 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, Chris Neff

Abstain: Dave Ghidui (Mr. Ghidui stated that he felt that he did not have enough stake in the process.)

**Action: D. Approval of Tax Report Card**

Q - Is this the legal format that has to be sent out to the voters. Is the second page new? A - Last year was the first time to include reserves and is posted on the NYS site. A 6-day budget notice is sent to the taxpayers.

Motion to approve the Tax Report Card, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, 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, Chris Neff

**Action: E. Appointment of Chairperson and Inspectors for Budget Referendum**

Motion to approve the Appointment of Chairperson and Inspectors for Budget Referendum, as presented.

Motion by Joe Alati, 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

Abstain: Chris Neff (Mr. Neff abstained as a family member is a chairperson for the budget vote.)

**Action: F. One-Year CBA Extension with Para-Professional/School Nurse Unit**

Motion to approve the One-Year CBA Extension with Para-Professional/School Nurse Unit, as presented.

Motion by David Francis, 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: G. Teacher Tenure Recommendations**

Motion to approve the Teacher Tenure Recommendations, 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

**9. Board President's Update**

Discussion, Information: A. Board President's Update

Mrs. Bellavia extended gratitude to Mr. Clarry for arranging a zoom meeting with a well-known NFL player, with well over 100 students and staff in attendance. Students thought it was outstanding. Athletic Director, Brian Donohue reported that the player was very impressive, but he was more impressed with our students and their questions and preparation. Thanks to Mr. Donohue as well.

Board Presidents meeting next week, any information will be shared.

Board members have an item due to Mrs. Bellavia tomorrow.

#### 10. Board of Education - Review Only Items

Discussion, Information: A. Health Services Contract - Annmarie Urso, Ph.D.

Discussion, Information: B. Follow-Up Question(s) from Live-Viewers of 4/14/20 Board of Education Meeting

A community member question that was asked of the District Clerk following the last meeting, was shared with board members, along with the details of the District response.

Discussion, Information: C. Revised Regulation: 5676BOR - Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

This regulation was recommended by Law 2-d. The superintendent shared some of the details about the change.

Q - Do students also have the right to review their records?

This question will be looked at with follow up later.

Discussion, Information: D. Update on Committee Meetings/Other

Board Member Templeton will be attending a virtual policy committee meeting with NYSSBA tomorrow.

Board Member Alati shared that Executive Director, Sherry Johnson at MCSBA shares the District's concerns about lack of information about voting dates and process. Also, about loss of funding on daily lunches.

Q - Are we doing okay with this? A - Every meal that the District gives away is reimbursed and is running on about half of the typical cafeteria staff. Some districts structured their contracts differently to pay holiday pay over the closure, however, HF-L did not. HF-L is serving approximately 50% fewer meals, and is receiving a great deal of assistance from other departments to support the delivery of these meals to the community.

Masks for employees, another concern regarding expense and is being discussed on the state levels.

NYSSBA has frozen their dues. There is a lot of talk about NYSSBA expenses over the last few months.

#### 11. Questions from the Audience

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

#### 12. Adjournment

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

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 Ghidiu, Chris Neff