

**Hicksville Exempted Village Schools
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 20, 2021**

The Hicksville Exempted Village Schools Board of Education met in regular meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The meeting was opened by President, Jennifer Caryer, with the following Board members answering roll call: Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin, and Jennifer Caryer.

Director of Operations Report

John Adams – Assistant Maintenance Director:

- Maintenance department is ready for winter
- Old mowers are getting serviced
- Long list of things to do over Christmas break
- The Audio/Visual upgrades for the main gym and commons will begin over the break
- The entrance archway lights are to arrive soon
- Punch list on new building addition is being worked on
- Key fobs have arrived and are up and running for the new building
- \$21,090 HVAC upgrade through the County Commissioners CDBG grant has been completed

Principal Reports

Mr. Altman – Middle School Principal:

- MS suicide assembly has been cancelled and a new date is being explored
- MS is hosting a Holiday Fun Day on 12/22/21 with inflatables sponsored by the PTO
- Value added was discussed including 4 teachers to attend PD at NwOESC in January

Mrs. Coffman – Elementary School Principal:

- No report as she was absent

Mr. Slattery – High School Principal:

- Thank you to Jane Meyer for her input with Value Added and OTES 2.0
- 30 juniors to the PSAT back in October
- Discussed graduation tests
- There had been a lot of feedback from Four County Career Center and Northwest State CC that our transcripts were difficult to read. Based on input received from other districts we just upgraded our transcripts.
- Mrs. Perna is assisting with the junior class taking ACT testing

Four County Career Center Report

- None

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Countryman:

- We've had our second closure day due to fog
- Discussed meeting with County Health Dept. a lot a flu has been going around

- Mr. Countryman and Mr. Slattery have been working with the Village to apply for the Safe Routes to School grant. If awarded the project wouldn't start until 2024.
- Special thanks to Erin Montgomery and Kirsten Coffman for the Polar express day for K-4 students
- Honored Craig Eiden for his 10 years of service on the Board

Stephanie Mazur moved and Galen Methvin seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

1. Minutes from the regular board meeting on November 22, 2021.
2. Treasurer's Consent Agenda Items
 - a. Cash Reconciliation as of November 30, 2021
 - b. Financial Statements for November 2021
 - c. Approve Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented, total General Fund Resources of \$15,398,020.44 and total Resources for all funds of \$21,225,989.19.
 - d. Approve Amended Fiscal Year 2022 Permanent Appropriations as presented, total General Fund Appropriations of \$11,244,012.47 and total Appropriations for all funds of \$14,590,350.25.
3. Accept the following donations:
 - \$ 50.00 from Frances Lyday for HHS Musical Fund
 - \$ 150.00 from Johns Manville for Boys Basketball
 - \$ 500.00 from The Wholesale House for Elementary Principal's Fund
 - \$ 500.00 from Sweetwater Sound, Ind. For HHS Musical Fund
 - \$1635.64 from P.T.O. for Elementary Principal's Fund
 - \$1000.00 from Ohio State Eagles Charity Fund for 10K Shot Club

Mr. Ruen provided the Board with "Monthly Balance Reports" for both the Food Services fund and the Athletic Fund. The Food Services fund balance as of November 30, 2021 is significantly better than it was one year ago as well as much better than two and three years ago. The Athletic Fund cash balance is almost identical to the balance a year ago and better than the two years before that.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Stephanie Mazur moved and Minda Jones seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03** "Resolution to Express Opposition to the Passage of HB 290"

Mr. Ruen followed up November's discussion of school funding issues regarding DeRolph, HB-110, and the Fair School Funding Plan with an indepth discussion regarding HB-290 referred to as the "Backpack Scholarship Program". As it is currently written, HB-290 would allow \$5,500 for K-8 and \$7,500 for 9-12 students to go to a statewide universal voucher program. The impact of the Backpack Bill on the future of the Fair School Funding Plan is unknown, but it would no doubt be detrimental to the further phase-in of the Plan. If HB-290 becomes law we could potentially see large dollars leave our District to go elsewhere, often times outside of northwest Ohio. Along with the Resolution, Mr. Ruen discussed a handout provided to the Board from the organization Vouchers Hurt Ohio entitled "8 Lies About Private School Vouchers"

Upon passage of Resolution No. 2022-03, Mr. Ruen will send a copy to our House and Senate representatives as well as to the Congressional Speakers and to Governor DeWine.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Craig Eiden moved and Galen Methvin seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve the following as certified substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Jessica Blasing Kelsey Clemens

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Craig Eiden moved and Galen Methvin seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve the following as Title 1 Tutor for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$115.00 with a maximum of 179 days; to be funded through Federal Title 1A Grant Funds.

Kelsey Clemens

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Craig Eiden moved and Galen Methvin seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve a \$150.00 per occurrence stipend to John Adams and Eric Bassett for snow removal during non-school hours.
- Recommend to approve the following as volunteers for the 2021-2022 school year.

Gabe Inkrott - Archery
Melissa Sanders – Archery

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Galen Methvin moved and Craig Eiden seconded the motion to approve the following as stated.

- Recommend to approve the following resolution.

Temporary Expansion of the Employment of Substitute Teachers

WHEREAS, the Hicksville Exempted Village Board of Education anticipates that the District may experience difficulty obtaining substitute teachers during the 2021-2022 school year amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted in Section 4 of Senate Bill 1, signed by Governor DeWine on or about October 28, 2021, the Board hereby authorizes the employment of individuals as substitute teachers, as-needed, who do not hold a post-secondary degree, as otherwise required pursuant to Ohio law and regulations, including Ohio

Revised Code 3319.226 and 3319.30, Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-23-44, and/or Board Policy, provided the individual is of good moral character and that all other applicable requirements and procedures, including successful completion of a criminal background check, and evidence of a valid non-renewable temporary substitute teaching license issued by the Ohio Department of Education, have been satisfied. This is a temporary resolution of the Hicksville Exempted Village School Board, and the authority granted by this resolution extends from the effective date through June 30, 2022.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mrs. Jones inquired about the water issue on the road leading out to St. Rt. 18. She questioned if the architect could be held accountable. Mr. Countryman noted there were no updates on the situation however he can check with our attorney regarding accountability. Mr. Countryman also stated that it's his understanding that Mr. White of VanCrest is willing to help with the issue as he will be in need of dirt and we have a lot of it.

Mrs. Caryer noted that she would like to see the Athletic Code updated/amended by the fall sports season.

Mr. Countryman said a message would be sent out to the public regarding access to the new Athletic Complex.

Stephanie Mazur moved and Galen Methvin seconded the motion to hold an executive session at this meeting in order to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or issuing suspension, or termination of a license, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official licensee, or regulated individual unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0.

Mrs. Caryer noted that the Board will return from executive session with no further business other than to adjourn.

The Board entered executive session at 6:25 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 6:56 p.m.

Craig Eiden moved and Minda Jones seconded the motion to adjourn this meeting until the next board meeting to be held on Monday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call: Ayes – Craig Eiden, Minda Jones, Stephanie Mazur, Galen Methvin and Jennifer Caryer. Motion Carried 5-0. Time 6:56 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer

