

Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi
 2 Sheldon Drive
 Delhi, NY 13753

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Date: December 14, 2015

Members Present: Glenn Nealis, Tammy Neumann, Dr. Thomas Flanders, Elizabeth Huneke, Lucy Kelly, and Jay Wilson (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

Absent: Seth Haight

Others Present: Jason D. Thomson, Superintendent, Bruce McKeegan, School Attorney and several members of the community and staff.

<p>President, Glenn Nealis, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi to order at 6:08 p.m.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>On a motion made by Vice President, Tammy Neumann, seconded by Trustee, Elizabeth Huneke, the Board of Education entered Executive Session to receive a Special Education program update and NYSED compliance, with no action to be taken, at 6:09 p.m.</p>	<p>Enter Executive Session</p>
<p>On a motion made by Vice President, Tammy Neumann, seconded by Trustee, Elizabeth Huneke, the Board left Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.</p>	<p>Leave Executive Session</p>
<p>President, Glenn Nealis, called the Public Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:07 p.m.</p>	<p>Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance</p>
<p>Presentations -</p>	<p>Presentations</p>
<p>Building Condition Survey - Mr. Elbert Eller, Ashley McGraw Architects, gave a brief presentation to the Board on the Building Condition Survey and 5 Year Plan. The plan is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. Mr. Eller will return in February 2016 to present to the Board of Education. There was a brief question and answer session and the Board thanked Mr. Eller for his presentation.</p>	<p>Building Condition Survey</p>
<p>MS/HS Social Studies Department - Mr. John Hultenius, Student, presented an essay he prepared for Mr. Gray's Global 10 class using the "scaffolding" process of preparation. The Board thanked Mr. Hultenius for his presentation.</p>	<p>MS/HS Social Studies</p>
<p>Two students from Mr. Pecori's Social Studies class, Ms. Karlye Heavy and Mr. Benton Branigan gave a presentation to the Board of Education that showed a visual method of teaching that will assist the students in remembering the Bill of Rights.</p>	
<p>Student's, Jesse Hubbard, Chrystal Savage, Emily Fairbairn, and Mackenzie Daly, from Mrs. McGrath's Geography class gave a brief presentation on how they prepared a survey, submitted it to a select audience, gathered the survey results and made graphs of the results in a final report.</p>	

<p>The Board thanked the students and teachers for their presentations.</p> <p>Public Comments -</p> <p>President, Glenn Nealis opened the floor to public comments. There were no public comments.</p> <p>Routine Matters -</p> <p>On a motion made by Trustee, Elizabeth Huneke, seconded by Trustee, Jay Wilson, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on November 16, 2015, and the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held on November 30, 2015 as submitted. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>On a motion made by Trustee, Dr. Thomas Flanders, seconded by Vice President, Tammy Neumann, the Board of Education accepted the A.L. Kellogg, Morgan Stanley Report for the period October 1-31, 2015, and the October 2015 Treasurer’s Report as submitted. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>On a motion made by Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Trustee, Elizabeth Huneke, the Board of Education approved the following personnel recommendations pending fingerprint clearance:</p> <p>Retirements: <i>No retirements for December 2015.</i></p> <p>Resignations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clark, Jessica, Physical Education Teacher, Effective, February 1, 2016</i> • <i>Darling, Jaclyn, Special Education Teacher, Effective, December 4, 2015</i> • <i>Koopman, Beverly, Bus Driver, Effective, December 7, 2015</i> <p>Provisional Appointments: <i>No provisional appointments for December 2015.</i></p> <p>Probationary Appointments: <i>No probationary appointments for December 2015</i></p> <p>Permanent Appointment: <i>No permanent appointments for December 2015</i></p> <p>Change in Position: <i>No change in positions for December 2015.</i></p> <p>Substitute Appointments Pending Fingerprint Clearance - December 15, 2015 through June 30, 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Darling, Jaclyn, Instructional, \$120 per day, effective December 7, 2015 until a Long Term Sub is appointed</i> • <i>Koopman, Beverly, Substitute Bus Driver</i> • <i>Padovani, Anna, Non-Instructional</i> • <i>Sanford, Caitlin, Instructional</i> 	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Routine Matters</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Accept Financial Reports</p> <p>Personnel</p> <p>Resignations Clark Darling Koopman</p> <p>Substitutes</p> <p>Darling, Jaclyn</p> <p>Koopman</p> <p>Padovani</p> <p>Sanford</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verspoor, Amy, Nurse <p>Leave of Absence Request: No Leave requests for December 2015.</p> <p>Co-Curricular Appointments: No Co-Curricular appointments for December 2015.</p> <p>Coaching Appointments - Stipend Agreement</p> <p><i>WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Branigan has agreed to coach two Boys Modified Basketball teams for the winter 2016 season; and,</i> <i>WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Branigan has agreed to coach two Boys Modified Basketball teams for a stipend of \$2,832 or 1.5 times of Step IV of the DAFA agreement, a savings to the district of \$944.00;</i> <i>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves a stipend of \$2,832, which is equivalent to 1.5 times the contractually agreed upon amount at step IV of the DAFA agreement, to Mr. Branigan for coaching two boys basketball teams.</i></p> <p>Athletic Appointments - Clock and Scorebook Workers - Basketball, \$20 per game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neumann, Shawn, retroactive to December 4, 2015 Spangenberg, Colin, retroactive to December 4, 2015 <p>Volunteer Appointment - Clock and Scorebook Worker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mable, Julie <p>Vice President, Tammy Neumann abstained from the vote. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>On a motion made by Vice President, Tammy Neumann, seconded by Trustee, Dr. Thomas Flanders, the Board of Education approved the CSE Recommendations as submitted for December 2015. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Reports -</p> <p>Ms. Julie Mable, Elementary Principal reported: Since the last Board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-5 staff have met to discuss our science and social studies curriculum K-5 met as grade level teams Parent / Teacher Conferences Third Grade and the Math Specialists presented Third Grade and the Math Specialists were assigned to a grade level and went more in depth Rtl Committee met and they will be holding the first meetings to discuss students on 12/21/15 K-2 Sing-a-long is tomorrow, 12/15/15 3-5 Sing-a-long is Thursday, 12/17/15 Math Committee meets tomorrow ELA Committee meets Wednesday. <p>The Board thanked Ms. Mable for her report.</p> <p>Ms. Laurie Alberti, MS/HS Principal reported:</p>	<p>Verspoor</p> <p>Coaching</p> <p>Branigan</p> <p>Clock & Scorebook</p> <p>Neumann</p> <p>Spangenberg</p> <p>Mable</p> <p>Approve CSE Recommendations</p> <p>Reports</p> <p>Elementary</p> <p>MS/HS</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As reported in the last Board of Education meeting, she attended the SMLL Science and Social Studies curriculum • We had a Social Studies curriculum meeting last Thursday • After the break, we will have a science department meeting • A Journeys data meeting was held this morning and when all the data is input into “think central,” we will have another meeting to analyze the data • At the December ISAC meeting we discussed STEM in which she was asked to join a committee to explore more STEM options. She’ll represent Delaware Academy. Also asked for weighting • Observations continue • The winter concert was last Thursday and she received positive feedback • The annual safety assembly with law enforcement and attorneys will take place when we return from break on January 5, 2016. <p>The Board thanked Ms. Alberti for her report.</p> <p>Mr. Carey Shultz, Business Manager reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State audit is almost finished. Transportation has been a focus for the auditors in a positive way • He’s working on budget packets for the staff and will distribute them electronically • The Finance Committee met last Thursday and the following items were discussed: Spending comparisons - we are on target with spending, bus leasing, and a summer school analysis • Proposal to Board of Education to change reporting process for financial reports. The Board approved the request. <p>The Board thanked Mr. Shultz for his report.</p> <p>Mr. Bill Bartlett, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPM, Electrical Engineer has developed the plans for the power upgrade to support the new elementary kitchen equipment and is working on the front end specs and bidding documents • New York State Department of Transportation is requiring a shared service agreement in order to continue storing salt in their shed. This will be an annual agreement • He’s scheduled a meeting with Ashley McGraw Architects, Appel Osborne Landscape Architects, Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Department of Environmental Protection to review our Storm Water Retrofit Application. The meeting will be held tomorrow (12/15/15) in the Middle School Library with a site walk through to follow. <p>There was a discussion held regarding the needs of the elementary cafeteria. The Board thanked Mr. Bartlett for his report.</p> <p>Mr. Luke Potrzeba, Technology Supervisor reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video system reviewed and upgraded in past few weeks. Many issues were resolved • 4th grade students becoming proficient in sketch up - students can now create 3D from 2D images • Speaker repairs successful. He worked with buildings and grounds staff to expedite repair. In house repairs saved 1,000’s over replacement. <p>Winter break plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ES, Sound system enhancement DES Cafe and Gyms, Projection screen on stage 	<p>Business Office</p> <p>Buildings & Grounds</p> <p>Technology</p> <p>Technology continued</p>
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<p>Other Discussion - Trustee, Lucy Kelly thanked Mr. Verspoor for his assistance with the new bus schedule.</p> <p>Trustee, Jay Wilson commented he's hearing comments for the next building project and he wonders if the Board of Education is asking the right questions. He is hearing new items that weren't included in the survey.</p> <p>Trustee, Dr. Thomas Flanders commented that Ms. Fairbairn's presentation to the Board of Education in Executive Session was outstanding! He thanked her for the explanations on RTI. He commented that the field is complex and tough, but we will rebuild the program. He really appreciates Ms. Fairbairn's efforts.</p> <p>Trustee, Dr. Thomas Flanders commented that he really appreciated Ms. Mable's discussion about academics.</p> <p>Trustee, Dr. Thomas Flanders stated that he has heard great comments about this year's winter concert.</p> <p>Trustee, Dr. Thomas Flanders thanked Ms. Alberti for her efforts with STEM.</p> <p>Trustee, Dr. Thomas Flanders stated that the Board of Education heard in great detail, about the 5 Year Plan. The Plan shows a lot of weaknesses. He commented that the district has spent over 32 million dollars over the last 15 years and he is sad about this. He informed the Board of Education members that it is very important to take the time to review the plan in great detail, when it is brought to them. It is the Board's responsibility to do so.</p>	<p>Other Discussion Kelly</p> <p>Wilson</p> <p>Flanders</p>
<p>Public Comments -</p>	<p>Public Comments</p>
<p>President, Glenn Nealis opened the floor to public comments.</p>	
<p>Mr. Bill Bartlett, Building and Grounds Supervisor thanked Mr. Potrzeba and Mr. Thomson for their assistance with the speakers. He thanked Mr. Potrzeba for his expertise in ordering the necessary parts.</p>	<p>Bartlett</p>
<p>Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:</p>	<p>BOE Meeting Dates</p>
<p>Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. (it is anticipated an Executive Session will be called at 6:00 p.m., and the Board of Education will return to Public Session at 7:00 p.m.) in the High School Media Library Center.</p>	<p>January 25, 2016</p>
<p>On a motion made by Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Vice President, Tammy Neumann, the Board of Education entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel item, with no action to be taken, at 9:08 p.m.</p>	<p>Enter Executive Session</p>
<p>On a motion made by Trustee, Elizabeth Huneke, seconded by Trustee, Lucy Kelly, the Board of Education left Executive Session at 9:43 p.m.</p>	<p>Leave Executive Session</p>
<p>On a motion made by Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Vice President, Tammy Neumann, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Susan J. Temple District Clerk</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>