

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

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Date: December 15, 2014

Members Present: Dr. Thomas Flanders, Glenn Nealis, Tammy Neumann, Jay Wilson, and Seth Haight

Absent: Wayne Oliver

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

<p>President, Dr. Thomas Flanders, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09 p.m.</p>	<p>Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance</p>
<p>Presentations –</p>	<p>Presentations</p>
<p>Capital Project Update – Mr. Brion Salatino, Building Project Manager, gave a brief recap of the building project. This update will be the last for Mr. Salatino as we are closing out the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LeChase Construction was brought on in April, the project bid in May, and construction began in June 2014. Mr. Salatino commended the Board of Education and school staff for pulling together to make sure the project began in June. Not only did the bids come in under budget, but the district was able to accept all alternates. • Phase I – Opening of School: The project team was up against a demanding schedule to complete roughly six million dollars of construction in less than nine weeks. Including soft costs, that was roughly \$750,000 a week of construction. • Phase II – Middle school gym and remaining Scope: The middle school gym, high school clock tower, middle school bridge, and elementary school storefront were left remaining once school opened. Utilizing in depth coordination with the district, the remaining scope was able to be completed with little disruption to the districts school functions. • Close out: As scheduled, close out of the project will be ongoing through the month of December, with final NYSED submissions being submitted early in 2015. Close out is often as difficult as the actual construction. Each party of the project team is continuing to work diligently to hit our close out goals. 	<p>Capital Project Update</p>
<p>Mr. Salatino thanked the Board, staff and public for the opportunity to provide services for an exciting and fulfilling project in 2014.</p>	
<p>The Board thanked Mr. Salatino and LeChase Construction for all their hard work, attention to detail and follow up.</p>	
<p>Junior Prom Committee – Students Justin Simonds, Brian Lilholt, Declan Kottmeier, Mike Hultaneous, and Macayla Carron brought a proposal to the Board of Education to hold</p>	<p>Junior Prom Committee</p>

<p>the Junior Prom off site in 2015. The prom committee is requesting the Board's permission to hold the prom at the Maple Shade Farm this year. It was brought to the Board's attention that there are other area school districts that hold their proms off site and they have had great success.</p> <p>The students would like to hold the prom at Maple Shad Farm as they like the atmosphere of the farm; it is familiar to many of the students and their families. The Maple Shade Farm hosts many big events and can easily handle the request as far as catering and safety of the students. The students feel that by having the prom at Maple Shade Farm, it will result in a more memorable evening.</p> <p>A brief question and answer session was held regarding safety, chaperones, security, etc.</p> <p>On a motion made by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, seconded by Trustee, Seth Haight, the Board of Education approved a request from the Junior Prom Committee to proceed with plans to hold a Junior Prom at the Maple Shade Farms in Delhi, New York. There were no further questions, comments, or discussion and the motion passed with a vote of 4 aye. Trustee, Jay Wilson abstained from the vote.</p> <p>Use of Classroom App for Instruction – Ms. Doreen McGrath, Social Studies Teacher, and Mr. Micaiah Abts, English Teacher gave a brief presentation on an app they use in their classrooms. The app provides students with the opportunity to interact with the teachers at any time during a project, and it provides the teachers the opportunity to see if a student is struggling with a project and to see what phase all students are at on a project at any time.</p> <p>The Board thanked Ms. McGrath and Mr. Abts for their presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments –</p> <p>President, Dr. Thomas Flanders opened the floor to public comments. There were no public comments.</p> <p>Routine Matters –</p> <p>On a motion made by Trustee, Seth Haight, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held on November 17, 2014 as submitted. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion was unanimously approved.</p> <p>On a motion made by Trustee, Seth Haight, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report and the Smith Barney Report on the ALK Education Fund Investment for November 2014 as submitted. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion was unanimously carried.</p> <p>On a motion made Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Trustee, Seth Haight, the Board of Education approved the following personnel recommendations by the Superintendent pending fingerprint clearance:</p> <p>Retirements – No retirements for December 2014.</p> <p>Resignations –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berry-Wysong, Sherril, Bus Driver, effective November 30, 2014 <p>Provisional Appointments –</p>	<p>Approve Request to hold Jr. Prom off site.</p> <p>App as used in classroom</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Routine Matters</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Approval of Financial Report</p> <p>Approval of Personnel</p> <p>Resignation Berry-Wysong</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teachers continue to monitor student progress and are utilizing support staff for ELA academic interventions. The RTI committee continues to meet with classroom teachers to discuss strategies for individual students' success. • She has completed several formal observations of both tenured and non-tenured teachers in my building. <p>The Board thanked Ms. Byam for her report.</p> <p>Ms. Laurie Alberti, MS/HS Principal reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCCLA collected food and toys last month as part of the Bulldogs Give Back program. They delivered the items to Delaware Opportunities before Thanksgiving, a bus load of toys for 50 children in need on December 5, 2014 for which we were on the front page of the Daily Star (12/9/14) and another load of food will be delivered this Friday for the Christmas holiday. • The 7th grade social studies class is raising funds by collecting unused greeting cards and bundling for \$5.00. They hope to raise \$500.00 to buy a wood stove for a Native American family on a reservation. • We will have our third annual safety assembly on January 7, 2015. • ELA teachers continue to meet with departments/teachers on their literacy needs and our district rubric for writing. They will report to the Board at the February Board meeting. • Regents' exams are January 26 – January 29, 2015. • Observations are coming to an end and curriculum conversations, feedback, suggestions continue. She looks for close-text reading, evidence based claims, ELA shifts – which is the framework for the state assessments/regents. • She will attend the DITEP on January 5th and 6th with Jeff Ferrara, Matt Neumann, Allison Yando, and Holly Simmons. 	<p>MS/HS</p>
<p>The Board thanked Ms. Alberti for her report.</p> <p>Mr. Jeffrey Ferrara, Athletic Director gave a brief report on functions in the athletic department including, but not limited to an update on the girls cross country team, weight room orders, winter sports and quad events. Mr. Ferrara approached the Board with a request to ask for donations at this Friday's games to help a student from the Walton school district that has brain tumors. Mr. Ferrara stated that many D.A. students are friends with the Walton student. The Board denied the request for the fundraiser to come from the athletic department due to legal ramifications; however, the Board suggested Mr. Ferrara approach the Varsity Club to request the donations through the club. The Board approved the request to ask for donations at Friday's games provided the function is run by the Varsity Club.</p> <p>Mr. Ferrara thanked the Board for their continued support.</p> <p>Trustee, Seth Haight stated he has been approached by community members about a possibility of holding "open time" for community use of the facilities. He stated there really isn't any other facility for the community to use. It was suggested that perhaps the Varsity Club would be interested in operating such a program with donations to be made for the use of the facility to cover expenses. Mr. Ferrara will look into the request for Mr. Haight.</p> <p>On a motion made by Trustee, Seth Haight, seconded by Trustee, Tammy Neumann, the Board of Education approved a request from Ms. Byam in the elementary building to surplus one Sharp Fax Machine, Model: FO-1600 as it no longer is in working order. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion unanimously carried.</p>	<p>Athletic Director</p> <p>Approval Surplus – Fax Machine</p>

<p>On a motion made by Trustee, Seth Haight, seconded by Trustee, Tammy Neumann, the Board of Education approved a request from Ms. Byam in the elementary building to surplus one television, serial #SB83081554, Model: W20089 as it no longer is in working order. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion unanimously carried.</p>	<p>Approval Surplus – Television</p>
<p>New Business –</p>	<p>New Business</p>
<p>On a motion made by Trustee, Seth Haight, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Understanding Between Bassett Medical Center and Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi for the purpose of operating the school-based health service in accordance with the New York State Department of Health Principals and Guidelines called Delhi School-Based Health Center (SBHC). A brief discussion was held. There were no further questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion unanimously carried.</p>	<p>Approval of MOU – Bassett Medical Center</p>
<p>On a motion made by Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board of Education approved a request from the athletic department to pay basketball score keepers for both boys and girls JV and varsity basketball games for the 2014-2015 season as submitted. There was a brief discussion. There were no further questions, comments, or discussion and the motion unanimously carried.</p>	<p>Approval to Pay Score Keepers</p>
<p>On a motion made by Trustee Jay Wilson, seconded by Trustee, Seth Haight, the Board of Education appointed Dr. James Monk to serve as the Impartial Hearing Officer as per the NYSED Impartial Hearing Reporting System rotational list. There were no further questions, comments, or discussion and the motion unanimously carried.</p>	<p>Appointment of IHO</p>
<p>Board Comments –</p>	<p>Board Comments</p>
<p>Trustee, Jay Wilson commented that the middle school / high school concert was well attended. It was a full house. The students all did an excellent job!</p>	<p>Wilson</p>
<p>Trustee, Seth Haight commented that the annual holiday parade was once again, well done! The school showed a great presence. He commented that the rededication of the Shalkey gym was a nice thing to honor – well done!</p>	<p>Haight</p>
<p>Public Comments –</p>	<p>Public Comments</p>
<p>President, Dr. Thomas Flanders opened the floor to public comments. There were no public comments.</p>	
<p>Next Board meeting date – Monday, January 26, 2015.</p>	<p>Next BOE Meeting Date</p>
<p>On a motion made by Trustee, Tammy Neumann, seconded by Trustee, Jay Wilson, the Board of Education adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Susan J. Temple District Clerk</p>	<p>Adjournment</p>