# Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi

2 Sheldon Drive Delhi, NY 13753

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Date: March 23, 2015

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

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

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	President, Dr. Thomas Flanders called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi to order at 6:05 p.m.	Call to Order
	On a motion made by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, seconded by Trustee, Tammy Neumann, the Board of Education entered Executive Session to discuss Business Manager replacement timeline, Elementary Principal replacement timeline, DCMO BOCES Board of Education nominations for Board membership, and a possible wrestling merger, with no action to be taken. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.	Enter Executive Session
	On a motion made by Trustee, Wayne Oliver, seconded by Trustee, Seth Haight, the Board of Education left Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.	Leave Executive Session
	President, Dr. Thomas Flanders called the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m.	Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance
	President, Dr. Thomas Flanders requested a recess for the purpose of bidding Ms. Marian Chrisman, Business Manager farewell with a short reception including cake and lemonade. Ms. Chrisman is leaving the District to accept a position as Business Manager in another school district. President, Dr. Thomas Flanders thanked Ms. Chrisman, on behalf of the entire Board of Education, for her service to Delaware Academy.	Reception
	Presentations –	Presentations
	DCMO BOCES Budget Presentation – Mr. Deedrick Bertholf	DCMO BOCES – Proposed 2015-16
	Mr. Deedrick Bertholf, Deputy Superintendent of DCMO BOCES provided a handout of the DCMO BOCES proposed Administrative Budget for 2015-2016 to the Delaware Academy Board of Education. Mr. Bertholf reviewed the highlights of the 2015-2016 Administrative Budget with an average district increase of 1.99%. A brief question and answer session was held.	Administrative Budget
	The Board of Education thanked Mr. Bertholf for his time.	
	Scoreboard Update – Mr. Jeff Barese, LeChase Construction Mr. Jeff Barese of LeChase Construction gave a handout to the Board of Education that	LeChase Construction Scoreboard Update

included copies of responses to the bid on Bulletin No. 044 New Exterior Field

Signage/Scoreboard. Mr. Barese explained that the scoreboard replacement is an item needed to be completed to close out the building project. Mr. Barese recommended that Nelcorp Electrical Contracting Corporation is awarded the bid for the service, as they provided the lowest bid of \$54, 875.00. Mr. Barese requested the Board take action to approve Nelcorp Electrical Contracting Corporation to proceed with the work. A brief question and answer session was held.

The Board thanked Mr. Barese for his update.

WHEREAS, LeChase Construction, Project Manager for the current Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi gave notice to general contractors to bid on Change Order Proposal Bulletin 044 Field Signage, Delaware Academy Football Sign, and upon recommendation by LeChase Construction to award the bid to Nelcorp Electrical Contracting Corporation;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by LeChase Construction, hereby awards Nelcorp Electrical Contracting Corporation to provide services on Change Order Proposal Bulletin 044, not to exceed \$54,875.00, and that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Nelcorp Electrical Contracting Corporation to proceed with the work with the understanding that Mr. Barese will monitor and follow through with the project.

A roll call vote was taken with results being 6 Yes, 0 No, and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget Presentation 2015-2016 - Ms. Marian Chrisman, Business Manager

Ms. Chrisman presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget to be put before the voters on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Handouts were provided to the public. The budget amount to be put before the voters is \$19,713,649.00, an increase of 1.62%. This year's budget includes the addition of three new positions.

Ms. Chrisman also reviewed a proposition to be put before the voters to lease seven (7) new buses for a five year term. Ms. Chrisman and the Board of Education feel it is in the best interest of the District to lease due to the increased transportation aid received by doing so.

The Board thanked Ms. Chrisman for her presentation.

### Public Comments –

President, Dr. Thomas Flanders welcomed Mr. Eli Townsend, Ms. Lucy Kelly, and Ms. Elizabeth Huneke who are all running for Board seats this year.

Mr. Will Outsen, Delhi, New York asked what was wrong with the old scoreboard. The Board informed Mr. Outsen that they the old scoreboard is eight years old and they are not able to replace the parts needed.

Mrs. Lucy Kelly, Delhi, New York inquired about the new position for the automotive program at SUNY, Delhi – will it be taking away from BOCES. The Board replied that it would not take anything away this year, but will effect next year.

Mrs. Lucy Kelly, Delhi, New York inquired about the new scoreboard – will more people be needed to operate it? What will the new board look like? Does the district have percentages of how we utilize BOCES services? Have we itemized those percentages? The Board replied to Ms. Kelly that they will address her questions after the meeting is

Approve Nelcorp as Contractor – Change Order Proposal Bulletin 044

DA Budget Presentation 2015-2016

### **Public Comments**

Flanders

Outsen

Kelly

Kelly continued

over and get back to her.

There were no further comments.

Routine Matters –

Routine Matters

On a motion made by Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on February 23, 2015, and the Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held on March 2, 2015 as submitted. There were no questions, comments, or discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes

On a motion made by Trustee, Wayne Oliver, seconded by Trustee, Tammy Neumann, the Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report and the Morgan Stanley Report on the ALK Education Fund Investment for February 2015 as submitted. There were no questions, comments, or discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Financial Reports

On a motion made by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, seconded by Trustee, Jay Wilson, the Board of Education approved the following personnel recommendations by the Superintendent pending fingerprint clearance:

Approve Personnel

Retirements:

No retirements for March 2015.

Resignations:

No resignations for March 2015.

**Probationary Appointments:** 

• Marino, Elizabeth, Payroll Clerk, 12 Month FT, Non-Union, Effective April 6, 2015 to October 12, 2015, salary: \$30,000.00/year.

Probationary Marino

Permanent Appointments:

No permanent appointments for March 2015.

Change in Position:

• Ingram, Sherry, position increased from 10 month FT to 12 month FT, 80% Custodian, 20% Shipping & Receiving, salary per CSEA agreement, effective March 24, 2015.

Change in Position Ingram, S.

Substitute Appointments Pending Fingerprint Clearance – March 24, 2015 – June 30, 2015:

• Pecori, Jonathan, Substitute Custodial Worker

Substitutes

Pecori

Leave of Absence Request:

No requests for leave of absence for March 2015.

Tenure Appointments:

No tenure appointments for March 2015.

Budget Vote Workers – Tuesday, May 17, 2015:

- Anderson, Alberta, Poll Worker, \$12.00 per hour
- Barriger, June, Chairperson, no stipend
- Bush, Rose, Poll Worker, \$12.00 per hour
- Francisco, Roberta (Cathy), Poll Worker, \$12.00 per hour
- Noble, Vicki, Poll Worker, Chief Inspector, \$12.00 per hour

**Budget Vote Workers** 

- Priest, Susan, Alternate Poll Worker, \$12.00 per hour
- Spangenberg, Kurt, Voting Machine Maintenance Mechanic, \$12.00 per hour

### Co-Curricular Appointments:

No co-curricular appointments for March 2015.

### Coaching Appointments:

- Ackerly, Shawn, Modified Softball Coach, Step IV, \$1,870.00, retroactive to March 23, 2015
- Newman, Matt, Varsity Softball Coach, Step IIA, \$3,122.00, retroactive to March 2, 2015.

# Coaching Ackerly

Newman

### Volunteer Coaching Appointments:

- Bedient. Devon. Baseball
- Gullow, Austin, Baseball

## Volunteers Bedient Gullow

### Recall from Preferred Eligible List:

• Walker, Laurie, who is on the Preferred Eligibility List, is hereby being returned to the 1.0 FTE position as a Library Media Specialist effective September 1, 2015.

Ms. Walker's name shall be removed from the Preferred Eligibility List. The salary will be at the current rate as per the DAFA agreement.

### PEL Recall Walker

### Other:

• Whipple, Ron, Interim Purchasing Agent, effective April 6, 2015 – June 30, 2015. Mr. Whipple is also authorized to recommend transfers to the Board of Education and other duties as assigned by the superintendent during his term as Interim Business Manager.

Other Whipple

There were no questions, comments, or discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, seconded by Trustee, Seth Haight, the Board of Education approved CSE recommendations as submitted by the CSE Chairperson for February 2015. There were no questions, comments or discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve CSE Recommendations

### Reports -

### Ms. Judith Byam, Elementary Principal reported:

- Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, the NYS Fire Inspection was completed for the spaces that the YMCA after school program will be using. There were a few minor fixes that had to be worked on. The Delaware Opportunities representative will be coming back for their inspection this Friday.
- Friday, March 13th was a staff development day; teachers in the elementary building attended workshops held in the high school building. The Climate Change Exchange was hosted here in Delaware Academy, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension. In the morning, some RTI committee meetings were held to discuss and monitor student progress.
- March 19th was the Talent Show for students in grades K-2, with one group of 4th graders. This Thursday, March 26th will be the Talent Show for students in grades 3-5. The Talent Shows are sponsored by the Building Level Team. Each participant gets a coupon for ice cream.
- On March 20th the Safety Patrol members hosted their final fundraising activity of the year. The Kids Zone was a success, over 130 students attended.
- The elementary staff is preparing for the NYS assessments ELA are to begin on Tuesday, April 14, and Math tests begin on April 22. Regarding the "opt out"

# Reports

Elementary Principal

Elementary Principal continued

provisions for students, we are required to give each student the test booklet. She has composed a note to parents that explains that we do not have an alternative location for students – due to limited space and students with disabilities needing accommodations. Students will be expected to remain in the classroom. Teachers allow students to read quietly at their seats if they are not participating in the testing. So far, Ms. Byam has received one letter opting out. She expects more as the testing dates approach.

The Board thanked Ms. Byam for her report.

### Ms. Laurie Alberti, 6-12 Principal reported: Curriculum news:

- Results of the National German Exam:
  - Two Gold winners scored 97 and 94
  - One Silver winner scored 92
  - Three Bronze winners scored 88, 87, and 83
- Mr. Backus gave a practice physics test on the classical content (dynamics, energy, etc.) and students passed with 80's and 90's and two students scored 100!
- A middle school classroom is doing a writing project which is directly aligned to the CC Writing standard for the grade level WS 3.a-e
- A high school classroom is directly teaching CC ELA standards

#### Events:

- A "Save a Life Tour" was held on distracted driving and driving under influences
- One of the high school students, Lorlyn Kilmer was awarded a trip to the 4-H Capital Days in Albany which was held on March 1st
- April 8th is the college fair which we are hosting. There will be 65-70 colleges here and approximately 12 districts visiting
- We are also hosting the Youth Summit in April and expect about 150 students from other districts to attend (making good choices, etc.)
- The D & A are here on Mondays and do various educational games with students during lunch. Two weeks ago they did a D&A Jeopardy.

### Principal news:

- Ms. Alberti attended a data analysis training on the ELA CC regents June 2014 with Mrs. Haight. She will give specific information at the BOE data retreat
- She attended a monthly principal's meeting this morning where they had a director from the college board to discuss changes in the SAT and PSAT tests
- Her informal walk-through observations are half way done with about 45% left
- She will be having a middle school faculty meeting to discuss the state assessments and then she will a meeting for the social studies faculty to discuss the upcoming CC regents in social studies.

The Board thanked Ms. Alberti for her report.

#### Ms. Marian Chrisman, Business Manager reported:

- Kellogg funds had a growth spurt in February; we gained \$353,000 for an overall fund balance of \$13,248,000.00. The Memorial fund stands at \$23,800.00 in interest and dividends. Last year at this time it was \$22,100.00. Scholarship has income at \$64,600.00 and last year it was \$61,100.00. Our total maximum awards last year were \$90,325.00 and we had \$85,674.00 in income. We were only short \$4,600.00 to make a 100% payout. We may hit 100% this year.
- Fiscal Advisors has been in to audit what we have so far on the Capital Project and to get a start on the Final Project reports. We are in excellent shape. Mr. Thomson signed the last of the outstanding Change Orders today, the only remaining items are the Elementary Chimney Flue, the acoustic panels for the

6-12 Principal

Business Manager

Business Manager continued

- elementary indoor recess room, and the scoreboard. With these items taken out, the unspent balance is estimated at \$42,000.00.
- Cash balances are stable and should remain so for the balance of the year.

  Overall, she is leaving us in a very stable fiscal environment.
- Ms. Chrisman's semi-official last day in the office is tomorrow. She's arranged with Mr. Thomson to be available by phone and email until Mr. Whipple starts on April 6th, then she'll be in the office on April 6th and 7th to process that payroll and to bring Mr. Whipple up to speed with outstanding issues.
- Ms. Chrisman thanked the Superintendent and the Board of Education for their support and for giving her the opportunity to grow professionally during her tenure at Delaware Academy. She stated "it is a remarkable institution of learning because of its faculty and staff and I've always been proud to be a part of it."

The Board thanked Ms. Chrisman for her report and wished her well in her new position.

Mr. Bill Bartlett, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor reported:

- His department continues with general maintenance repairs, cleaning and snow removal. In addition to that, he walked through the middle school and high school with Mr. Thomson to determine which walls to paint
- He met with Dave Curley of the Village about the storm line at our main entrance.

The Board thanked Mr. Bartlett for his report.

Ms. Christine Miller, Food Services Supervisor reported:

- Breakfast meal totals for February 2,303; lunch totals were 5,766. There were 13 serving days
- March 7th the food service department assisted the Varsity Club with refreshments for the Indoor Soccer Tournament
- March 12<sup>th</sup> they provided the Annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner to area Senior Citizens. This event noted the largest attendance in several years
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Delaware Academy hosted the Climate Change Conference for Cornell Cooperative Extension. The food service department provided breakfast, lunch and afternoon refreshments for the event.
- March 13th, 14th, and 15th the food service department assisted the Film Club, Speech and Debate and the Yearbook Club with dinners coinciding with the Musical
- March 25th, 26th, and 27th is Kindergarten registration.

The Board thanked Ms. Miller for her report.

Mr. Jason D. Thomson, Superintendent reported:

- The Five Year Maintenance Plan is underway
- Congratulations to the Board for completing the proposed budget in such a timely manner. It is another fiscally responsible budget and it is on the agenda for adoption tonight
- Congratulations to everyone who was a part of the Musical it was another very successful event, and he appreciates all the hard work and dedication the staff and students put into it
- The YMCA after school program is scheduled to begin on April 6, 2015. The necessary inspections are completed
- Delaware County Department of Social Services has agreed to enter into an agreement to add an additional social worker in the elementary for preventative services for the district

**Buildings & Grounds** 

Food Services

Superintendent Superintendent continued

- Application review for the Business Manager and Elementary Principal vacancies will begin tomorrow. Mr. Ron Whipple will come on board to serve as our Interim Business Manager on April 6
- Ms. Elizabeth Marino has accepted the Payroll Clerk position. She's served the district the past few years as a substitute
- St. Patrick's Day Parade was, once again, a nice success for our community. He thanked Vice President, Glenn Nealis for organizing this event for the community
- The district office is very busy with budget vote preparation, receiving applications and scheduling interviews for vacancies he will be meeting with interview committees in the near future. We met with both ALK committees and policy review committee this month
- Mr. Thomson noted there are multiple measures of success here at Delaware Academy. He referenced the Data Report for the second quarter of 2014-2015.

Trustee, Tammy Neumann commented on the quarterly report and that she is pleased to see the number of students involved in all of the activities.

The Board thanked Mr. Thomson for his report.

### Policy Review -

The Board held its second reading of Policy #57 – Independent Educational Evaluation. The policy will be placed on the April Board agenda for adoption.

The Board held its first reading of Policy #69 – Concussion Management Policy. The second reading will take place in April.

### New Business -

On a motion made by Trustee, Wayne Oliver, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board approved budget transfers in the amount of \$37,110.00 for the third quarter expenditures in 2014-2015. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Trustee, Seth Haight, seconded by Trustee, Jay Wilson, the Board approved a request from the Spanish Club for the district to provide transportation to and from airports and local visits, as well as the cost of gas, and a bus driver during their participation in the school exchange with Vitoria, Spain in 2015. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Trustee, Tammy Neumann, the Board adopted the school calendar for the 2015-2016 academic school year as submitted. There were no questions, comments, or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, seconded by Trustee, Wayne Oliver, the following Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release was approved:

### FUND SURPLUS RESOLUTION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement And Release ("Agreement") is by and between the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi, formerly Delhi CSD ("District"), 2 Sheldon Drive, Delhi, NY 13753, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Rensselaer - Columbia - Greene Counties ("Questar III", which shall be defined to include Questar III's Board members, administrators, officers, employees, attorneys, agents, representatives, successors and assigns), 10 Empire State Boulevard, Castleton, NY 12033. The District and Questar III may be referred to collectively herein as the "Parties."

### Policy Review

#57

#69

### **New Business**

Approve Budget Transfers

Approve Request from Spanish Club

Approve School Calendar 2015-2016

Approve Fund Surplus Resolution

WHEREAS, Questar III retained D'Arcangelo & Co, LLP ("D'Arcangelo") to conduct an independent audit of the funds that Questar III has accrued for purposes of satisfying future liabilities for post-retirement and other post-employment benefits ("OPEB"); and WHEREAS, D'Arcangelo issued an Agreed-Upon Procedures Report on July 21, 2014 (the "Report") which, among other things, confirmed the total balance of funds accrued by Questar III for OPEB purposes as of June 30, 2013 and, of that balance, amounts that could be returned to the component and non-component school districts who participated in the relevant programs conducted by Questar III ("Accrual Amount"); and WHEREAS, the Questar III Board has adopted a plan by which the OPEB Accrual Amount will be returned to such component and non-component school districts (the "Plan"), utilizing the basis for return set forth in the Report, and

WHEREAS, the Plan has received approval from the State Education Department; and WHEREAS, the Parties hereto wish to memorialize the terms by which the District will participate in the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Questar III will return to the District a total of \$499.13 (the "Payment Amount"), which by this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute the District's full and complete entitlement to its share of the OPEB Accrual Amount. The Payment Amount shall be returned over a period not to exceed five years as follows:

District: Delhi CSD

Year ending June 30, OPEB Accruals Return to be Credited to Administrative Levy % of Total Return to District

2016 \$499.13 100

Total Return of OPEB Accruals to District \$499.13 100

The Payment Amount as set forth above shall be returned in the form of a credit against the amount that the District otherwise is required to contribute to Questar III for non-component district CoSer charges in each of the school years set forth in the Payment Schedule above. If the portion of the Payment Amount to be returned in any school year exceeds the amount that the District must otherwise remit to Questar III, the excess balance shall be added to the portion of the Payment Amount to be returned in the next subsequent school year pursuant to the above Payment Schedule. If any such excess balance remains after the final year of the Payment Schedule, the excess balance shall be credited against the District's required contribution to Questar III in the next subsequent school year, and any additional school years as may be necessary to fully return the Payment Amount to the District. In no case shall Questar III be required to return any portion of the Payment Amount in the form of a cash payment to the District, or in any other manner except as set forth herein.

- 2. The District hereby accepts the return of the Payment Amount, as set forth herein, as full and complete satisfaction of any claim or entitlement the District would otherwise have, by law, contract, equity or otherwise, to return of any portion of the Accrual Amount.
- 3. In consideration for the return of the Payment Amount as set forth herein, the District hereby releases and discharges Questar III from any and all obligations, claims or liabilities, of any nature, that relate to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III's OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement, and the District hereby agrees that it will not commence, maintain or cooperate with any action, proceeding or claim in law or equity, of any nature or in any forum, against Questar III in relation to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III's OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement, which shall include but not be limited to any action, proceeding or claim in law or equity, seeking to recover (a) any portion of the Accrual Amount beyond that which is set forth in this Agreement, or (b) any other payment or relief that relates in any way to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III's OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement.
- 4. The District agrees that presentation of this Agreement shall serve as the District's unqualified and irrevocable consent to discontinue with prejudice any action, proceeding

Fund Surplus Resolution continued or claim in law or equity, commenced or maintained by or on behalf of the District and/or its officers in violation of the terms of this Agreement.

- 5. The Parties affirm that this Agreement fully and completely sets forth the agreed upon resolution of any rights, entitlements or claims that the District may have in relation to the Accrual Amount, and that no other promises or agreements have been made or would be effective in relation to the Accrual Amount.
- 6. The District and Questar III hereby each respectively affirm that the execution of this Agreement has been authorized by action of its Board of Education.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Trustee, Tammy Neumann, the Board accepted an anonymous donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be deposited in the Delaware Academy Varsity Club Activity Account for use in continuing Cross Country Team activities and events beyond the normal scope of current budgeted funds, and the Board of Education acknowledges the donation with gratitude to the anonymous donor. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Accept Anonymous Donation

On a motion made by Trustee, Seth Haight, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board approved a request from the athletic department to deem 47 Aluminum Baseball Bats as surplus, as they do not meet the requirement of establishing a "BBCOR Rating" for safety per law. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Surplus Equipment – Athletic Department

On a motion made by Trustee, Seth Haight, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board accepted a request from the buildings and grounds department to deem as surplus one John Deere, X595 Lawn and Garden Tractor with mower, snow blower and blade, serial #MOX595C030403, as it was replaced, and one 1996 Chevy one-ton 4X4 pickup truck with plow, Model:K3500, serial #1GCHK34R4TE250789, mileage: 30816 as it is in poor condition and has a cracked frame. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Surplus
Equipment – Buildings
& Grounds

On a motion made by Trustee, Jay Wilson, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board approved a request for transportation to provide transportation of a student attending Oneonta Community Christian School from the student's home on Case Hill Road, Treadwell, NY, to Oneonta Community Christian School for the 2015-2016 school year. A brief discussion was held. The motion carried with a vote of 5 yes, 1 no. On a motion made by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, seconded by Trustee, Jay Wilson, the Board adopted a budget for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$19,713,649.00 to be put before the voters on May 19, 2015 for current obligations, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property or said school district and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said school district will be issued. The result of a roll call vote being 6 yes, 0 no. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Out of District Transportation

Adopt 2015-2016 Proposed Budget for DA

On a motion made by Trustee, Wayne Oliver, seconded by Trustee, Jay Wilson, the Board, upon the recommendation of the School District's Attorneys and the Superintendent of Schools resolved that the following voter proposition for the acquisition of school buses shall be put before the voters at the next Annual District Meeting and Election:

Approve Voter Proposition to purchase 66 passenger buses and wheel chair accessible bus

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to enter an installment contract and possible purchase of one 66-passenger wheel chair accessible bus and six, 66-passenger buses with the total cost not to exceed \$141,000 per year for a maximum of five years for the leasing and financing of the buses, and for an additional total amount not to exceed

\$308,700 to exercise the option to purchase the buses? The source of the funds shall be a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education.

Trustee, Wayne Oliver commented that the resolution is a bit misleading with the total amounts to be spent for the buses. He wants to delineate the balloon payment portion of the lease proposition. The attorney informed the Board it is necessary to put the total of the five year payment in the resolution. Mr. Oliver feels the proposition should read clearly that the total payment is made over five years. The balloon payment amount is IF Delaware Academy exercises the option to purchase the buses at the end of the lease term – this is not the payment amount.

The Board will make every effort to educate the public in layman's terms prior to the budget vote on the actual meaning of this resolution.

There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Trustee, Wayne Oliver, seconded by Trustee, Seth Haight, the Board approved a request from the Elementary Safety Patrol to participate in the Annual Crossing Guard/Civic Duty trip to Washington, DC / Philadelphia, PA, May 9 – May 12, 2015, approval of three substitutes for two days for Ms. Mable, Ms. Rolfe, and Ms. Temming so they can be chaperones for the trip, and the district will provide bus transportation from Delhi to Oneonta, New York on May 9, 2015. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Safety Patrol Trip

On a motion made by Trustee, Tammy Neumann, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board approved a Letter of Intent to purchase and provide preventative services between the Delaware County Department of Social Services and the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Letter of Intent – DSS Services

### Board Comments -

Trustee, Jay Wilson commented on how quiet it is in the elementary cafeteria with the new chairs. He complimented Ms. Chrisman on a nice budget. He stated it is nice to go out and talk about progress.

### **Board Comments**

Wilson

President, Dr. Thomas Flanders informed everyone that petitions to run for a Board of Education seat are due to the district clerk on April 20, 2015. There are three seats up this year; two full three-year terms, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Wilson, and a one-year term to be filled as a result of a resignation. President, Dr. Thomas Flanders explained that the two candidates that receive the most votes will be appointed to the full term seats, and the candidate that receives the third largest amount of votes will be appointed to fill the one-year term.

Flanders

President, Dr. Thomas Flanders addressed Ms. Huneke and stated that it is rewarding to see her continued interest in Delaware Academy after she resigned from her payroll position.

President, Dr. Thomas Flanders thanked Ms. Alberti for her report on physics and stated he is proud of the scores. He thanked Ms. Miller for providing refreshments for the reception for Ms. Chrisman, and he thanked Ms. Chrisman for her service to the district.

Trustee, Tammy Neumann thanked Ms. Chrisman and wished her good luck in her new position.	Neumann
Trustee, Seth Haight congratulated Ms. Chrisman on the budget. He liked the way she presented it with the graphics. He wished her good luck in her new position.	Haight
Trustee, Seth Haight commented he is glad to see the safety patrol trip happening again this year. He stated his son went on the trip last year and had a great time.	
Public Comments –	Public Comments
Mr. Bill Bartlett, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds thanked Ms. Chrisman for all she has done for the district. He commented that they worked closely on many occasions and she will be missed.	Bartlett
Ms. Ro Avila, Teacher, thanked Ms. Chrisman. Ms. Avila stated that Ms. Chrisman was very supportive to the staff.	Avila
Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:	Upcoming Meeting Dates
The April Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at its regularly scheduled time. The April meeting is held to coincide with the DCMO BOCES Annual Budget Vote. It is mandatory that all the districts in DCMO BOCES hold their meetings on this date.	
On a motion made by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, seconded by Trustee, Seth Haight, the Board of Education entered Executive Session to discuss personnel items, with no action to be taken. The Board entered Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.	Enter Executive Session
On a motion made by Trustee, Wayne Oliver, seconded by Vice President, Glenn Nealis, the Board left Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. and entered into Open Session at 10:06 p.m.	Leave Executive Session
On a motion made by Trustee, Wayne Oliver, seconded by Trustee, Jay Wilson, the Board of Education adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:07 p.m.	Adjournment
Respectfully submitted,	
Susan J. Temple District Clerk	