

Board of Education, Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 15th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the High School Library and was called to order by President Hannah Murray at 6:30 pm, with the following additional board members present: Kate Davenport, Raymond Parmarter, and Hope VanScoy. Superintendent Brent Suddaby was also present.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:30 pm, a motion was made by Kate Davenport, seconded by Hope VanScoy, to adjourn to executive session to discuss a particular personnel matter. All board members listed above were present.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:03 pm, Raymond Parmarter made a motion, seconded by Hope VanScoy, to return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously. All board members listed above were present, as well as Superintendent Brent Suddaby, School Business Official Christine Pierce, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services Kimberleigh Nichols, Jr/Sr High School Principal Wayne Aman, Director of Instructional Technology Matt Gelder, and Board Clerk Kathryn Hinkle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said to begin regular session.

CSE/CPSE REPORTS ACCEPTED:

A motion was made by Hope VanScoy, seconded by Raymond Parmarter, to accept the CSE/CPSE Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED:

A motion was made by Hope VanScoy, seconded by Kate Davenport, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 18th, 2023, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS ACCEPTED:

A motion was made by Hope VanScoy, seconded by Raymond Parmarter, to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2023, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Raymond Parmarter, seconded by Kate Davenport, to accept the Appropriation Transfer Reports for May 2023, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS ACCEPTED:

A motion was made by Kate Davenport, seconded by Hope VanScoy, to accept the following warrants for May 2023, as presented: General Fund #40, Federal Fund #14, School Lunch Fund #12, and Capital Fund #11. The motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

President Hannah Murray acknowledged the visitors present at this time, Sara Loomis, Jessica Spaccio, Erin Thomas, Ashley Martone, and Shana Tubbs.

Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Martone, and Ms. Tubbs, along with Kimberleigh Nichols, presented to the Board the Phonics for Reading program and discussed how the students were doing with the program.

Jessica Spaccio, Co-President of the PTSA, informed the Board of the latest events the PTSA has put on. They provided an ice cream party as a prize for the cheesecake fundraiser. During Teacher Appreciation Week, they offered teachers lunch, chair massages, etc. They funded two recent dances in May. They held a family movie night. And they will be providing bounce houses for the upcoming Field Day for the Elementary School. They will also have four volunteers on campus helping out that day. The next PTSA meeting is June 20th in the High School Library. They will vote for new officers and take new memberships for the new school year. They will host another Musical Bingo at Punk's Place on June 21st. The theme will be "One Hit Wonder."

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Suddaby, a motion was made by Raymond Parmarter, seconded by Kate Davenport, to approve the following personnel items, pending fingerprint-supported criminal history background checks, where applicable*:

Resignations:

Accepted the resignation from **JonPaul Dauval** as an ELA/Alternate School teacher, effective June 30th, 2023, with regret.

Accepted the resignation from **Heidi Lux** as an Earth Science teacher, effective July 1st, 2023, with regret.

Accepted the resignation from **Makenzie Darrow** as a Full-Time Elementary Cook, effective June 23rd, 2023, with regret.

Accepted the resignation from **Gail Darrow** as a Part-Time Food Service Worker, effective June 23rd, 2023, with regret.

Accepted the resignation from **Sindee DeSantis** as a Part-Time Attendance Aide, effective June 8th, 2023, with regret.

Accepted the resignation from **Sabrina Swartz** as a Special Education Teacher, effective June 30th, 2023, with regret.

Accepted the resignation from **Melissa Rose** as a Part-Time Teacher Aide, effective June 22nd, 2023, with regret.

Accepted the resignation from **Cassandra Dodge** as a Full-Time High School Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2023, with regret.

Recommended Appointments:

Approved the appointment of **Jaida Thomas** as an Elementary Teacher (Kindergarten) effective July 1st, 2023, with salary and benefits in accordance with the 2023-2024 Candor Faculty Association contract.

Approved the appointment of **Abigail Holmes** as a School Psychologist effective August 1st, 2023, with salary and benefits in accordance with the 2023-2024 Candor Faculty Association contract.

Approved the appointment of **Shana Tubbs** as a Long-Term Special Education Substitute Teacher, effective July 1st, 2023, through June 30th, 2024, with salary and benefits in accordance with the 2023-2024 Substitute Teacher Pay Schedule.

Approved the appointment of *Student Technology Workers*, effective June 20th, 2023. The students will work approximately 8-16 days (seven hours per day) starting at the end of June and over the summer months. Salary will be \$14.20/hour for hours worked, with no benefits.

- **Mylee Andrews, Sean Berwald, Andrea Difiglia, Caden Brown, and Carterann Lower**

Approved the appointment of *Summer Custodial Workers*, effective June 16th, 2023, with salary in accordance with the 2023-2024 Candor Employees Unit Contract.

- **Boyd Andrews, Shea Bensley, Korbin Burlew, Julie Cornell, Treyvon Davis, Samantha Hurd, Ashley Martone, Madison Robbins, and Dixie White**

Approved the appointment of *Faculty & Staff for the 2023 Summer Academy*, as presented.

Approved the appointment of *Non-Instructional Substitutes* for SUMMER 2023, with salary in accordance with the 2023-2024 Non-Instructional Substitute Pay Schedule:

1. **Leslie Thomas** - Clerical Substitute
2. **Heather Cornwell** - Clerical Substitute

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Approved the appointment of *Substitute Teachers* for the 2023-2024 school year, with salary in accordance with the 2023-2024 Substitute Teacher Pay Schedule.

1. **Greta Unetich*** - BA Biology, Chemistry, and Education (EL & HS)
2. **Bella Bausano*** - MS Childhood Education 1-6 (EL Only)
3. **Beth Blomberg** - BS Chemical Engineering (EL Only)

Termination of Employment:

Accepted the termination of **Victoria Yashinski** from her position as a Part-Time Teacher Aide, effective June 21, 2023, with regret.

Commencement 2023 Awards:

Approved the Commencement 2023 Awards and Scholarships, as presented.

Resolution to Establish a Reserve Fund for Health Insurance Claims:

Approved the establishment of a reserve fund for Health Insurance Claims with the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 318 of the Laws of 2019, the New York State Legislature amended Section 6-n of the New York General Municipal Law to permit the Candor Central School District (the "District") to establish a reserve fund for the purposes of funding health insurance claims; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined it is appropriate to establish an Insurance Reserve Fund in accordance with the authority conferred on the District by Section 6-n of the New York General Municipal Law; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Candor Central School District, pursuant to Section 6-n of the General Municipal Law, as follows:

- Section 1. In accordance with Section 6-n of the General Municipal Law, the Board hereby establishes the Health Insurance Reserve Fund.
- Section 2. The Health Insurance Reserve Fund shall be funded upon the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education action consistent with paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of Section 6-n of the General Municipal Law, Section 3653 of Article 74 of New York State Education Law, and Board of Education Policy.
- Section 3. The source of funds for the Health Insurance Reserve Fund shall be:
- a. such amounts as may be provided therefore by budgetary appropriation or raised by tax therefore;
 - b. such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account; and
 - c. such other funds as may be legally appropriated.

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- Section 4. By resolution, the Board of Education may authorize expenditures from the Reserve Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law, moneys in the Health Insurance Reserve Fund may only be expended in a manner authorized by Board of Education policy.
- Section 5. The moneys in the Health Insurance Reserve Fund shall be deposited and secured in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Board of Education or its authorized designee may invest the moneys in the Health Insurance Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law. Any interest earned or capital gain realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Health Insurance Reserve.
- Section 6. The School Business Official shall account for the Health Insurance Reserve Fund separate and apart from all other funds of the District. Such accounting shall show: the source, date and amount of each sum paid into the Health Insurance Reserve Fund; the interest earned by such Fund; capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the Fund; the order, purpose thereof, date and amount of each payment from this Fund; the assets of the sub-fund, indicating cash balance and a schedule of investments. The chief fiscal officer, within sixty (60) days of the end of each fiscal year, shall furnish a detailed report of the operation and condition of this Fund to the Board of Education.
- Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution to Transfer Funds Between Reserves Accounts - ERS to TRS:

Approved the following resolution to transfer funds between the ERS Reserve and the TRS Reserve:

"WHEREAS, the Candor Central School District has previously established a Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund in accordance with New York General Municipal Law §6-r to fund the District's contributions to the New York State and Teachers' Retirement System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the District's Treasurer to transfer \$125,991.34 from the ERS Reserve Fund into the District's TRS Reserve Fund; and the Board further directs that such funds shall be deposited, invested and accounted for in the manner specified by New York General Municipal Law §6-n."

Resolution to Transfer Funds Between Reserves Accounts - Worker's Comp to Health Insurance:

Approved the following resolution to transfer funds between the Worker's Comp Reserve and the Health Insurance Reserve:

"WHEREAS, the Candor Central School District has established a Health Insurance Reserve Fund in accordance with New York General Municipal Law §6-n to support the District's health insurance program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the District's Treasurer to transfer \$266,769.01 from the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund, and \$23,225 from the Worker's Compensation Reserve into the District's Health Insurance Reserve Fund; and the Board further directs that such funds shall be deposited, invested and accounted for in the manner specified by New York General Municipal Law §6-n."

Funding of 2020 Capital Reserve:

Approved the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Candor Central School District obtained voter approval to establish the 2020 Capital Reserve to finance, in whole or in part, the purchase of school buses and other vehicles and/or the cost of authorized

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alterations, construction and/or reconstruction of District facilities, buildings and/or additions, including related site work, health and safety improvements, security improvements, and handicap accessibility improvements, and to fund said Reserve by the transfer of surplus funds remaining in the District's undesignated fund balance at the end of the fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize an increase in the 2020 Capital Reserve for any excess available funds over 4% allowed by the Real Property Tax Law (Code Section 1318) at June 30th, 2023."

Resolution to Participate in the Oswego County BOCES' Cooperative Purchasing Program for Water Testing and Sampling Services:

Approved the following resolution to participate in the Oswego County BOCES' Cooperative Purchasing Program for Water Testing and Sampling Services:

"WHEREAS,

The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services Area in New York (known as the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation [CiTi]), to bid jointly for water testing and sampling services, and

WHEREAS,

Candor Central School District (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of participating with Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi and other Boards of Cooperative Educational Services and public school districts in the joint bidding of the services mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS,

The participant wishes to appoint the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi to advertise for bids, accept bids, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

The participant hereby appoints Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi designated newspaper(s) as the legal publication(s) for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The participant authorizes the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The participant agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services/CiTi; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s)."

Confidential Employees Memorandum of Understanding - July 1st, 2023 - June 30th, 2026:

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for the Confidential Employees for the school years of 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026, as presented, and authorized the Superintendent of Schools and the District Clerk to sign the same on behalf of the District.

Candor Central Schools Employees Unit Contract - July 1st, 2023 - June 30th, 2026:

Approved the Candor Central Schools Employees Unit Contract for the school years of 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026, as presented, and authorized the Superintendent of Schools and the District Clerk to sign the same on behalf of the District.

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Intermunicipal Agreement for Sharing a Food Service Manager:

Approved the resolution, as presented, to share a Food Service Manager (Michelle Dougherty) with the Spencer-VanEtten School District for the 2023-2024 school year.

Equipment Disposal:

Approved the removal of asset #00001369, a Snapple drink machine in the cafeteria. This machine no longer works and is of no use to the District.

Resolution to Fund the Health Insurance Reserve:

Approved the following resolution to fund the Health Insurance Reserve:

"WHEREAS, the Candor Central School District previously established a Health Insurance Reserve Fund in accordance with New York General Municipal Law §6-n to support the District's health insurance program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the School Business Official to transfer up to \$250,000 of excess available funds over 4% allowed by the Real Property Tax Law (Code Section 1318) at June 30th, 2023 into the District's Health Insurance Reserve Fund; and the Board further directs that such funds shall be deposited, invested and accounted for in the manner specified by New York General Municipal Law §6-n."

Resolution to create a School Bus Dispatcher position:

Approved the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, to create the supervisory position of School Bus Dispatcher in the administrative tenure area of School Bus Dispatcher.

This is a title change only to put our payroll titles in line with Civil Service titles."

Resolution to create a Working Supervisor position:

Approved the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, to create the supervisory position of Working Supervisor in the administrative tenure area of Working Supervisor.

The vacated positions of Director of Operations and Senior Building Maintenance Mechanic have not been filled. Therefore, this position would eliminate those positions, as well as the current position of Maintenance and Custodial Supervisor. The position of Working Supervisor would take the place of all three positions."

Smart Schools Investment Plan - Revised - High Tech Security:

Approved the revised Smart Schools Investment Plan, as presented.

The motion for all consent agenda items was unanimous.

Administrator's Reports:

Jr/Sr High School Principal Wayne Aman summarized his report to the Board.

Mr. Aman shared a summary of TC3 *CollegeNow* credits the senior class has earned. The Class of 2023 has earned 1092 credits through the TC3 *CollegeNow* program. Using SUNY Cortland tuition as a benchmark, students will have saved in tuition alone 1092 credits x \$295 / credit = \$322,140, not including room and Board. Mr. Aman is pleased to share that, through the *CollegeNow* program, the District has five students in this year's senior class who earned their associate's degree before their high school diploma. This is the most students the District has had to accomplish this achievement in one year. Mr. Aman stated that he is always amazed by the financial savings offered to the community's families. He applauds the students who take advantage of this opportunity and thanks TC3 *CollegeNow* for supporting this program for area high schools.

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Mr. Aman stated that as the first full year with the building-wide Academic Intervention program in place is completed, most teachers believe the system was an improvement from the past. He has asked for feedback from teachers on how the intervention program can be made even better, and he has received many constructive responses. With the foundation set, they will enhance their intervention program through thoughtful dialogue and planning to meet the students' needs effectively.

Mr. Aman stated that 52 graduates are participating in the 2023 Commencement Ceremony on June 23rd. The ceremony will start at 7:30 pm at the stadium field, with a weather contingency relocation in the high school auditorium. This lifetime event is truly an honor to be part of.

Elementary Principal Peter Ahart's report to the Board.

Mr. Ahart was not present at the meeting. A summary of his written report to the Board is as follows.

Mr. Ahart provided a chart showing the historical iReady data for the Elementary School and results from the most current diagnostics.

Mr. Ahart informed the Board that he has invited Dr. SG Grant, a Social Studies professor in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership at Binghamton University, to share information regarding the Inquiry Design Model with the teachers. Dr. Grant and his colleagues have created Social Studies Inquiries for K-12th grade students that coincide with the NYS Learning Standards and are a free resource accessible to all teachers. Inquiry-based learning is a process that engages students by making real-world connections through exploration and high-level questioning. It encourages students to engage in problem-solving and experiential learning, along with offering a wide range of rigorous sources, vocabulary, and cross-curricular content. Although the Social Studies Inquiries are not new to the teachers, this learning opportunity allowed each teacher to receive the same information, ask questions and determine the next steps together. Next school year, the implementation of the Social Studies Inquiries will be more intentional and vertically aligned throughout the building.

Director of Instructional Technology Matt Gelder presented his report to the Board.

Mr. Gelder provided the Board with the help ticket numbers for the school, the categories, and how many tickets were submitted for each. He stated that the system seemed to work well to organize the help that teachers and students needed so that he could compile all of the tickets by building and make the most efficient use of his time while in either building.

Mr. Gelder stated that the end of the year is a busy time for completing projects, taking i-Ready diagnostics, and preparing for finals and regents exams. This requires the collection of devices on the last day of local finals or after students have finished their last regents exam making for a busy June. Mr. Gelder encourages families to help remind students to return their devices and chargers before they leave for summer break. He believes they have collected $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Chromebooks so far.

Mr. Gelder informed the Board that he will have several students working this summer to do the regular cleaning, preventative maintenance, repair, and inventory of the Chromebooks and AV equipment. This is a great opportunity for students to get some work experience and help the District ensure the District's technology has a long life. Mr. Gelder thanked the Board for supporting this program.

Mr. Gelder spoke about the Smart Schools Bond Act. These funds will be used to replace the camera server and emergency lockdown button. There is no end date when the funds must be used. The District still has almost the full amount of funds provided.

Athletic Director/Director of Transportation Holly Carling's report to the Board.

Mrs. Carling was not present for the meeting. A summary of her written report to the Board is as follows.

Mrs. Carling congratulated Jacob Banks, who finished 85th in NYS in Boys Golf and once again represented Candor well. Jacob will continue to play golf in college.

Mrs. Carling congratulated Lauren Gillette, a freshman SVEC Girls Golf NYSPHAA Championship participant. Lauren finished 96th in NYS and has three more years to continue to shine.

Mrs. Carling congratulated Kara Morse, Candor Track NYSPHAA Championship participant, for the High Jump. That competition took place on Saturday, June 10th.

Mrs. Carling congratulated Candor graduate and Geneseo student-athlete Lance Jensen, who captured the D3 National Championship in the 400m hurdles with a PR of 50.63.

Mrs. Carling informed the Board that Zeb Soper and Janelle Marsh are IAC Character Counts Award Winners and were recognized at the AD's luncheon meeting on June 7th. This is Zeb's second year winning this award.

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Mrs. Carling stated that the Athletics Awards were held on Monday, June 12th, 2023. The "signing" for those seniors who will play in college and want to be recognized was at 6:30 pm, with the awards program at 7:00 pm. Mrs. Carling informed the Board that there were 22 design submissions for the coyote mascot, and the committee is currently in the process of voting.

Mrs. Carling stated that drivers are preparing their buses for summer as the school year is winding down. All vehicles will be mopped, scrubbed, and cleaned out by the end of June. Summer school programs will start on June 30th and will run until August 18th. The department has four full-size buses traveling daily for the CCSD Summer Academy, one to Cornell for Upward Bound, one to Camp Ahwaga in Owego, and one to TST BOCES in Ithaca. There will also be two vans out daily for the four-week driver's education program.

Mrs. Carling stated that Chris Teribury has finished his 19a certified training program and will be taking his written and behind the wheel tests within the next few weeks. The transportation department is looking forward to having another tester on site to help with the daily needs of NYS-mandated testing of drivers.

Mrs. Carling informed the Board that the transportation department has re-implemented Traversa routing software and have been busy routing summer runs throughout the program. The goal is to have the hiccups worked out and the system up and running smoothly by September 1st. This program will help the department route buses in the most efficient way possible.

Mrs. Carling stated that the transportation department has partnered with Cornice Technology. They will spend the next few months helping the department create an Electric School Bus Fleet Energy Usage Profile Study. The projections have the District purchasing the first electric bus in 2026. This study aims to help paint the picture of what is needed to do behind the scenes for infrastructure, routing, maintenance, etc.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services Kimberleigh Nichols presented her report to the Board.

Mrs. Nichols informed the Board that the teachers of special class reading groups (grades 1-12) have been teaching the PHONICS for Reading since February 2023. Additionally, each teacher has implemented an intensive reading fluency intervention and weekly progress monitoring. Data shows that each student has made significant progress in either letter sound or word reading fluency.

Mrs. Nichols stated that a representative group of Candor CSD administrators and teachers hosted Dr. Heidi Beverine-Curry, Chief Academic Officer for The Reading League, on May 30th to learn more about TRL School Partnership. The Reading League is a national education nonprofit led by educators and reading experts promoting literacy education and movement toward reading instruction grounded in science. The District must now determine if this professional development would support and align with district needs and priorities.

Mrs. Nichols thanked the following department members and wished them well, Annaliese Tremper (Elementary Special Education teacher), Sabrina Swartz (LTS and Elementary Special Education teacher, Marie Myers (Special Education Support Caseworker), and Pat Gillule. After twenty years of serving the District's children, Ms. Gillule will retire. Mrs. Nichols stated that she has had the privilege of working alongside her for all those years and has learned so much. Her retirement will leave a void within the department, but Mrs. Nichols is eager to see how she is going to continue to change the world for individuals with disabilities.

Mrs. Nichols stated that she is pleased to have a School Psychologist candidate to recommend to the Board this month. As far as filling vacancies, she has screened twenty potential candidates. Unfortunately, the pool of acceptable applicants from the first round is minimal.

School Business Official Christine Pierce presented her report to the Board.

Mrs. Pierce informed the Board that the survey for the Targeted Review of all ARP and ESSER funds from March 2020 to March 2023 has been submitted. The District has been making amendments to the grants to maximize spending and ensure the District is aligning the grant funding to the District's needs. ESSER 2 grant funding must be expended by September 2023, and ESSER 3, ARP Summer Learning, ARP After School, and ARP Learning Loss funding by September 2024.

Mrs. Pierce informed the Board that the District's independent auditors plan to be out in person on June 20 and 21 for pre-audit work. They will return in July to carry out the bulk of the fieldwork, and she is already underway with year-end audit prep and closing out the year financially. It's a very busy time of year from now through October.

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Mrs. Pierce stated that the District continues to evaluate payroll processes and the drafting of a policy and procedures manual for payroll.

Mrs. Pierce informed the Board that she is working on the final reports for the IDEA and UPK Grants. Title Grants run through August 31st. The application cycle for IDEA, Title, and UPK grants is now open.

The allocations are as follows:

- IDEA 611 \$223,738
- IDEA 619 \$8,781
- UPK \$322,938

The preliminary Title Allocations are as follows:

- Title IA \$209,422
- Title IIA \$25,094
- Title IVA \$12,898

The Network Administrator's Log for May 2023 was submitted.

Superintendent Brent Suddaby summarized his report to the Board.

Mr. Suddaby updated the Board on the 2023 Summer Academy. Registration closed June 1st, with 152 students in grades K-9 registered. The program is fully staffed with Candor faculty and staff. The program will run from July 10th -August 3rd, Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. The longer school day will allow more time dedicated to targeted ELA, Math, recreation, and enrichment periods. The Cornell Cooperative Extension and the NYS DEC are also scheduled to work with students on healthy choices and animal/wildlife safety this summer.

Mr. Suddaby informed the Board that the District has been updating the District-Wide School Safety Plan and Building-Level Emergency Response Plans. He stated that evaluating, with an eye on improving District and building safety plans and procedures, is an ongoing process. Early this month, Craig Bennett, Pete Ahart, and Corinna Evancoe attended a school safety conference where they were able to learn a lot about practices that have worked well and some that have not worked as well in other districts. The three of them, along with Mr. Aman and Mr. Gelder, will lead the District's Safety Committee and comprehensive review of the existing plans, focusing on certain component parts of the plan that need updating. They will conduct tabletop and live drills of any adjusted procedures this summer and in the fall.

Mr. Suddaby informed the Board of the Cass Hill Cornell Co-Op Extension Farm gathering. He stated that he and Spencer-VanEtten Superintendent, Barbara Case, invited both Boards of Education to gather at the Hilltop Community Farm before the reorganization meetings on July 13th. They will share information on the Agricultural Programming that the districts are working together to develop and grow. The shared food service department will provide food and refreshments. The Boards will hear from Superintendent Terry Dougherty about the difficulties and successes of the sports team merger of Hancock and Deposit CSDs. There will be time to discuss goals and protocol for the SVE-Candor Sports mergers with the Steering Committee. There will be a tour of the farm led by CCE Executive Director T Hanson as time allows.

Mr. Suddaby spoke of the spring art shows and concerts. He stated that June has been a very busy month for everyone, and there is a lot to be proud of at Candor Schools. He gave special recognition to the Fine Arts department. In the past two weeks, they have given the community spectacular displays of students' talent. The Elementary Art Show, the Junior/Senior High School Art Show, the Elementary Band and Chorus concerts, and the Junior/Senior High School Band and Chorus concerts were all outstanding and especially impressive in that they were performing in the final month of June when students have a lot of other demands on their attention and tend to become a little less focused. They had great attendance at the performances, and Mr. Suddaby heard a lot of appreciation for the students, Ms. Smith Duffy, Ms. Masters, Mr. Ingels, Ms. French, Ms. Knighton, and Mr. Holmes from parents and grandparents.

Mr. Suddaby thanked Josh Soper for his service to the District.

Board Comments:

Hope VanScoy stated that this year's senior class has a little spark that motivates them, but the administration and staff have recognized students that needed a boost. She thanked the administration, faculty and staff for giving students a place to grow.

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Hannah Murray thanked Josh Soper for his service as a Board Member. She stated that the Board will miss him. She congratulated everyone for making it through the year.

Recognition of Visitors:

President Hannah Murray recognized the visitors present, Sara Loomis and Jessica Spaccio. No comments were made at this time.

Adjournment:

President Hannah Murray announced the regular session of the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The Board reconvened for a second executive session to discuss the CSE/CSPE reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathlyn M. Hinkle