

Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education (Wednesday, April 20, 2022)

Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi

High School Auditorium

2 Sheldon Drive, Delhi, NY 13753

5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Tammy Neumann, Seth Haight, Lucy Kelly, Sean Leddy, Kimberly Shephard, Lauren Raba, and Abbrile Leahy

Absent: James Tucker, Jr.

Others Present: Kelly M. Zimmerman, Superintendent, Lisa A. Kulaski, District Clerk, Crystal Trask, MS/HS Principal, Julie Mable, Elementary Principal, Carey Shultz, Business Administrator, Kristen Shearer, Director of Special Education and Student Services, Christine Miller, Food Service Supervisor, Gregg Verspoor, Director of Transportation, Jeffrey Ferrara, Athletic Coordinator and Nathaniel McCarthy.

Opening of Meeting:

Call to Order:

President, Tammy Neumann called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:04 p.m.

Enter an Executive Session:

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Sean Leddy, the Board of Education entered Executive Session to discuss the terms of a District contract with no action to be taken, at 5:05 p.m.

Leave Executive Session:

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education left Executive Session at 5:46 p.m.

Opening of Meeting:

Call to Order:

President, Tammy Neumann called the Open Session of the Board of Education to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

Presentations:

A. Presentation of the Proposed 2022-2023 Budget by Carey Shultz

Mr. Carey Shultz, gave a presentation on the proposed 2022-2023 Budget. The budget is built to align with the vision and the mission of the District. He presented the following review of information from the past few budget workshops to the Board of Education:

- 2022-2023 Initial Budget Summary with an initial spending plan of \$21,568,423.00, which represents a \$519,805.00 increase from 2021-2022, proposed increase in spending of 2.46% and an increase in the proposed tax levy of 1.25%;
- A large part of the increase is due in large part to an increase in energy costs;
- Provided an expense breakdown showing the dollar and percentage change in different areas from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023; and
- Showed the proposed tax levy impact on homes with the basic STAR exemption.

The Board thanked Mr. Shultz for his presentation.

Public Comments:

President, Tammy Neumann, opened the floor to public comments.

There were no public comments for April 20, 2022.

Routine Matters:

A. Approve Minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting held on March 14, 2022

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Lucy Kelly, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Board of Education Budget Workshop Meeting held on March 14, 2022. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

B. Approve Minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting held on March 21, 2022

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Board of Education Budget Workshop Meeting held on March 21, 2022. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

C. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 28, 2022

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Seth Haight, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting held on March 28, 2022. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

D. Approve Minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting held on April 4, 2022

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Board of Education Budget Workshop Meeting held on April 4, 2022. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

E. Personnel Recommendations

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the personnel recommendations as submitted for the following:

RESIGNATIONS

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Glicken-O'Leary, Lauren	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher		Retroactive to 3/22/2022

RETIREMENTS

Name	Position	Effective
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No retirements for April 20, 2022.

UNCLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS - 4 Year Probationary Appointments

Name	Position/Dept.	Appointment	Effective	Tenure Area	Certification	Salary
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No unclassified appointment - 4 year probationary appointments for April 20, 2022.

*Effective date noted as above unless extended in accordance with the law. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by applicable provisions of Section 3012³ of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher/administrator must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher/administrator receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher/administrator shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Note: Employment is contingent upon clearance from the State Education Department to comply with the fingerprinting provisions of Project Save.

UNCLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS - 3 Year Probationary Appointments

Name	Position/Dept.	Appointment	Effective	Tenure Area	Certification	Salary
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No unclassified appointment - 3 year probationary appointments for April 20, 2022.

*Effective date noted as above unless extended in accordance with the law. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by applicable provisions of Section 3012³ of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher/administrator must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least two (2) of the three (3) preceding years, and if the teacher/administrator receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher/administrator shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Note: Employment is contingent upon clearance from the State Education Department to comply with the fingerprinting provisions of Project Save.

Mentor	Employee Name	Position	School year new hire is to be mentored
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No mentors for April 20, 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

Name	Appointment	Position	Effective	Compensation
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Arruffat, Jr., Rosa	Temporary	Rescind Alternate Election Inspector appointment (see BOE minutes of 3/28/2022)	5/17/2022	\$130.00/day
Little, Susan	Temporary	Alternate Election Inspector	5/17/2022	\$130.00/day, if needed
Rufer, Alexander	Temporary	Student Teacher (SUNY Oneonta)	Retroactive to 4/4/2022 - 6/3/2022 (MS with Micaiah Abts)	\$0.00

Note: Employment is contingent upon clearance from the State Education Department to comply with the fingerprinting provisions of Project Save.

TENURE APPOINTMENTS

Name	Tenure Area	Certification	Effective
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No tenure appointment for April 20, 2022.

ATHLETIC APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position	Season	DAFA Step	Years of Service	Stipend
Liddle, Mike	Program Assistant Varsity Baseball (retroactive to 3/14/2022)	Spring	n/a	1	\$1,000.00
Winner, Mike	Volunteer Modified Baseball (retroactive to 3/28/22)	Spring	n/a	1	n/a

EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position	Years of Service	DAFA Step	Stipend
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No extracurricular appointments for April 20, 2022.

CHANGE IN POSITION

Employee	Title	Dept.	Current Status	New Status	Effective
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No change in positions for April 20, 2022.

CHANGE IN CIVIL SERVICE STATUS

Name	Dept.	Position	Appointment	Effective
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No change in civil service status for April 20, 2022.

LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
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No leaves of absences for April 20, 2022.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

F. Financial Reports:

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education approved the Financial Reports as submitted by the Treasurer for February 28, 2022. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

G. CSE Recommendations:

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Sean Leddy, the Board of Education accepted the Special Education Report from the Director of Special Education and Student Services for March 31, 2022, as submitted. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Reports:

A. Principal's Monthly Reports:

Mrs. Julie Mable, Elementary Principal, reported:

- Pre-K registration was due April 1. 18 students were picked in the lottery before Spring Break. There are 9 students on the waiting list. All of them have been notified of their number on the waiting list.
- There is one new 5th grade student and one new 3rd grade student starting school next week.
- She is continuing observations for faculty and staff.
- She received a thank you letter from a parent who was appreciative of the aides and LTA's and how they welcome kids each day.
- She thanked the board for allowing her to go to Washington D.C. to attend the Teacher Retention Immersive Institute. They learned a lot and were able to share ideas with people from across the United States.
- On April 21 they will be attending a teacher recruitment night at SUNY Oneonta and will be using some of the information there.
- Math State Assessments start next week.

The Board thanked Mrs. Mable for her report.

Ms. Crystal Trask, Middle School/High School Principal reported:

- The concert that was held the night after the last board meeting was fantastic. It was great to hear the performances and see the art gallery in the library.
- 3-8 testing has been completed.
- 13 8th Graders visited Arizona during the break. They were there with Mr. Layman and visited the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Flagstaff and the Hoover Dam. They had a wonderful time.
- Our SADD organization hosted a Bulldog Boost with the Elementary School where they presented information on what it means to be a bulldog and at dismissal the SADD students cheered with the Bulldog mascot during dismissal. The Elementary students were excited to meet the Bulldog mascot.
- She welcomed back Kim Collison and Aimee Lindner and gave a huge thank you to Mr. Paris and Mrs. Krick for their time serving as substitutes in the District.
- She attended the College and Career for Every Student one day conference in Essex with Mrs. Shearer where they shared how we were incorporating the program at DA but also learned from other districts how they were incorporating the program at their districts.
- A scholar recognition dinner and ceremony will be held in May.
- The National Junior Honor Society will be having an induction ceremony on May 19 at 2 pm.

The Board thanked Ms. Trask for her report.

B. Departmental Reports:

Mr. Jeffrey Ferrara, Athletic Coordinator, reported:

- With the flooding and snowstorms there has not been much happening. They have been hosting some softball and baseball games and the first track meet is coming up.
- Thanked Mr. Cicio's crew for doing a great job with the fields, piecing them together and getting them playable under conditions where they are not quite playable.

Trustee Shephard asked how many teams there were. Mr. Ferrara stated that there are three baseball teams and three softball teams which is leading to problems because they are losing a lot of games right now due to the weather and rescheduling leads to problems. They have to maximize use of the weekend days to get games in.

The Board thanked Mr. Ferrara for his report.

Mr. Carey Shultz, reported the following for the Building and Grounds Department:

- Mr. Cicio and his crew did quite a bit of work during the break. They flushed the entire high school heating system which is probably something which should have been done years ago. Hopefully that will solve a lot of the problems they have been running into.
- The auxiliary gym has had some work, including holes repaired and some painting.

Mr. Shultz reported the following for the Business Office:

- They hope to have the budget flyer done later in the week, out to the print shop and in the mail to be distributed.
- He clarified some questions raised at a prior meeting regarding the Backpack Program.
 - Backpacks are sent home with students on either Thursday or Friday so that they have meals throughout the weekend.
 - It currently accommodates about 40 students and it started in 2019 with 28 students.
 - Since October 2019 they have taken in about \$27,000.00 in donations and they have spent \$19,000.00.
 - The program runs about \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00 a year and a lot of that is either from donations or grants.

- We are very fortunate that we have a lot of people and organizations who think this is a great program.
- He gives Christine Miller and her staff and Gregg Verspoor and his staff a lot of credit as they are the ones who handle this every week.
- The playground equipment has been ordered for the Pre-K. The base has not been ordered.
- A letter of intent has been sent out regarding the tennis courts to lock in some rates.
- We purchased a track timing system with some of the logging revenue. There is a three week turnaround from order time to delivery.

The Board thanked Mr. Shultz for his reports.

Ms. Christine Miller, Food Service Supervisor, reported:

- Since the last Board meeting and with the break and snow days her department has only had six serving days.
- They have averaged 100 breakfasts and 200-250 lunches in both buildings.
- She is having luck finding more disposable products so the supply chains seem to be turning around.
- There has been positive feedback with the salad bars in both buildings.

The Board thanked Ms. Miller for her report.

Mrs. Kristen Shearer, Director of Special Education and Student Services, reported:

- May 26 is the goal date for CSE Meetings to be completed.
- She joined Mrs. Trask in Essex. It was great to talk with them about all of the amazing things that our mentoring program is doing.
- Three students completed the college and career readiness training and they received certificates.
- She has been working with Mrs. Trask and the counseling team on the master schedule to ensure that everybody gets what they need when they need it. This goes for our special education as well as all of our general education students.
- We completed all of our New York State Alternate Assessment Testing and it was great to be able to offer them onsite.
- She is on track to complete all of her observations on time.

The Board thanked Mrs. Shearer for her report.

Mr. Gregg Verspoor, Director of Transportation, reported:

- The only thing he had to report was that he was navigating sports schedules and monitoring the weather.

The Board thanks Mr. Verspoor for his report.

C. Superintendent Monthly Report:

Superintendent Zimmerman reported the following:

- As Mrs. Mable mentioned earlier, they will be attending a teacher recruitment and networking event at SUNY Oneonta. This aligns with our goal of attracting and retaining high quality teachers to our district. She has also been asked to serve as a panel guest to have an open question and answer forum with students who are interested in what schools are looking for, what trends are in the field of education right now and how they should be preparing.
- There will be a resolution under new business regarding this year's school calendar. The unexpected flooding and snow storm and power outages resulted in two more snow days that we had not anticipated when we made a previous recommendation to give back some of those days. As we were reviewing the snow days used thus far it was brought to her attention that she had mistaken February 3 as not a day of closure. It had started as a two hour delay but was later moved to a full day of closure. It was reported to NYS as a day of closure but her personal notes indicated otherwise. Therefore we have now fully used all of the snow days and thus are taking back the Friday before Memorial Day and the Tuesday following Memorial Day as in session school days.
- She and Mrs. Mable met with the executive board of the newly formed PTA and they are planning a kids night out on May 20. It is resurrecting and putting a new twist on an opportunity for parents to deliver their children to various volunteers of our PTA who will have fun and engaging activities for students to participate in.
- Graduation is coming up and she has been working with Mrs. Tucker, the senior class advisor on what the plans are for graduation and also working with public health and asking questions about what is allowable this year. The senior class wants to return back to the traditional auditorium in house graduation and she is happy to report that we are able to accommodate that this year.
- As we are preparing for our Meet the Candidates night, there are six candidates who are running for three open seats. The Meet the Candidates night will be on May 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. and it will be moderated by our Speech and Debate Club as we do every year.

The Board thanked Superintendent Zimmerman for her report.

D. Board Committee Reports:

A.L. Kellogg Committee:

The committee did not meet for April, 2022.

Athletic Committee:

The Athletic Committee held a short meeting. They discussed the Athletic Code of Conduct and reviewed some examples of contracts that they could sign. They also looked at the reclassifications of schools. It appears that they are going to make it broader with more classification championships and less condensing of schools.

Board Liaison Committee:

They did not hold a meeting for April, 2022. President Zimmerman had spoken with Mrs. McAteer who said that they would reach out when they needed to meet.

Capital Project Committee:

They did not meet for April, 2022.

Finance Committee:

They held a meeting and received an update from Mr. Shultz and Superintendent Zimmerman about the existing contracts and where things stood with them. They also took one more look at a couple of more details of the budget.

Policy Review Committee:

They met and discussed two policies which will be discussed shortly.

Technology Committee:

They did not meet for April, 2022.

Policy Review / Adoption:

A. First reading of Policy #67-68 Community Use of School Facilities and Policy #75 Gender Neutral Bathrooms.

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of Policy #67-68 Community Use of School Facilities and Policy #75 Gender Neutral Bathrooms.

President Neumann stated that they spent a little time just adding some clarification to Policy #67-68 Community Use of School Facilities. After taking a minute to review she asked if anyone had any questions. Trustee Leddy asked if this was a new policy or an existing policy. Superintendent Zimmerman stated that it was a revision of an existing policy. It came up because there was some questions specific to a not-for-profit group that was interested in use of the facilities and whether or not they were still obligated to pay the associated fees. Some discussion was held with the entire board and within the policy sub-committee and the tenor of the board seemed to be one that is reflected in the language where if the purpose of the facility use is not-for-profit or personal gain then no fees will be charged provided that all participants are residents or students of the district and unless such use requires additional and unexpected cleaning or repairs to facilities or equipment. We are offering it as a first reading. She recommended that it not be adopted today. Mr. Ferrara asked how this policy relates to use with the college as they are not residents of the district. Superintendent Zimmerman stated that this policy would apply more for little league football or a community organization that wanted to hold a meeting.

They also did a first reading of Policy #75 Gender Neutral Bathrooms. As stated at the last board meeting, we are in compliance with that but we did not have the procedure in place to demonstrate that. Superintendent Zimmerman stated that this change came out two years ago and we were told this is a required policy. It is pretty straightforward, specifically the district will designate single occupancy bathrooms as family bathrooms or assisted bathrooms for individuals with disabilities. If the Board was comfortable they could move to adopt the policy.

President Neumann asked for a motion to do a third and final reading and adoption of Policy #75 Gender Neutral Bathrooms. On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Sean Leddy, the Board of Education adopted Policy #75 Gender Neutral Bathrooms. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Old Business:

There is no old business for April 20, 2022.

New Business:**A. Resolution to Vote on DCMO BOCES Administrative Budget**

On a motion made by Sean Leddy, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education approved the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi Board of Education does hereby approve the proposed Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$2,682,431.00.

Roll Call vote:

Tammy Neumann VOTING Aye

Seth Haight VOTING Aye

Lucy Kelly VOTING Aye

Sean Leddy VOTING Aye

Kimberly Shephard VOTING Aye

James R. Tucker, Jr. Absent

Lauren Raba VOTING Aye

B. Resolution to Vote for DCMO BOCES Board of Education Candidates

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education approved the following resolution: WHEREAS, that there are three (3) vacancies on the DCMO BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services; and WHEREAS, The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi may vote for each vacancy to be filled, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education casts one vote for each vacancy to be filled from the following DCMO Candidates for Board of Education:

Jeanne Shields, Bainbridge-Guilford Central School

John Klockowski, Norwich City Schools

David Cruikshank, Otselic Valley Central School.

There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

C. Resolution to accept Delhi Educational Support Staff Association Agreement

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Sean Leddy, the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi accepted an Agreement Between the Delhi Educational Support Staff Association and the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, as submitted, and authorizes Superintendent Kelly M. Zimmerman to execute said agreement on behalf of the School District. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

D. Adopt Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

On a motion made by Sean Leddy, seconded by Seth Haight, the following resolution was approved for a proposed budget to be put before the voters on May 17, 2022, the Board of Education approved the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi, Board of Education, Delaware County, New York, does hereby adopt a budget for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$21,568,423.00 to put before voters on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 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.

Tammy Neumann VOTING Aye

Seth Haight VOTING Aye

Lucy Kelly VOTING Aye

Sean Leddy VOTING Aye

Kimberly Shephard VOTING Aye

James R. Tucker, Jr. Absent

E. Resolution to Deny Transportation Request

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Seth Haight, the Board of Education denied a request to provide transportation of a student residing in the Delaware Academy school district who will be attending the Otsego Christian Academy in Otego, New York for the 2022-2023 school year. Transportation was requested from the student's home on 384 Sweet Pea Drive, Delhi, NY, to the Otsego Christian Academy, 353 Main Street, Otego, New York. The Board of Education denies the request for transportation because the Education Law does not require school districts to provide transportation to non-public Pre-K Students. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

F. Resolution to Approve Transportation Request

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Seth Haight, the Board of Education approved a request to provide transportation of a student residing in the Delaware Academy school district who will be attending the Otsego Christian Academy in Otego, New York for the 2022-2023 school year. Transportation is requested from the student's home on 2278 Jackson Hill Road, Treadwell, New York, to the Otsego Christian Academy, 353 Main Street, Otego, New York. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

G. Resolution to Deny Transportation Request

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education denied a request to provide transportation of a student residing in the Delaware Academy school district who will be attending the Bovina Montessori School, 2121 County Highway 5, Bovina Center, New York for the 2022-2023 school year. Transportation is requested from the student's home on 330 Middlemist Road, Delhi, New York to the Bovina Montessori School, 2121 County Highway 5, Bovina Center, New York. The Education Law requires that school districts provide transportation to nonpublic school students with the same mileage limits established for resident students attending public schools (NYS Education Law Section 3635); and transportation shall be provided for each such child up to a distance of fifteen miles, the distances in each case being measured by the nearest available route from home to school (NYS Education Law Section 3635(1(a))). The distance from the student's home located at 330 Middlemist Road, Delhi, New York to the Bovina Montessori School, 2121 County Highway 5, Bovina Center, New York is greater than 15 miles. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

H. Approve Donation from PTA

On a motion made by Sean Leddy, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education accepted a donation of school supplies and health supplies from Paige Maguire on behalf of the PTA for use in the elementary school and Middle/High School. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

I. Approve Donation from St. John's Episcopal Church

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education approved a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from St. John's Episcopal Church for use in the backpack program. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

J. Request to Alter Previously Adopted Academic Calendar for 2021-2022

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education amended the academic calendar for the school year 2021-2022 to designate Friday, May 27, 2022 and Tuesday, May 31, 2022 as days that the District will be open and classes will be in session. The academic calendar for the school year 2021-2022 was previously amended on March 28, 2022 to allow for Friday, May 27, 2022 and Tuesday, May 31, 2022 to be returned as unused emergency days, however the district was closed on Friday, April 8, 2022 and Tuesday, April 19, 2022 due to weather related emergency closures. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Public Comments:

President, Tammy Neumann opened the floor to public comments.

There were no public comments.

Other Discussion:

A. Board Comments:

Trustee Shephard asked how it is decided how many coaches there will be for each team as well as why there was only one paid coach for the modified Baseball team for the amount of kids that they had. She also asked why the volunteer position is not a paid position. Mr. Ferrara stated that there are seven Program Assistants budgeted for the year and that they can float around to various sports at the Varsity level. Attention to detail and the level of responsibility is greater for varsity level sports than at modified levels therefore the Program Assistants are used for Varsity sports. Trustee Shephard stated that baseball is a difficult sport to coach and the teams are relying on volunteers. Mr. Ferrara went on to say that we cannot appoint anyone who does not carry certifications and that Delaware Academy is on par with what other schools are doing.

Trustee Haight said that he attended the concert and it was really excellent. There was really good energy and it was another example of not having had a lot of those kind of events. It was nice to see families together and people there to watch.

Trustee Raba stated she was relieved that the budgets have been adopted. It is her first year as a board member and she felt a little accomplished. She thinks that it is a good sign that there are six people running for the Board of Education and she is grateful that the three we have are going to be running again.

Trustee Kelly echoes what Mrs. Mable and President Neumann mentioned about our community. She is thankful for the PTA in supporting us and the worthwhile supplies. She knows that many teachers dip into their own pockets so she is sure that they too appreciate that help. She is also pleased that the backpack program is continuing and again that St. John's Episcopal Church has always been contributing funds to that every month. She would like to thank them as well. She also wanted to thank the budget committee, including the board for developing a budget that came up with a reasonable 1.25% increase especially in consideration with what is happening nationally with our inflation rate. She is sure that it will be appreciated by our community members.

Trustee Leddy wanted to recognize the effort that Mr. Layman put in the Grand Canyon trip. He thinks that it was a once in a lifetime experience potentially and that all of the kids had a phenomenal time. He wanted to recognize this extra work.

Student Board Member Leahy said that a few students had a follow-up meeting with Mrs. Trask and Mrs. Zimmerman about the potential revision of the rules with the backpacks and talked about fire codes and student searches. They talked about the next steps which included faculty meetings and meeting the attorney and thereafter the board. That was all she had.

President Neumann thanked Ms. Leahy and appreciated the students being part of the solution.

Close Meeting:

There will be a Meet the Candidates forum, hosted by the Speech and Debate Club from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022 followed by Budget Hearing in the High School Auditorium.

The Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in the middle school building, first floor, between the gym and the agriculture class from noon to 8:00 p.m. Signs will be posted to guide the public to the voting location.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library Media Center.

Adjourn Meeting:

On a motion made by Sean Leddy, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kulaski
District Clerk

BOE Approved: 5/23/2022