

CLYMER CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education Meeting

H. S. Library

Date: March 12, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM

Call To Order

Pledge to the Flag

Amendments to the Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Items

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approve Treasurer's Report

Approve Audit Report

Approve CSE Recommendation(s)

Administration of Oath of Office to the Superintendent by District Clerk

New Business

- **Approve the 2018-2019 District Calendar**
- **Approve the Standard Work Day Resolution**
- **Approve the BOCES bids for the 2018-2019 school year.**
- **Approve the purchase of (2) 2018 Chevrolet Suburban 1500 LS 4WD from Cappellino Chevrolet at the amount of \$83,486.44.**
- **Approve the purchase of one bus from Leonard Bus Sales Inc. at the amount Of \$124,196.31(this price does not include trade in value)**
- **Approve the donation to the PTSO for the Afterprom**
- **Approve the Contract with Municipal Solutions to Act As Our Fiscal Advisors for Obtaining Financing for Future Capital Projects as well as Monitoring Existing Debt, Required Filings and Payments.**
- **Approve the Clymer Tulip Festival Scholarship of \$250.00**
- **Approve the attendance of Daisy Ferguson, Emily Perry, Kate Courtright, Kamryn Ratter, McKenzie Skarzenski and Lisa Perry as conference chaperone, to the FBLA National Convention at the Binghamton Double Tree & Holiday Facilites on April 10-13, 2018.**
- **Approve the Official Ballot for Election of Members To the Executive Committee for the CCSBA.**
- **Nominate Nancy Stock for the BOCES Board**
- **Excise a VCR #1265 (From Bus Garage)**

- **Excise the Following List from the Tech Department**
- **Appoint Brett Muscarella as the Director of Special Education**
- **Appoint Molly Butler as the CSE/CPSE Chairperson**
- **Appoint Brett Muscarella as the Deputy CSE/CPSE Chairperson**
- **Designate the Authorized Signatures on Checks-Superintendent**

Personnel Action

- **Approve the following Substitute:**
 Kelsey Powers-Teacher
 Coji Maddona-Teacher
 Gregory Tyktor-Bus Driver
- **Approve the hiring of Kathryn Pilgrim as Secondary Special Education Teacher, Step I of the CEA Contract, effective April 9, 2018.**
- **Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Margaret Bemis, School Nurse, Effective 6-30-18.**
- **Accept the resignation, of Brynne Hinsdale, Director of Technology, Effective 4-8-18.**

Reports

- **Board Reports**
- **Business Office Reports**
- **Principal's Report**
- **Superintendent's Report**

Adjournment

The regular monthly meeting of the Clymer Central School Board of Education was held on Monday, Mar. 12, 2018 in the H. S. Library.

Present: Mr. Mike Schenck
Mrs. Amanda Stapels
Mrs. Willowe Neckers
Mr. Edward Mulkearn
Mr. Norman Upperman - absent

Staff: Mr. Edward Bailey
Mr. Brett Muscarella
Ms. Kristin Irwin
Mrs. Lynne Bemis

Guests: Kathryn Pilgrim, Carole Siverling, Amy Woods, Sue Watrous, Kyle Hinsdale, Erica Harvey, Melissa Brumagin, Erin Passenger-Corry Journal, Jordan Patterson-Post Journal

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Call to Order

Mr. Schenck asked everyone to stand for the pledge to the flag.

Pledge

Mr. Schenck asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were three.

Add/Delete
To Agenda

1. Administration of Oath of Office to Supt.
2. Designate the Authorized Signatures on Checks-Supt.
3. Approve the hiring of a Secondary Special Education Teacher.

Public Comment was made.

Mrs. Amy Woods asked if this Budget will go over the tax cap.

Mr. Schenck stated that the Proposed Budget would exceed the tax cap and if the Budget doesn't pass then we would do a consistency budget.

Mr. Mulkearn stated that he would imagine that the community and the school district is behind the concept of us standing alone and we are hopeful that we will get the support.

Mrs. Carole Siverling asked if the Board thought they would have a problem getting super majority

Mr. Schenck stated it is super majority of the people who vote.

Mr. Bailey stated that if we have 100 people vote then we need 60 people to vote yes for it to pass.

Mr. Schenck stated if they vote no.

Mrs Carole Siverling stated you can put it up one more time before a contingency budget.

Mr. Schenck stated yes and that there would be stipulations.

Mr. Bailey stated there would be extreme cuts

Mrs. Carole Siverling agreed but stated you would still need to bring it back up and make cuts.

Mr. Bailey stated that we are in a situation where it will call for support to keep the programming as we had it in the past. Mr. Bailey stated the budget is going to be one that we are going to propose that we can maintain a similar program of what we have had in the past. Mr. Bailey explained it will be much higher than the tax cap. Mr. Bailey stated if the increase is not supported in the district then the school will have to start looking at cutting programs.

Mrs. Carole Siverling stated that is the sad part because you will have to cut the non-mandated programs.

Mr. Bailey agreed and stated that is why we will be communicating with the public so they know what they will be voting on.

Mrs. Carole Siverling agreed that this information needs to be out there so people are aware that the non-mandated courses that are going to have to go.

Mrs. Amy Woods stated people need to know this.

Mr. Bailey stated we are going to do our very best job with communicating to the public so everyone is well aware before the vote that this is what we are looking at and this is why we need it and if we don't get it than we are looking at a possibility of cutting programs that we have had in the past.

Mr. Schenck stated we have one more work session on the 21st of March. Mr. Schenck stated they have asked for several things to come from our Business Official to help us make the decisions of where we need to go. Mr. Schenck stated that at our last work session it was very much in favor that we don't cut anything except for what we can cut or have already cut. Mr. Schenck stated we do have a fund balance that we will be using some of. Mr. Schenck stated we don't want to use all of our fund balance because that will hurt us next year. Mr. Schenck stated we want to make something worthwhile this year and sub stainable. Mr. Scheck stated that they have asked the Business Official to run numbers for the next five years so we can see where we stand. Mr. Schenck stated so then we don't go 3% this year and then next year have to go more and the year after that even more. Mr. Schenck explained we want to make it sub stainable for as long as we can.

Mr. Mulkearn stated as soon as the board knows where we are at that we will communicate that to the community like Mr. Bailey stated. Mr. Mulkearn explained that there is going to be some percentage of people that weren't too involved with the merger or didn't come and vote. Mr. Mulkearn stated however when you talk about raising people's taxes, they start to get involved. Mr. Mulkearn stated it seems there was a good percentage of the community that was for us standing alone and will come out and support us. Mr. Mulkearn stated it is critical for us to let everyone know exactly where we are at and exactly what we are doing. Mr. Mulkearn stated failing to plan is planning to fail. Mr. Mulkearn stated we are going to have a plan in place so we can look into the future and remain sub stainable and that is our goal.

Mrs. Carole Siverling stated that the Budget Work Session is open to the public just so people know.

Mr. Schenck stated is it public unless we go into executive session. Mr. Schenck stated there will be personnel things that will be discussed which we will go into executive session.

Mr. Kyle Hinsdale stated to Mr. Schenck, it is safe to say that the Merger Study that the 3 of the 5 of you board members said that it was garbage but is really showing how accurate it was, based on some of the work you have been doing on the budget.

Mr. Schenck stated no, the information provided in that study was not accurate.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin asked what items.

Mr. Schenck stated there were several items inaccurate; they didn't use correct budget numbers, they used the 500 dollar number (fine amount) that they carried over several times. Mr. Schenck stated that Dr. O'Rourke and himself spoke after the merger meeting and that he pointed out where they were wrong and Dr. O'Rourke was going to go back to those people to find why they didn't do that. Mr. Schenck stated they did not have the information correct before they sent the report to the state.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin stated that at one of the meetings, Dr. O'Rourke was questioned about if the figures were accurate and he said that they were.

Mr. Schenck stated that Dr. O'Rourke did state that the figures were correct but that he spoke with him after a meeting and pointed out the numbers that were wrong. Mr. Schenck stated that Dr. O'Rourke said he did not realize that.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin asked if that was ever publicly acknowledge.

Mr. Schenck stated no because the vote went down and that's where it stopped.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin stated how can Dr. O'Rourke publicly say that the information was valid and correct and you (Mr. Schenck) are saying it wasn't. Mrs. Melissa Brumagin stated how are the members of this community supposed to vote on false information.

Mr. Schenck stated you voted on the merger to not to be passed and that is what you were voting on.

Mrs. Brumagin explained that Dr. O'Rourke said the information in the study were accurate and you (Mr. Schenck) stated that it wasn't. Mrs. Brumagin stated that our school district paid several thousand dollars to have that study done, why would you pay that money if that study wasn't accurate. Mrs. Brumagin stated it was a waste of money to the tax payers if what you are saying is this study was garbage and not accurate.

Mr. Schenck stated absolutely it was and it was a waste of money.

Mrs. Brumagin asked why would you pay for it.

Mr. Schenck stated we had to pay for it prior to the report being done.

Mrs. Brumagin stated the board must feel comfortable paying for false information.

Mr. Schenck stated he is not comfortable with it but he is not sure how we go back to ask for our money back.

Mrs. Stapels stated it's over and it was voted down.

Mrs. Carole Siverling asked if the board has received any information or comments back from Dr. O'Rourke.

Mr. Schenck stated nope, we have asked for comments from both of them. (Dr. O'Rourke & Learning Design Associates) Mr. Schenck stated they have not heard back from either of them.

Mrs. Brumagin stated she feels like the community was lied too.

Mr. Schenck asked if she thinks the board was lying to her.

Mrs. Brumagin stated that someone is lying, if Dr. O'Rourke was saying this was factual information and he stood at a meeting and he was questioned about it and stated this was factual information. Mrs. Brumagin stated that you (Mr. Schenck) are saying it wasn't done on factual information.

Mr. Bailey stated he doesn't believe anyone was intentionally trying to deceive. Mr. Bailey stated it was mistake on the study's part. Mr. Bailey stated this is the information that they came up with and it was incorrect and he believes it was mistake on their fault.

Mrs. Brumagin stated so you are comfortable with paying for it.

Mr. Bailey stated well it's not that we are comfortable but we already paid for this service. Mr. Bailey stated no one was happy with the research team or their final findings. Mr. Bailey stated the board felt the study was inaccurate and people didn't buy into the results of the study. Mr. Bailey stated that is why we got a no vote.

Mrs. Brumagin stated here we are ready to exceed the tax cap.

Mr. Schenck stated did you think voting down the merger we wouldn't need to exceed the tax cap Mr. Schenck stated he was feeling confused.

Mrs. Brumagin stated she is confused that Dr. O'Rourke told the community and looked at the study and it all has been examined and it was factual information. Mrs. Brumagin stated you (Mr. Schenck) are saying no it's not. Mrs. Brumagin stated again why would you pay for something. Mrs. Brumagin stated it was significant amount of money and wouldn't you want it to be valid information since you are presenting to the community. Mrs. Brumagin stated that the board all agreed that it was the company that you wanted to go with.

Mr. Schenck stated it was the only company that we could go with. Mr. Schenck stated the other company backed out at the very last minute. Mr. Schenck stated there were four in the state of New York, two declined and two presented. Mr. Schenck stated the one that presented backed out at the very last moment.

Mr. Mulkearn stated he had a concern and it would be prudent for us to contact our attorney. Mr. Mulkearn stated just because we paid doesn't mean we can't go back and ask for our money. Mr. Mulkearn stated if there are flaws in this study than we should ask Dana (our school attorney) if we have any recourse and let people know. Mr. Mulkearn stated this is a really serious issue, if there were bad numbers in that presentation and people based their decision on that presentation, regardless of what the outcome was. Mr. Mulkearn stated because it was so lop sided it probably wouldn't have changed the outcome.

Ms. Kristin Irwin stated the first payment was made in June 2017 (\$10, 975.00) and the final payment was made when the report was finished in October 2017. (\$10,975.00)

Mr. Bailey stated he will call Dana Lundberg and talk to him about it.

Mr. Mulkearn mentioned if you take the bad numbers out of the study he doesn't think, LDA who did the study, wasn't very impressive, it was adequate. Mr. Mulkearn stated it was never discussed or a presented what it would be like if we didn't merge. Mr. Mulkearn stated we never talked about standing and stated we should have had separate meetings discussing this information. Mr. Mulkearn stated that he doesn't believe anyone on the school board woke up one morning and said, "Oh I think we need to merge". Mr. Mulkearn stated there was a reason why we decided and voted to do the study and why Panama voted to do the same as well. Mr. Mulkearn stated there are clear financial issues. Mr. Mulkearn stated the community chose not to do that so we are relying and hoping the community will support and they didn't just talk with their mouths but they talk with their checkbooks and support this thing through. Mr. Mulkearn stated it's going to be a haul and it's not going to easy to preserve what we have but we feel there is a path and we hope to get support that we need so we can make it happen.

Mrs. Amy Woods stated it is important to have transparency. Mrs. Amy Woods stated if the numbers were wrong the public deserves to know. Mrs. Amy Woods stated there were a lot of us at those meeting and heard those numbers were correct and no matter how you voted you were still presented with that information. Mrs. Amy Woods stated if the numbers were wrong the public deserves the correct and accurate information.

Mrs. Brumagin stated can the vote even my legitimate if it's based on non-factual information.

Mr. Mulkearn stated that would be a question for Dana Lundberg.

Mrs. Brumagin stated she feels like she was deceived and it cost a great deal of money.

Mrs. Neckers stated she is sorry that you feel that way and doesn't think it was intentional. Mrs. Neckers stated that she doesn't believe the consultants intentionally lied.

Mrs. Brumagin stated someone needs to get to the bottom of it. Mrs. Brumagin stated Dr. O'Rourke is the District Superintendent, so he is lying to us or is the board lying to us.

Mrs. Stapels stated that at this point the numbers will be accurate with the the budget presentation and going forward and hopefully we will have a plan to display at that same time. Mrs. Stapels stated that will be accurate information to go on.

Mrs. Brumagin stated doesn't that make you feel uncomfortable that you paid for this service and it wasn't done accurately.

Mrs. Stapels said yes it does and we can only move forward at this point. Mrs. Stapels stated we have a lot of work to do and we have to move forward. Mrs. Stapels stated the voters voted how they voted.

Mrs. Brumagin stated the voters voted on false information.

Mrs. Stapels stated what would it change.

Mrs. Brumagin stated it could because they weren't given accurate information. Mrs. Brumagin stated it should weigh heavily on each one of you.

Mr. Mulkearn stated it does and it bothers him. Mr. Mulkearn stated at minimum he would like for us to ask for our money back. Mr. Mulkearn stated if there are substantial number mistakes in there that someone could look at that then we need to look toward our attorney and go from there.

Mr. Schenck stated that the information we are talking about is stuff that was going to be years down the line that made it look worse than what we are. Mr. Schenck stated we are not as bad as what we were. Mr. Schenck stated that they kept we would be out of money at the end of this school year. Mr. Schenck stated we almost have \$800,000.00, almost \$900,000.00 in our fund balance that we will be using. Mr. Schenck stated that is the part that they kept on saying we did not have. Mr. Schenck stated if you look through those numbers, it's not necessarily that we will find any more money or find anything that is going to make a huge difference in what people voted. Mr. Schenck stated he has no idea how people voted or why they voted the way they did. Mr. Schenck stated that the discrepancies that he was talking about are the things like the \$500,000.00 that we did not know that we were going to have to pay until they pointed out to us that we were fined the \$500,000.00 which was not brought to our attention until that date. Mr. Schenck stated that the fine came out of our fund balance of \$1.3 million dollars which we were not planning on using. Mr. Schenck stated when they carried that number through that we would have to pay that every year, for the next five years when they did their estimates. Mr. Schenck stated that it is the years down the line that were wrong and the year currently that was wrong as well. Mr. Schenck stated they didn't use the proper number that was in our budget. Mr. Schenck stated that the first number on our budget was wrong on their sheet. Mr. Schenck stated if you look at their numbers on their sheet, it did not add up. Mr. Schenck stated the bottom line number was correct. Mr. Schenck stated he has no idea how they came up with the bottom line number being correct unless they just picked out our budget number and plugged it in there.

Mrs. Brumagin asked why the board didn't question this.

Mr. Schenck stated he did several times and he stated he was never given an answer. Mr. Schenck stated he went to Mr. Lictus and asked to please look into this. Mr. Schenck stated he had three meeting with Mr. Lictus and he has them documented.

Mrs. Neckers stated emails went unanswered.

Mr. Schenck stated to Mrs. Brumagin that it bothers him that she sits there and feel that the board is lying to you. Mr. Schenck stated that Mrs. Brumagin should run and be on the board.

Mrs. Brumagin stated that it bothers her that the board agreed to pay them several thousand dollars for false information or accurate information.

Mrs. Neckers stated they paid before they got the information. Mr. Neckers stated we didn't know it was going to be inaccurate when we paid them.

Mrs. Stapels stated we signed a contract.

Mrs. Brumagin stated don't you think you should take legal action against them.

Mrs. Stapels stated Mr. Bailey has offered to look into this.

Mr. Bailed stated yes he will.

Mr. Schenck stated he is very disappointed.

Mrs. Brumagin stated she is disappointed too.

Mr. Schenck stated to Mrs. Brumagin that she should run for the board and stand up there and do what they have to do.

Mrs. Brumagin stated she in trust that the board is making good decisions.

Mr. Schenck stated you believe we gave you false information.

Mrs. Brumagin stated that someone has given this community false information.

Mr. Schenck stated we are going to drop this conversation.

Mr. Bailey agreed to move to the next item on our agenda.

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and a second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve the following consent items:

Consent
Items

1. Minutes of Feb. 2018 Meeting
2. Treasurer's report for February 2018
3. Audit Report for February 2018
4. CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Ms. Kristin Irwin gave the Oath to the Superintendent. (Mr. Bailey)

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and a second by Mr. Mulkearn, the Board voted 3-1 to Approve the 2018-2019 District Calendar. (Neckers voted no-more in favor of 2 week break)

District Calendar

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and a second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Adopt the following resolution regarding Standard Work Day for employees:

Standard Work Day

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clymer Central School District, Location Code 70610, hereby Establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the Record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

Title	Standard Work day
Secretary to the Superintendent	8
Technology Director	8
Account Clerk	8

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and second by Mr. Mulkearn, the Board voted 3-1 to Approve the BOCES bids for the 2018-2019 school year.

BOCES Bid

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board tabled the Approval the purchase of (2) 2018 Chevrolet Suburban 1500 LS 4WD from Cappellino Chevrolet at the amount of \$83,486.44.

Chevrolet Suburban

Mr. Mulkearn stated we should look into to see if we can cut the costs.

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Leonard Bus Sales

On motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve the donation of \$1000 to the PTSO for the Afterprom.

Afterprom

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve the Contract with Municipal Solutions to Act as Our Fiscal Advisors for Obtaining, Financing for Future Capital Projects as well as Monitoring Existing Debt, Required Filing and Payments.

Municipal Solutions

On motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve the Clymer Tulip Festival Scholarship of \$250.00.

Tulip Festival Scholarship

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board vote 4-0 to Approve the attendance of Daisy Ferguson, Emily Perry, Kate Courtright, Kamryn Rattler, McKenzie Skarzenski and Lisa Perry as conference chaperon, to the FBLA National Convention at the Binghamton Double Tree & Holiday Facilities on April 10-13, 2018.

FBLA

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve the Official Ballot for Election of Members to the Executive Committee for The CCSBA.

CCSBA Ballot

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and a second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Nominate Nancy Stock for the BOCES Board.

Nominate
BOCES Bd.

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and a second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Excise a VCR #1265.

Excise VCR

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Excise the List from the Technology Department.

Excise Tech.
Department

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Appoint Brett Muscarella as the Director of Special Education.

Director of
Special Education

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Appoint Molly Butler as the CSE/CPSE Chairperson.

CSE/CPSE
Chairperson

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Appoint Brett Muscarella as Deputy CSE/CPSE Chairperson.

CSE/CPSE
Deputy

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve to Designate the Authorized Signature on Checks-Superintendent.

Signature On
Checks

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and a second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 4-0 to Approve the following substitute: Kelsey Powers-Teacher
Coji Maddona-Teacher
Gregory Tyktor-Bus Driver

Substitutes

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K. Pilgrim

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and a second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Accept the resignation, due to retirement, of Margaret Bemis, School Nurse, Effective June 30, 2018.

Resignation
Bemis

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and a second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Accept the resignation, Brynne Hinsdale, Director of Technology, Effective April 8, 2018.

Resignation
Hinsdale

Reports

Mr. Muscarella discussed the following:

ELA testing, NHS, Pops Concert, Career Day, Spring Concert

Mrs. Bemis discussed the following:

Wateford Literacy Night-Kathleen Whitmore is the Spotlight Author.

Upcoming Conference she will be attending.

Mr. Bailey stated there was a need for an executive session.

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Go into executive session at 6:45 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Executive
Session

Resume regular meeting at 7:40 PM.

On a motion by Mrs. Stapels and a second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 4-0 to Adjourn at 7:41 PM.

Adjourn

Kristin Irwin, District Clerk