

CLYMER CENTRAL SCHOOL
Board of Education Meeting - H. S. Library
Date: April 8, 2019
Time: 7:00 PM

Call To Order

Pledge to the Flag

Amendments to the Agenda

- **Approve the purchase of (1) sixty-five (65) passenger bus at a cost of \$118,000.00.**
- **Approve the resolution to purchase 1 school bus.**
- **Remove the Resignation of Dawn Kin.**

Public Comment

Consent Items

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approve Treasurer's Report

Approve Audit Report

Approve CSE Recommendation(s)

New Business

- **Approve the BOCES Commitment Statement for Services for 2019-20 school year.**
- **Approve expenses for Teacher Appreciation Week, not to exceed \$150.00**
- **Approve the NHS, Academic Excellence Dinner expense on June 3rd, not to exceed \$1000.00**
- **Approve the field trip request of David Bodamer for the Civil War class to travel To Gettysburg, PA- May 30th- June 2nd, 2018.**
- **Approve the Proposed 2019 Summer Camp Plan**
- **Approve school to be in session on Thursday, May 23rd**
- **Cast vote for the Annual Election of Members of the CCSBA Executive Committee.**
- **Set a special Board Meeting for April 16, 2019 for the Annual BOCES Budget/Board Member vote -7:30 AM**
- **Approve the individuals for Annual Meeting**
 - **Chairperson-Kristin Irwin**
 - **Coordinator-Mary Weaver**
 - **Teller – Laura Cochran**

Personnel Action

- ~~**Approve the resignation of Dawn Kin, Transportation Clerk, effective April 19, 2019.**~~
- **Approve the following substitutes:**
 - **Jordan Wade-Teacher Aide**
 - **Rebecca King-Teacher**

Reports

- **Board Reports**
- **Business Office Reports**
- **Principal's Reports**
- **Superintendent's Report**
 - **Girls Bowling Team -Sportsmanship Award**
 - **Jump Rope for Heart**

Adjournment

At Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Clymer Central School Board of Education was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 in the District Conference Room.

Present: Mr. David Maleski
Mrs. Amanda Stapels
Mr. Mike Schenck
Mrs. Willowe Neckers
Mr. Edward Mulkearn

Staff: Mr. Edward Bailey
Ms. Kristin Irwin
Mr. Corey Markham
Mrs. Lynne Bemis

Guests: Carole Siverling, Stapels, Ester Bailey, Carrie Champoe, Bethany White- Collins, Cameron Collins, Meagan Heslink, Melissa Brumagin, Amy Woods, Scott Neckers, Erin Passinger-Corry Journal, Jordan Patterson-Post Journal, Melissa Campbell, Jack Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton, Mark Summers, Melissa Swan, Jane Babcock, Erica Harvey, Sue Watrous, Jo-Ann Travis, Mr. Travis.

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 six. Add/Delete

1. Approve the purchase of (1) sixty-five (65) passenger bus at a cost of \$118,000.00
2. Approve the resolution to purchase 1 school bus.
3. Remove the Resignation of Dawn Kin-Transportation Clerk.
4. Adopt the 2019-2020 Budget
5. Approve the Property Tax Report Card
6. Approve to send a merger letter to Sherman and Panama.

Public Comment
Mrs. Bethany White-Collins stated that there is a lot of misinformation out in the community and she feels the Board has some what a responsibility to communicate it correctly. Mrs. Collins encouraged this to the board.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin asked if the Board ever had thought about doing a poll to get a feeling from the community and to see where the community stands in where we see ourselves in five years, what percentage of tax increase will be approved, or will people support to tuition students just so you would have a better idea of what the community would support.

Mr. Schenck stated that the Board has talked about this and trying to figure out a way to do it properly. Mr. Schenck stated that the School Attorney is working on it. Mr. Schenck stated they are trying to get it out before the budget hearing.

Mr. Bailey stated that he isn't sure it will happen but there has been a lot of discussion. Mr. Bailey stated that it would obviously be great information for the Board.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin stated that the Board has talked about doing a Capital Project to repair the roof or to make repairs to the school.

Mr. Schenck stated yes, in the future.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin asked if it was next year or if it would be included in this year's budget.

Mr. Schenck stated that the Capital Project would be a completely different proposal.

Mr. Bailey stated it would be a separate vote.

Mr. Schenck stated that the Board just approved an architect.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin asked if we would vote on it this year.

Mr. Schenck stated absolutely not.

Mr. Cameron Collins stated how we hear a lot about how we got here. Mr. Collins stated that it's important to know that across the entire state how Clymer is in 550th place out of 679 school districts in terms of our tax rate. Mr. Collins stated that our tax rate is below the neighboring districts here. Mr. Collins stated that our effected property tax value is quite below average although he stated many think that it is high. Mr. Collins stated that the information that he has heard people talking about is widely inconsistent with what the facts really are. Mr. Collins stated that it is very, very important that there is an education aspect with the way the Board presents this information to the community.

A guest asked if there was a website where you can find the minutes of the meeting.

Ms. Irwin stated yes and gave the information to where to find the minutes on the website.

A guest asked if the Budget information is on the website.

Ms. Irwin stated they will be when the Board adopts the Budget.

A guest asked if the website as Job Descriptions of the staff.

Mr. Bailey stated no those are not on the website. Mr. Bailey offered that they may come in to look at the descriptions if they want.

A guest stated that in the general public it would be easier to look at that and if you have a question you would know who to go too with that question. A guest stated it would be nice to have the descriptions on the website.

Mr. Bailey stated it would be considered.

A guest asked if the monthly financials are online.

Mr. Schenck stated that they are not online.

Mrs. Bahgat stated that the Audit that was done would be included in the board minutes.

A guest asked what the schools fund balance is.

Mrs. Bahgat stated that she could give him what the district ended with last year. Mrs. Bahgat stated she can't give an actual number since there is no way to tell what the district will have left at the end of this year. Mrs. Bahgat stated at the end of last year the district had a unrestricted fund balance of \$956,471.00. Mrs. Bahgat stated she is estimating to bring that down about \$87,367.00. Mrs. Bahgat stated that available this year to offset the budget that the district is going into right now is \$869,104.00.

A guest stated that at one point he heard that the Board wasn't sure if they had anything left in the fund balance then all of a sudden on some date not too distant in the past that they were informed there was \$800,000.00.

Mrs. Bahgat stated that the district had some significant savings this year in our budget process. Mrs. Bahgat stated that the district had 7 staff leave at the end of June. Mrs. Bahgat stated that in some ways they made money on this transition. Mrs. Bahgat stated with the fact that with a higher paying employee to a lower paying employee. Mrs. Bahgat stated that in the budget the school was planning to have a full time psychologist, a second round of staff changes in the fall with a higher paying employee, and a lot of things happened from July to December. Mrs. Bahgat stated that she informed the board at their first budget work session that it was looking like the district was going to have more than they were anticipating left over. Mrs. Bahgat stated originally they had offset a significant amount towards balancing the budget we are in right now.

A guest asked if the Board receives monthly financial statements.

Mrs. Bahgat stated the Board receives a Treasurer's Report every month. Mrs. Bahgat stated the Board can ask for one anytime too.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin stated how last year the Board asked for a 13% tax increase and now all of a sudden they have a significant savings. Mrs. Brumagin stated and now the District is asking for more money and it is the same scenario as last year.

Mrs. Bahgat stated that they had no idea they were going to lose as many staff as they did in July and what the savings would be. Mrs. Bahgat stated that two teachers on top on the pay scale decided to retire last year too which we didn't know about in our Budget process. Mrs. Bahgat stated when you put all these savings together it worked out in our benefit. Mrs. Bahgat stated that we are still in the same financial situation though. Mrs. Bahgat stated that the state took back that \$500,000.00 from the district which doesn't allow to have anything to offset future budgets. Mrs. Bahgat also stated that the District was supposed to go to negotiations with our teachers. Mrs. Bahgat stated that the teachers settled much lower than anticipated which made the District a savings. Mrs. Bahgat stated since the teachers didn't settle their contract and didn't take a big pay increase.

Mr. Collins asked if the significant amount of savings is due to positions that should have been hired but weren't.

Mrs. Bahgat stated yes that is true. Mrs. Bahgat stated that we tried to hire a School Psychologist but couldn't so during the school year we did have savings.

Mr. Bailey stated we since now have contracted a psychologist to come in on weekends and days are on in session to provide the services that is needed. Mr. Bailey stated this is not a long term answer either.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin asked if they have been talking to other school districts about shared positions again.

Mr. Bailey stated the district is doing everything they possible can do to save money and provide programming.

Mrs. Bahgat stated that every time we lost an employee last year we reached out to see if another district would want to share. Mrs. Bahgat stated when they lost the Tech person last year, they reached out to Sherman to share but Sherman was unable too. Mrs. Bahgat stated they are trying to reduce the property insurance and they have that out to bid right now. Mrs. Bahgat stated they had tried to contract with an Energy performance group to see if they could save the district any money.

Mrs. Melissa Brumagin stated that she was told that Clymer schedule doesn't a line with Distance Learning schedule with other Districts. Mrs. Brumagin stated that since a regent's class is not being taught by a certified teacher and that this could be an option. Mrs. Brumagin asked if Clymer is looking into changing the schedule to fit in things like this.

Mr. Bailey stated that the district usually makes arrangements if we have a course that is being offered DL. Mr. Bailed stated that he knows that Mr. Markham and our guidance office go to monthly DL meeting and always looking at all the options.

On a motion by Mr. Maleski and a second by Mr. Mulkearn the Board voted 5-0 to Approve the following consent items:

Consent
Items

1. Minutes of March 11, 2019
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Audit Report for March 2019.

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and a second by Mr. Maleski, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve the BOCES Commitment Statement for Services for 2019-2020 school year.

BOCES
Commitment

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and a second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve expenses for Teacher Appreciation Week not to exceed \$150.00.

Teacher App.

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve the NHS, Academic Excellence & Dinner expense on June 3rd, not to exceed \$1000.00.

NHS, Academic
Dinner

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve the field trip request of David Bodamer for the Civil War class to travel to Gettysburg, PA-May 30th- June 2, 2019.

Gettysburg
Trip

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve the Proposed 2019 Summer Camp Plan.

Summer Camp

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mr. Maleski, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve school to be in session on Thursday, May 23rd.

School In-Session

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mr. Maleski, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve to set a Special Board Meeting for April 16th, 2019 for the Annual BOCES Budget Board Member Vote-7:30 AM

Special Board Mtg

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and a second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve the following individuals for Annual Meeting:

Tellers,
Chairperson

Chairperson – Kristin Irwin

Teller – Mary Weaver

Teller – Laura Cochran

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mr. Maleski, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve the purchase of (1) sixty-five (65) passenger bus at a cost of \$118,000.00.

Bus Purchase

On a motion by Mrs. Neckers and second by Mrs. Stapels, the Board voted 5-0 to Approve the resolution to purchase 1 school bus and the Bus Proposition.

Proposition #2

PROPOSITION #2

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Clymer Central School District, Chautauqua County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) sixty-five (65) passenger bus and related equipment (for use in the transportation program of the District), at an estimated maximum cost of \$118,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$118,000, being the aforesaid estimated maximum cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) of the District shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that New York State Transportation Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

During the Budget Work Session the Board of Education came to an agreement for the 2019-20 Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Maleski and second by Mrs. Stapels, the board voted 5-0 to Approve the CCS Proposed Budget for the 2019-20 school year.

19-20
Budget

PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Clymer Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted in the amount of \$11,495,924 and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law. Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 13.29% exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 4.04% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mrs. Neckers the board voted 5-0 to Approve the 2019-2020 Property Tax Report Card.

19-20 Tax
Report Card

During the Budget Work Session, the topic of a merger came up. Mr. Mulkearn stated that Clymer Board of Education should send a formal letter to Sherman CSD and Panama CSD to see if they would be interested in a merger. Mr. Bailey stated that he had already spoken with both superintendents from Sherman CSD and Panama CSD and stated that their Districts would not be interested and their answers were no. The Board of Education continued some discussion and decided to make an amendment to the agenda to vote on sending a letter to Sherman and Panama. Mrs. Neckers stated maybe they should table the vote. Mrs. Neckers asked what would it say in this letter.

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mr. Maleski, the Board voted 1-4 to not Send a letter to Sherman CSD and Panama CSD. (Mulkearn-yes)

Merger
Letter

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 3-0 to Approve the following substitutes:

Jordan Wade-Teacher Aide
Rebecca King-Teacher

Substitutes

Reports

Mr. Markham stated that the Clymer-Sherman Girls bowling team received the Sportsmanship award this year. Mr. Markham congratulated Kathleen Whitmore and the students for raising \$1200.00 for the Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Mr. Markham stated that the FBLA State Convention is this week and there are

some finalist from Clymer. Mr. Markham discussed how one of our staff members (Kathy Crowell) stepped up and saved a choking student in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Bemis stated that an awards assembly will be coming up. Mrs. Bemis stated that they made the right decision again this year with waiting to start the CBT testing for the ELA States test. Mrs. Bemis thanked Mr. Strother, the Director of Technology for all of his help. Mrs. Bemis discussed about how second grade did a count for a cause.

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and second by Mr. Maleski, the Board voted 5-0 to
Go into executive session at 7:54 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Executive
Session

Resume regular meeting at 8:20 PM.

On a motion by Mr. Mulkearn and a second by Mrs. Neckers, the Board voted 5-0 to
Adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Adjourn

Kristin Irwin, District Clerk