

**LYNDONVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**December 9, 2019**

Held in the Elementary/Middle-High School Library  
At 25 Housel Avenue, Lyndonville, NY

The Lyndonville Central School District Board of Education met on Monday, December 9, 2019 in the Elementary/Middle-High School Library.

Board President, Theodore Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr and Steven Vann. Ex-Officio member, Sawyer Wilson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kelly Cousins

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jason A. Smith, Superintendent; Joe DiPassio Jr., Business Administrator; Aaron Slack, Middle-High School Principal; Elissa Smith, Elementary Principal; Sharon Smith, Director of Instruction and Student Services; Lori Lamay, District Clerk; Penny Barry, Lisa Lewis, Tammy Mallon, Bliss Thurber, Staff members; Alex Barry, Angelina Black, Nathan Dillenbeck, Emma & Zack Freas, Oskar Heinsler, Erin Kiefer, Emma Maynard, Cole & Zayda Moyle, Lyndsay Snell, Maddox Stirk, Rylan Townsend, Elizabeth & Jack Whipple, students; David Godfrey, Lynne Johnson, presenters; Tom Barry, Michelle Dillenbeck, Stephanie Freas, Jessica & Lance Gardner, Matt & Mande Heinsler, Barbara & George Kiefer, Jen & Jeff Maynard, Donna & George Snell, Taryn Moyle, Rick Townsend, Patrick Whipple, Darren & Wendy Wilson, community members.

**PUBLIC FORUM-** None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Kristin Nicholson, seconded by Susan Hrovat, **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Board meeting. Yes – 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No - 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Academic Excellence Awards were given out by Dr. Slack.  
Academic Letter: Ethan Gardner, Amanda Garza, Aasiya Huzair, Megan Krisher, Zayda Moyle, Maddox Stirk and Jack Whipple  
Academic Certificate: Alex Barry, Olivia Braley, Nathan Dillenbeck, Erin Kiefer, Emma Maynard, Cameron Paniccia, Lyndsey Snell  
Academic Trophy: Oskar Heinsler and Sawyer Wilson
- Lynn Johnson and David Godfrey, County Legislators from Orleans and Niagara County gave a presentation on County Wide Broadband.
- Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Thurber and Dr. Smith gave a presentation on Elementary Report Card updates.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Smith congratulated Mr. Hirsch and Mrs. Trupo on a great High School Winter Concert. He said they did an excellent job! He told the Board that the Grades 3-8 Winter Concert is this Thursday. He shared with the group that winter sports have begun. Mr. Smith thanked his admin team for the work that they did on David Bellavia's visit. He mentioned that there would be a capital project meeting this week to discuss the classroom moves and the Elementary Library too. He told the Board that new Leo members had been inducted at the recent Lion's Club meeting. Mr. Smith informed the Board that the Safety Committee meets quarterly. He thanked Mr. Fonda for helping to arrange a guest speaker in Mr. Phillips' classes who spoke about social media awareness and education.

## **BUSINESS**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Acceptance of the Donation of \$500 from the Lyndonville Fire Co. Inc. Ladies Aux, Close-Up Trip**

Moved by Susan Hrovat, seconded by Kristin Nicholson, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Donation of \$500 from the Lyndonville Fire Co. Inc. Ladies Aux, Close-Up Trip with thanks. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

#### **Acceptance of the Tax Collector's Report, 2019-2020**

Moved by Susan Hrovat, seconded by Vernon Fonda, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Tax Collector's Report, 2019-2020. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

### **Approval of an Independent Consultant Agreement- John Will**

Moved by Vernon Fonda, seconded by Kristin Nicholson, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves an Independent Consultant Agreement- John Will. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

Contrary to some social media posts that expand an agenda item with unfounded assumptions, this memorandum is a very responsible, proactive response to a personnel situation that we have in our science department. This agreement would allow uninterrupted qualified instruction for our science students should the situation warrant it. I commend the administration for taking this preemptive approach to protect the instruction of our students, and to date, we have only expended one hour of this contract.

### **Approval of the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services- Erie 1 BOCES- IP Surveillance Service**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Lyndonville Central School District hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with the Erie 1 BOCES for a five (5) year period commencing on or about December 11, 2019 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$87,839.40 and authorizes 60 monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$1,463.99 per month. Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lyndonville Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

Moved by Susan Hrovat, seconded by Kristin Nicholson, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services- Erie 1 BOCES- IP Surveillance. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

### **Approval of the Amendments to Lyndonville CSD 403(b) Retirement Plan- Hardship and Eligibility**

Moved by Kristin Nicholson, seconded by Susan Hrovat, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Amendments to Lyndonville CSD 403(b) Retirement Plan- Hardship and Eligibility. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

## **BUSINESS**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The Board's attention was brought to the following business information items:

- A.** Treasurer's Report- October 2019
- B.** Student Activities Balance and Reconciliation Sheet- October 2019
- C.** General Fund Schedule of Claims #7, #8, #10, #11
- D.** Federal Fund Schedule of Claims #2
- E.** Capital Project Fund Schedule of Claims #3
- F.** Trust & Agency Fund Schedule of Claims #6
- G.** Board Policy #5672- INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION
- H.** Board Policy #5681- SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

- I. Board Policy #6550- LEAVES OF ABSENCE
- J. Board Policy #7550- DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS
- K. Board Regulation #5672R- INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH GUIDELINES
- L. Board Regulation #7550R- DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS

**PERSONNEL-CERTIFIED**

**A. Resignation- Rebekah Farrow**

Moved by Susan Hrovat, seconded by Kristin Nicholson, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, accepts the resignation of Rebekah Farrow, K-12 Mathematics Teacher effective January 13, 2019. Yes- 5 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Steven Vann) No- 1 (Harold Suhr) Abstained- 0 Carried.

**B. Term Substitute Teacher (20+days)**

<b>Nancy Wickman</b>	<b>Term Substitute Chemistry/Middle-School Science Teacher</b>
Start Date:	11/18/2019
Permanent Certification -	Chemistry, Biology and General Science Grades 7 - 12
Compensated at certified substitute daily rate for the first 20 consecutive days of this assignment, thereafter Step 1 of the Teachers Step Schedule retroactive to the first day.	

Moved by Kristin Nicholson, seconded by Susan Hrovat, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the above mentioned Term Substitute (20+days) Teacher. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

**C. Extra Duty Stipend**

Shane Phillips - 6th Assignment - Elementary Physical Education and Health Assignments- \$2,750 annually to be prorated to start date

Moved by Susan Hrovat, seconded by Kristin Nicholson, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the Extra Duty Stipend for Shane Phillips. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

**D. Student Teacher**

- Derrick Busch- SUNY Brockport

Moved by Susan Hrovat, seconded by Kristin Nicholson, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the above mentioned Student Teacher. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

## **PERSONNEL- CLASSIFIED**

### **A. Substitute Teacher Aides/Assistants**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following be appointed without benefits, except as required by law, to the substitute positions indicated with services to be utilized on an as needed basis at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools. Service shall be at will and at the pleasure of the Board of Education.

Kelly Rinker - Teacher Aide/Teacher Assistant - \$90 per day (current employee)

Moved by Kristin Nicholson, seconded by Susan Hrovat, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the above mentioned substitute teacher aides/assistants. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

- Rita Himes
- Kara Goheen
- Heather Rutherford

Moved by Vernon Fonda, seconded by Susan Hrovat, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the above mentioned volunteers. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

## **PROGRAM ACTION**

### **A. Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education**

Moved by Kristin Nicholson, seconded by Susan Hrovat, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson, Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

### **B. Board Goals**

Moved by Susan Hrovat, seconded by Vernon Fonda, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the 2019-2020 Lyndonville Central School Board Goals. Yes- 6 (Vernon Fonda, Susan Hrovat, Theodore Lewis, Kristin Nicholson,

Harold Suhr, Steven Vann) No- 0 Abstained- 0 Carried.

### **ROUND TABLE**

- Mrs. Nicholson said the Winter Concert was wonderful! She thanked the Music Boosters for all the decorations and said the auditorium looked great. She congratulated the Scholar Athletes and the Academic Excellence students.
- Mr. Suhr said the Christmas Concert was excellent and the musical selections were great!
- Ms. Hrovat thanked Mr. Smith for arranging for the two different County Legislators to come to the meeting and do a presentation. She said that Lyndonville is a great community and we need to stick together and support each other. She also mentioned that as Board members they should set good examples.
- Mr. Fonda congratulated the Academic Excellence students. He also said that the David Bellavia visit was great and he did a wonderful job. He mentioned that the PTA Movie Night is this Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Smith congratulated Mrs. Trupo and Mr. Hirsch on a great winter concert. She too said the stage decorations were wonderful and thanked the Music Boosters. She told everyone that she is so glad to be a part of the Lyndonville community.
- Dr. Smith said that students in grades 4-6 are becoming more involved in attaining good grades on their report cards. She also said we are helping to grow our own future teachers.
- Dr. Slack thanked the Board for their support. He also thanked Mrs. Barone and Mrs. Lamay for their work in getting the awards ready and setting up the reception for the Academic Excellence students and their families.
- Sawyer Wilson told the Board that the David Bellavia assembly was the coolest ever! He thought the presentation regarding having internet on the buses was very good and informative. He also shared with the Board the plan for “Snowcoming” which will be held next week in school.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Moved by Susan Hrovat, seconded by Kristin Nicholson, to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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**District Clerk**