

DATE: December 18, 2019
 KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETING
 WHERE HELD: Cafeteria
 PRESIDING OFFICER: PRESIDENT MONDORE
 ABSENT: René Wilson
 PRESENT: Scot Mondore, Brad Smith Tom Shypski, Tony Bailey and Julie Gavalo
 OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Piatti, Joe D'Apice, Kurt Sunderland and Marilyn Shaw

President Mondore called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the cafeteria and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shypski, to approve minutes of the December 4, 2019 regular meeting. All voted, with Mr. Shypski and Mr. Bailey abstaining; motion carried, 3:2:0.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Shypski, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All voted in favor; motion carried, 5:0.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Piatti said holiday cheer is in full swing with various activities throughout the building; expressed appreciation to Samantha Seamon for organizing "Spirit Week"; said budget discussions have begun and hopes to maintain positive fiscal responsibility in the upcoming year without cutting programs and faculty; noted the repair of roof leaks in the elementary gym and various areas in the building and reported that work on the stair treads would be completed over the holiday break. Mr. Piatti invited the board to join him for a building tour at the end of the project.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. D'Apice wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

DISTRICT TREASURER

Mr. Sunderland said budget work has begun and reported that proceeds from the sale of the excised items to Auction International were deposited into the district's general fund.

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Sunderland for the Auction International report; strongly agreed with Mr. Piatti to be diligent with holding contractors accountable during the final stages of the building project; and talked about a Mechatronics/Robotics Open House on February 6th at 4:00 p.m. at the Otsego Area Occupational Center.

Mr. Shypski talked about the BOCES audit committee meeting; commented on the good condition and holiday decorations at the Remington building; plans to assist Sandy Sherwood in speaking to surrounding districts about the BOCES budget and the sale of the Remington building; talked about concerns with audits that may affect the success of the FFA program; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Gavalo enjoyed the *Breakfast with Santa* and found the Fiscal Planning for 2020/2021 presentation informative.

Mr. Bailey attended the senior luncheon and thanked Mr. D'Apice and Jeff Busch for organizing the luncheon; thanked Samantha Seamon and the basketball teams for their participation collecting money for the Salvation Army; is interested in a future update on the progression of school safety and the involvement of the BOCES safety officer; would like to continue to think of ways to promote the use of the School Based Health Center and is interested in the mental health services that could be offered to the students and families that enroll; questioned if a constable had been hired; and thanked Officer Carl Burdick for his presence in the school and at dismissal.

Mr. Piatti explained that the safety committee meeting scheduled for December had been rescheduled to January due to poor attendance and he will have a report for the board after the January meeting. He also noted that there will be safety training on March 20th at Mt. Markham Central School for all bus drivers. He further remarked on recent safety training for school greeters. Mr. Piatti reported that the Sheriff Deputy plans to visit the school on a regular basis.

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Mr. Shypski stated that in this point in time, a constable has not yet been hired.

BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Mondore toured and talked about the Industrial Lab program at ONC BOCES and he would like to offer this opportunity to Richfield students; suggested researching the Raptor School Security Systems used by ONC BOCES; enjoyed the FFA presentation; wished good luck to the girls' basketball team on their holiday tournament; and thanked those involved with making it possible for students to play sports in alternate districts.

POLICY 7001 [ADMISSION TO SCHOOL]

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shypski, resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Board Policy 7001 [Admission to School] be *further* revised (second reading-action necessary). All voted in favor; motion carried; 5:0.

APPROVAL LACROSSE MERGER WITH HOLLAND PATENT CSD

A motion was made by Mr. Shypski, seconded by Mr. Bailey, WHEREAS, the Richfield Springs Central School district does not sponsor, nor intend to sponsor at this time, an interscholastic lacrosse team/program; and WHEREAS, the Holland Patent Central School District (HPCSD) has been accepted to compete as a regional team within the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's Section III; and WHEREAS, the Richfield Springs Central School district will support athletic mergers that provide, *Student 10443*, the opportunity to participate in athletic competition not offered in district; and WHEREAS, the Richfield Springs Central School District will support such mergers that do not increase district expenses; the cost of operating the team will be borne by the Holland Patent Central School District (HPCSD) for the spring 2020 lacrosse season. WHEREAS, the operation of the Team will be conducted under the authority of the Holland Patent Central School District (HPCSD) therefore, MOTIONED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Richfield Springs Central School at no cost to the district shall combine with Holland Patent Central School to offer the opportunity for *Student 10443* to compete in interscholastic lacrosse. All voted in favor; motion carried; 5:0.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS/STUDENT SERVICES/PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Gavalo, resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following budget transfers, discard items, student recommendations, resignation and appointments to be approved as listed:

BUDGET TRANSFERS

DISCARD ITEMS CONSIGNED TO AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL

1994 Fisher Stainless Steel Gas Engine Spreader

2010 Dodge Grand Caravan SE Minivan

(56) 13" MacBook Airs A1466

CSE December 6, 2019

CPSE December 6 & 10, 2019

RESIGNATION

LaShawn Ferguson- Teacher Aide, effective December 23, 2019.

FULL-TIME 6-MONTHS PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT with benefits as per the Richfield Springs Support Staff Association Agreement.

Tracy VanTassel- Teacher Aide, effective January 2-July 2, 2020, at a salary of ~~\$41.10~~ ^{\$41.80}/hour.

EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS for the 2019/2020 school year at salaries as per the RSFA Agreement.

Cooking & Baking Club Rick Frable/Heidi Snell 484 (split)

SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT

Ellie Ainslie

All voted in favor; motion carried; 5:0.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ryan Fagan, community member, thanked the board for discussion and consideration of Policy 7004.

BOARD DISCUSSION

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding suggestions and considerations to Policy 7004 [Non-Resident Attendance]. Student discrimination, increased costs, and tuition were discussed. Mr. Sunderland and Mr. Piatti will research and report on tuition rates and other district policies and protocol at the next board meeting. Mr. Mondore thanked Ryan Fagan for his patience and for being a pleasure to work with.

Mr. Bailey asked why part-time employees do not have the benefit of enrolling their children to the district. Mr. Piatti stated that only full-time employees are offered this benefit.

Mr. Bailey suggested a meeting to discuss options to increase enrollment in the School Based Health Center. *Mr. Piatti stated he would give an update on this topic in executive session.*

Mrs. Gavalo and Mr. Shypski stated that they have been approached with concerns from community members regarding limited parking and crosswalk utilization, especially during dismissal. The board and administration spoke at length about ideas to increase safety along Route 20.

TOPICS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

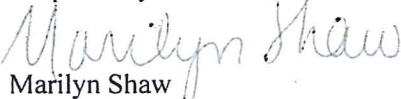
Policy 5200

Mr. Mondore would like to approve Policy 5200 [School Wellness] *with further revisions* at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shypski, to enter into executive session to discuss the collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (Taylor Law) and not to return to open session and no action to be taken. All voted in favor; motion carried; 5:0. Mr. Mondore thanked everyone for attending. He noted the next meeting date of January 8. The board went into executive session at 8:01 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Gavalo, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All voted in favor; motion carried; 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn Shaw
District Clerk