DATE:

January 22, 2020

KIND OF MEETING:

REGULAR MEETING

WHERE HELD:

Cafeteria

PRESIDING OFFICER:

PRESIDENT MONDORE

ABSENT:

Kurt Sunderland

PRESENT:

Scot Mondore, Brad Smith, Tom Shypski, Tony Bailey and Julie Gavalo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Piatti, Joe D'Apice, René Wilson and Marilyn Shaw

President Mondore called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Shypski, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to approve minutes of the January 8, 2020 regular meeting. All voted; with Mr. Smith abstaining, motion carried, 4:1:0.

AGENDA

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

GUEST REPORTS

Joe Seamon, Jayce Horender and Victor Gelfuso gave formal presentations that included their academic and social development, self-identity, work ethic, community service and career plan.

Cole Bobnick proposed the implementation of a Clay Target League to the district.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Facilities Supervisor, Rob Walker and Transportation Supervisor, Stan Grose presented their respective proposed budgets for the 2020/2021 school year (material filed in supplemental file dated 1-22-20).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Piatti thanked the students for their presentations; thanked Cole Bobnick for working to provide a new opportunity for his peers; attended two school safety meetings since the last board meeting; complimented Rob Walker, Stan Grose, Tom Smith and staff for an excellent fire and DOT inspection; is happy to report that according to the state comptroller's report, the district is not under fiscal stress; announced that the faculty and support staff contracts have been settled; talked about recent state aid reports; and expressed concern with excessive student cafeteria charges.

PK-6 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dr. Wilson congratulated the students on their presentations; is excited about professional development and social skills implementation for students; reminded everyone of the half day for students on January 31; encouraged attendance for the PTO family movie night that will be held on January 24; congratulated Vicky Greenman for winning the Hess Toy Truck STEM Kit; and talked about staff efforts to raise funds for the backpack program by paying to wear casual attire.

SECONDARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. D'Apice thanked students for their presentations and also Cole Bobnick for his Clay Target League proposal; offered his support; and thanked the board for their consideration; provided the board with STAR reading data that shows tremendous student growth; complimented Heather Lamphere, Jaime North, Kristie McCartney and Mary Ames for their work with changing the curriculum that contributed to successful results; announced the Senior class has won the monthly PBIS Leadership Team's monthly grade level competition for having the least amount of disciplinary referrals; recognized Terry Havens, TJ Hoose and Nate Rittenburg for their positive coaching; and was impressed to see the Varsity Boys' Basketball team showing support to the modified team.

BOARD MEMBERS

Board members complimented Joe, Jayce and Victor for their Exhibition of Self Knowledge presentations.

Mr. Shypski complimented Cole Bobnick for his presentation; encouraged everyone to attend the SBI Legislative Forum on January 30 and the Remington school tour on February 4; reported that BOCES is preparing for the Remington school sale vote and budget presentations; mentioned discussions on a future building project at BOCES; talked about the retirement of Senator Seward and also asked if student credentials could be recognized at graduation.

Mr. Smith complimented Cole Bobnick for his efforts to start a new club. He thanked everyone for their support during the time of Fran Wright's passing.

Mrs. Gavalo thanked everyone for their presentations and wished them luck.

Mr. Bailey thanked Cole Bobnick for bringing the opportunity of the Clay Target League to the community; enjoyed the student presentations; talked about his concern with Senator Seward's retirement and the effect on rural schools; and encouraged School Based Health enrollment.

BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Mondore thanked staff for pursuing grants and Vicky Greenman for her recent receipt of the Hess Toy Truck STEM Kit; feels encouraged by the student growth that was presented by Mr. D'Apice; and is looking forward to seeing the academic achievements of the younger students.

APPROVAL JOINT RFP WITH MADISON-ONEIDA BOCES

A motion was made by Mrs. Gavalo, seconded by Mr. Smith, resolved, WHEREAS, the Madison-Oneida BOCES renders services to its component and other school districts and BOCES which include the provision of certain cooperative purchasing services, and WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of school districts and BOCES to participate in a joint request for proposals ("RFP") to secure services to test and analyze for lead in water at school facilities in order to comply with NY State regulatory requirements; and WHEREAS, the Madison-Oneida BOCES agrees to administrate and facilitate the joint proposal process on behalf and for the benefit of the participating school districts and BOCES; and WHEREAS, the participating school districts BOCES will utilize a Committee, comprised of an appointed representative of each, to assume the oversight responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for the RFP, accepting and opening vendor responses to the RFP, tabulating and analyzing vendor responses to RFP, and make recommendations to the Madison-Oneida BOCES for award or rejection of the proposals; and WHEREAS, this Board of Education wishes to participate in this joint RFP and appoint a district administrator as a member of the Committee, all in accordance with the Board of Education's powers and as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o and other relevant laws, and pursuant to the terms of a participation agreement; now therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED, that the Richfield Springs CSD Board of Education hereby agrees to participate in the joint RFP to secure services to test and analyze for lead in water at school facilities in order to comply with NY State regulatory requirements for the fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21, and it is further RESOLVED, that Rob Walker, Maintenance Supervisor, is hereby appointed as representative on the Committee in all matters relative to the joint RFP; and it is further RESOLVED, that the Richfield Springs CSD Board of Education hereby authorizes an agreement to participate in the joint RFP and for the Madison-Oneida BOCES to administer the process for the joint RFP, and specifically authorizes the Madison-Oneida BOCES to 1) receive and review vendor proposals, 2) award the proposal according to the recommendations of the Committee, unless all proposals are rejected, and 3) to take such action as deemed necessary on behalf of the participants to secure the successful proposal terms for use by the participants during fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21; and it is further RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately. All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS/STUDENT SERVICES/PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Shypski, seconded by Mr. Bailey, resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following bank reconciliations, student recommendations, resignations and appointments to be approved as listed:

BANK RECONCILIATIONS December 2019

CSE January 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16, 2020

CPSE January 16, 2020

RESIGNATIONS

Shaundra Davis-FFA Club Advisor, effective January 6, 2020.

FaithAnn Young-Spirit Club Advisor, effective January 7, 2020.

EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS for the 2019/2020 school year at a salary as per the RSFA agreement.

Outward Bound Club Advisor

Joe Manzo

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Odyssey Club Advisor

Joe Manzo

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SUBSTITUTE FITNESS ROOM MONITOR for the 2019/2020 school year at minimum wage.

Renee Kurkowski

All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lisa Bobnick, teacher and parent, commented on the improvement in her children's reading ability since the curriculum has changed.

Community member, Ryan Fagan, thanked the board and Mr. Piatti for considering changes to Policy 7004.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Piatti shared information that he learned from other districts about Policy 7004 [Non-Resident Attendance] that included concerns with increased costs and risk of discrimination. Mr. Piatti continues to recommend that this policy remain unchanged at this time and the board is in agreement.

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Mr. Bailey would like to have future discussions to amend the policy to allow part time employees' children to attend the district.

The board would like to further discuss Mr. Piatti's concerns with growing cafeteria expenses for a particular family and suggested that Mr. Piatti consult with the school attorney as to how to proceed.

TOPICS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

- Budget presentations
- District Superintendent budget presentation

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 February 5th and the Remington school open house on February 4th. The board went into executive session at 8:30 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Gavalo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All voted in favor; motion carried; 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,