

The **Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing** of the Batavia City School District Board of Education was called to order on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM** in the Batavia High School Library, 260 State Street, Batavia, NY by Board President, Patrick Burk.

Members Present: Pat Burk, Peter Cecere, Barbara Bowman, Tanni Bromley, Shawna Murphy, John Marucci, Alice Ann Benedict

Excused: Aubrey Towner, Student Ex-officio

Others Present: Anibal Soler Jr., Superintendent; Scott C. Rozanski, Business Administrator/Clerk; Molly Corey, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Brittany Witkop, Assistant Clerk to the Board

Mr. Burk welcomed those present to the meeting and led the pledge to the flag.

Presentations

Budget Hearing – Mr. Soler and Mr. Rozanski

Mr. Soler began the 2020-21 budget presentation reviewing our mission and vision focusing on students to guide the decisions we make as a District. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had an initial budget gap of \$1.9M when the New York State budget figures were released. We have seen decreasing enrollment numbers while staffing has increased, state aid has decreased and/or remained flat, and we still have contractual obligations and increased benefits costs. Mr. Soler highlighted important dates regarding the budget and election. Due to Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order, budget and Board of Education member voting will be done via absentee ballot and ballots are due by 5 PM on June 9, 2020.

Mr. Soler reviewed student enrollment, average class size, free/reduced lunch, demographics, and attendance rate. Our full time equivalents (FTE) serving our children, families and community are as follows, with an average 8.2 student to teacher ratio:

- Total Number of Teachers 245.9
- Teacher Aides/Clerical 121
- Maintenance Staff 37
- Nutritional Services 24
- Assistant Principals 6
- Principals 4
- Central Office 5
- Information Technology 5

Our District will continue to work hard to improve our Graduation Rate of 92%, which far exceeds the New York State rate of 83%, and our English Language Arts and Math, grades 3-8, proficiency rates. The proposed 2020-21 budget allows for New York State non-mandated programs that the Batavia Community have supported in the past and continue to support for our entire student population. Some of these programs include Gifted and Talented Education at the elementary level, full-day Pre-Kindergarten, K-12 Art and Music, Interscholastic Athletics, 1:1 Laptop Technology, Advanced Placement and Courses for College Credit for High School students, a School Resource Officer from the Batavia City Police Department, and School Social Worker. We will proceed with the \$100,000.00 Capital Outlay Project for Batavia Middle School security door upgrades and landscaping.

Mr. Rozanski continued the hearing to explain the \$51.4M budget, which is a 1.88% increase, while the Tax Levy decrease is \$7,362.00 or -0.038%. It is important to note that the nine-year tax cap allowable increase is 3.51%, but our nine-year tax levy average is only 1.03%. The

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge to Flag

Presentations

**2020-21
Budget
Presentation**

District could have increased school taxes \$455,744.00 per year for a total of \$4,101,696.00, but did not. The projected tax impact for this year is a tax rate decrease of \$0.26 per thousand of assessed value. Unfortunately, the residents of the District will not see a tax rebate check from New York State due to their budget shortfall.

The proposed 2020-21 Budget is set at \$51,470,726.00. Absentee ballots must be in by 5 PM on June 9, 2020, for residents to cast their votes on the 2020-21 Budget proposal, Jackson Primary Project and election of three Board of Education Members; two 3-year terms and one 1-year term.

No guests were present to speak at the Public Hearing on this matter, but Mr. Burk addressed a few concerns that we received.

1. Mr. Richard Stewart had concerns about the proposed schedule changes at the buildings. However, the referendum to change the schedule was voted down and there will not be any changes.
2. Ms. Katrina Stork voiced her concerns about the budget cuts affecting personnel, noting that teachers are some of the hardest working people.
3. Ms. Jill Feine and Ms. Glenna Hinkson asked the Board to reconsider having a shared Librarian between the Middle and High Schools.

The Budget Hearing was closed at **6:36 PM**

Curriculum and Instruction Update – Dr. Molly Corey

C&I Update

Dr. Corey expressed that our Administrative team and teachers all believe our students and their parents are working very hard from home to continue to educate virtually during these challenging times. Our students are so proud of the work they have been doing and love to share it. Everyone is making the very best of the situation. Our faculty who work with our After School Violence Prevention program are continuing to work with students. They said the kids really miss the social connections and in-person conversations.

Despite the budget, we still have some very good funding sources in our Title Grants, After School Violence Prevention Grant (1-year remaining), Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Primary Project for at-risk students. We will use these sources to help our students and staff and continue to look for more opportunities including Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics (STEM).

Our goals include:

Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL), Multi-Tier Systems of Support (MTSS), and Family Engagement. We have long-term and first year goals surrounding each of these areas. Dr. Corey said that COVID-19 and online learning has helped us learn more about our families and their needs, which will help us with our students.

The Instructional Learning Team has been working on grade level and department expectation documents that will be complete by the end of this school year. The documents will be posted on our website and will be a resource for parents as to what happens at each grade level.

For 2020-21, District Data Meetings will be held with principals to gather their input. Professional collaboration and coaching of our staff will offer a system of support. In the meantime, Dr. Corey is working on updating Batavia's Professional Development Plan,

planning a virtual Summer School, re-opening plans for September, aligning human capital resources to effectively help our students, and continued work in goal areas.

There was no one present wishing to address the Board under *Public to be Heard*.

Motion made by Mr. Cecere, seconded by Mrs. Bowman, to amend the agenda, as altered.

VIII. Consent Items

ADD:

E. Retirements

1. Terri Barone – Teacher Aide [JA], effective September 6, 2020

F. Leave of Absence

1. Michael Robbins, IT Operations Technician II, Family Medical Leave, effective May 21, 2020 through on or about August 21, 2020

G. Appointments

3. Employee In-District Transfer

Employee	Area	To	Effective	Salary
Cali, Anthony	Science [BMS]	Science (Physics) [BHS]	9/1/2020	Per Contract

I. Contracts

4. Memorandum of Agreement between the Batavia Teachers' Association and the Superintendent of the Batavia City School District; 2019-20 Schedule 'C' adjustments and associated compensation due to COVID-19

Yes – 7 [Burk, Cecere, Bowman, Bromley, Murphy, Marucci, Benedict] No – 0 Absent – 0

Motion carried. [7-0]

Motion made by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Marucci – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following Consent Items, A-L.

- A. Board of Education Minutes – 5/19/20
- B. CSE Reports: 5/1/20 (1), 5/4/20 (1), 5/6/20 (4), 5/7/20 (15), 5/11/20 (8)
- C. Terminations – Effective July 1, 2020
 1. Tina M. Ditzel [JA], Rachel Metz [BMS], Dana Reeves [JA], Sarah Scorse [JA], Danielle Wirth [JA], Elementary Teachers
 2. Nicholas J. Frechette [BMS], Special Education Teacher
 3. Kelly J. Kelly [BMS], Reading Teacher
- D. Abolishment of Positions – Effective July 1, 2020
 1. Coordinator of Assessment and Instruction (1) [Administration]
 2. Instructional Technology Coordinator (1) [Administration]
 3. Deputy School District Treasurer (1) [DW]
 4. Math Teacher (1) [BHS]
 5. Science Teacher (1) [BHS]
 6. Social Studies Teacher (1) [BHS]
 7. Music Teacher (0.5) [BHS]
 8. Library Media Specialist (1) [BMS]
 9. Reading Teacher (1) [BMS]
 10. Special Education Teacher Elementary (1) [BMS]

Public Heard

Agenda Alterations

Consent Items

Minutes

CSE Mins.

Terminations

*T. Ditzel, R. Metz,
 D. Reeves, S. Scorse,
 D. Wirth
 N. Frechette
 K. Kelly*

Abolishment of Positions

*Coor. of Assessment
 Instr. Tech. Coordinator
 Deputy Treasurer
 Math Teacher
 Science Teacher
 SS Teacher
 Music Teacher
 Library Media
 Reading Teacher
 Sp. Ed. Teacher*

- 11. Special Education Teacher Secondary (1) [BHS]
- 12. Elementary Teachers (9) [JA-6, JK-2, BMS-1]
- 13. Clerk-Typist (1) [BMS]
- 14. Building Maintenance Worker (1) [BMS]
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 - 1. TENURE – 1st Review, 4/14/20; 2nd Review 5/5/20

Sp. Ed. Teacher
Elem. Teachers
Clerk-Typist
Bldg. Mnt. Wk.
Retirements
T. Barone
Leave of Absence
M. Robbins
Appointments
Tenure

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>	<u>Date of Tenure</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Building</u>
SAMSON, Marisa R.	7/1/16	7/1/20	Psychologist	DW

- 2. Kimberly M. Mills, District Treasurer [DO #1610], effective June 3, 2020; Hourly rate for the remainder of 2019-20 fiscal year is \$35.90 with no changes in schedule or benefits. (A new contract will be submitted for the 2020-21 fiscal year effective July 1, 2020)
- 3. Employee In-District Transfers

K. Mills, District Treasurer

Transfer –
A. Cali

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cali, Anthony	Science [BMS]	Science (Physics) [BHS]	9/1/2020	Per Contract

- 4. 2020-21 Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Coordinators, Carina Bamann [JA], Lyndzi Hale [JK], Eric Knapp [BMS], Greg Ciszak [BHS]
- 5. 2020-21 Student Ex-Officio Board of Education Representative, Cooper Mattice
- H. Financials
 - 1. Warrants
 - TA-26: TA Processing 5/22/20 Payroll for 5/22/20-5/22/20
 - A-62: A 5/22/20 Check Warrant for 5/9/20-5/22/20
 - E-20: E 5/22/20 Warrant for 5/9/20-5/22/20

2020-21 DASA Coordinators
C. Mattice
Financials
Warrants

- I. Contracts
 - 1. Music Therapy Pathways – Creative Arts Therapy, PLLC – Music Therapy for students with disabilities; 2020-21, September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021; Pay Rate: \$51.00/30-min. individual session, \$30.00/student for group services, \$175.00/evaluation
 - 2. Integrated Therapy Services of WNY, OT/PT/SLP, PLLC – Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech/Language Therapy, and/or Teacher of the Visually Impaired, 2020-21; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Pay Rate: \$52.50/30-min. session, \$78.75/45-min. session, \$105.00/60 min. session
 - 3. Jennifer Wick, Autism/Behavioral Consultant – Student-specific consultation services, 2020-21; July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; \$100.00/hr.
 - 4. Memorandum of Agreement between the Batavia Teachers’ Association and the Superintendent of the Batavia City School District; 2019-20 Schedule ‘C’ adjustments and associated compensation due to COVID-19

Contracts
Music Therapy Pathways

Integrated Therapy Services of WNY

J. Wick, Consultant
MOA- BTA and BCSD, Schedule ‘C’

J. Bids

1. Genesee Valley Educational Partnership Cooperative Athletic Equipment/Supplies Bid 2020-21

**Athletic Equipment and Supplies
 2020-21
 Award**

Laux Sporting Goods Inc.	\$3,314.50
Jim Dalberth Sporting Goods	\$3,165.42
Riddell/All American	\$9,613.15
BSN Sports, Inc.	\$2,191.02
Scholastic Sports Sales	\$864.90
Pyramid School Products	\$1,571.39
Pioneer Mfg. Co.	\$130.00
TOTAL	\$20,850.38

K. Surplus – Goods

1. See Attached List –

Surplus Goods and Equipment

Tag# 20130143	Life Fitness 95XI Elliptical Machine
Tag# 20130144	Fife Fitness 90X Elliptical Machine
Tag# 20180068	Startrac Pro Treadmill
Tag# 20130173	Life Fitness Bench Press
Tag# 20130171	Life Fitness Tricep Extension
Tag# 20130170	Life Fitness Bicep Curl
Tag# 20130203	Hamilton #158550 Piano Baby Grand
No Tag	Piano - Grinnell Bros. #66105
Tag# 20180100	PA System: custom with telex GT-200 wireless mic, (2) EV D/DYM-SCU Transmitter/receiver, Denon TU-1500RD Am/FM Receiver, Denon DCM-270 CD Player, Bogen Cam 8 pro liner mixer, Shure P480D, (4) QSC CS3202 amplifiers

- L. 2020-21 Annual Notice of District Appointed Genesee Area Healthcare Plan (GAHP) Board Members: Scott C. Rozanski, Primary Board Member; Anibal Soler Jr., Superintendent of Schools, Alternate Board Member

Yes – 7 [Burk, Cecere, Bowman, Bromley (with exception of Item ‘D’ Abolishment of Positions), Murphy, Marucci, Benedict] No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried. [7-0]

Motion made by Mrs. Bromley, seconded by Mr. Cecere, to approve the 2020-21 Membership Renewal to the NYS Association of Small City School Districts (NYSASCSD) for \$8,700.00.

Yes – 7 [Burk, Cecere, Bowman, Bromley, Murphy, Marucci, Benedict] No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried. [7-0]

Bids
*GVEP Coop.
 Athletic
 Equipment &
 Supplies Bid*

*Surplus Goods
 and Equipment*

*Genesee Area
 Healthcare Board
 Members*

**NYSASCSD
 Membership**

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Anibal Soler Jr.

Mr. Soler reported that Mr. Kesler, Mr. Bromley and Mr. Korzelius have been working on a plan to have an outside graduation ceremony at Van Detta Stadium. They will meet with the Genesee County Health Department on Thursday, June 4, 2020 to review their plan. We would like to honor our graduates.

At this time, we continue to feed our families through June 26, 2020 and remote learning will continue until June 17, 2020.

Mr. Soler will be launching a re-opening task force to look at three learning options for the 2020-21 school year and he will be asking staff and board members to join:

1. Traditional
2. Hybrid
3. Remote

Our re-opening plans are due in July, so we need start planning as soon as possible.

Motion made by Mrs. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Marucci to enter into Executive Session at **6:55 PM** to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Yes – 7 [Burk, Cecere, Bowman, Bromley, Murphy, Marucci, Benedict] No – 0 Absent – 0
Motion carried. [7-0]

Motion made by Mr. Cecere, seconded by Mr. Marucci to return to public session at **7:36 PM**.

Yes – 7 [Burk, Cecere, Bowman, Bromley, Murphy, Marucci, Benedict] No – 0 Absent – 0
Motion carried. [7-0]

Motion made by Mrs. Bromley, seconded by Ms. Murphy to adjourn the meeting at **7:37 PM**.

Yes – 7 [Burk, Cecere, Bowman, Bromley, Murphy, Marucci, Benedict] No – 0 Absent – 0
Motion carried. [7-0]

Reports

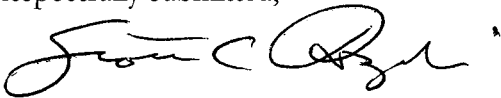
Superintendent

Executive Session

Return to Public Session

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Scott C. Rozanski, Clerk

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