

Board of Education Meeting (Monday, March 18, 2019)

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Board Members Present:

Mike Bodnar, Mike Booth, Matthias Donnelly, Jack Macica, Frank Nesbitt, Robert Thivierge, and Dr. Sherman

Board Members Absent:

Stan Barber

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order / Pledge

At 7:00 p.m. President Robert Thivierge called the meeting to order.

Information: 1.2 Public Comments

None at this time.

Action, Recognition: 1.3 Tenure

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to permanently appoint Sarah Denaker to the Science tenure area effective March 11, 2019. Motion carried 6-0

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to permanently appoint Sarah Rust to the School Counseling & Guidance tenure area effective June 30, 2019. Motion carried 6-0

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to permanently appoint Lindsey Sawtelle to the Special Education tenure area effective September 3, 2019. Motion carried 6-0

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to permanently appoint Kristen Long to the Elementary tenure area effective September 5, 2019. Motion carried 6-0

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to permanently appoint John Bowen to the Physical Education tenure area effective September 5, 2019. Motion carried 6-0

A short intermission was held to honor the tenured employees.

Information: 1.4 STA Report

Andrew Jennings reported the following:

- The elementary school teamed up with the high school photography club. The project was “A day in the life of an elementary student.”
- The 100 days of school was celebrated on February 28th. Students in the Kindness and Compassion (KC) Club donated 2,436 items through a challenge.
- Three teams participated in the Battle of the Books. 5th grade came in 2nd place, 3rd and 4th did great but did not place. Also, Mrs. Weeks has joined the Battle of the Books Committee.
- Student Services will be taking members of the junior class to HVCC for the Regional College Fair. Over 120 colleges and branches of the military will be represented.
- 5th grade is in the process of hatching chicks with the assistance of Jessica Schwerd and Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- Mrs. Jordan’s class raised \$700 this year for St. Jude Children’s Hospital by selling Valentine Day bears.

Board Member Mike Booth acknowledged the article in Saratoga Today regarding the Robotics Club. Mr. Booth talked about the history of the club and reiterated the many ways the district has supported the club.

2. Board Discussion

Recognition: 2.1 Slalom and Giant Slalom Sectional Championship

Athletic Director John Bowen and Ski Team Advisor Kristen Long acknowledged Hannah Klingebiel for placing in the top three in two events at the State Alpine Skiing Championships.

Information: 2.2 Literacy Coach Update

Literacy Coach Krista Senatore showed a video and spoke briefly about the impact of our new reading and writing curriculum.

Information: 2.3 Budget Update

Business Manager Marian Chrisman presented and reviewed the 2019-2020 budget to the Board.

Information, Presentation: 2.4 Elementary / Middle School Principal Presentation

Elementary Principal Gregg Barthelmas and Middle School Principal Mary Kate Elsworth both reviewed projected staffing changes due to retirement and decreased enrollment.

Mrs. Elsworth stated when the middle school opened there were 471 students. Currently there are 375 and by 2022 there will be 328. Plans include: realign staffing by re-assigning a social studies teacher to the high school, a 7th grade science teacher to teach 6th grade science, Mrs. Koch will teach band 4-8 and Ms. Leight teach chorus 7-8 & general music, Mr. Tucker will also take on band lessons.

Mr. Barthelmas stated there are currently 632 students down from 2011 count of 771. Due to enrollment the special area schedule will have less sectioning and will not replace Ms. Black (retirement).

3. Board Action - Consent

Action (Consent): 3.1 Approval of consent business items

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to approve the consent items as presented.

* To approve the CSE/CPSE Section 504 recommendations as presented.

* To approve and accept the meeting minutes of February 18, 2019 as presented.

* To approve and accept the Broadcast agreement between the Foothills Council and Sportsnet as presented.

* To accept and approve the February 2019 Claims Auditor Report and Treasurer's Report as presented.

* To approve the AP Biology field trip to Capt. John Boats in Plymouth, MA on June 13, 2019.

Motion carried 6-0

4. Board Action

Action: 4.1 Election Personnel

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica Motion to appoint the following election personnel for the annual budget vote on May 21, 2019: Election Inspectors (\$120.00 per day) Patricia Behrens, Margaret Chiperno, Ronalee Myers, Kathleen Turcotte, Martha Sherman, and Lois Miner;

Custodian of the Voting Machines (\$150.00) Ardeen Demarco, Jr. and Chief Election Inspector Judi Dunkel. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 4.2 Short Term Leave

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica Motion to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED the Board hereby appoints Caroline Hampton, who possesses a Childhood Education (1-6), Students with Disabilities (1-6) Initial Certificates for Lindsey Sawtelle from approximately March 19, 2019 through approximately April 30, 2019 with the salary to be set in accordance with the Teachers' Collectively Negotiated Agreement, at 1/200th of Step 1 MA of the 2018-2019 Salary Schedule, prorated, based upon full-time status, effective approximately March 19, 2019. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 4.3 WSWHE BOCES Board of Education Nominee

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Schuylerville Central School District Board of Education hereby nominates John Rieger to serve on the WSWHE BOCES Board of Education for a three year term beginning July 1, 2019. This election will be held on April 30, 2019. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 4.4 Unused Snow Days

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica Motion to declare Friday, May 24 and Tuesday, May 28, 2019 as non-school days (unused snow days) for all students and staff providing a snow emergency day is not used before the date. In the event one snow day remains, Friday, May 24, 2019 will be a non-school day. Motion carried 6-0

5. Public Comment

Information: 5.1 Public Comments

- Community members Deb Peck, Amy Carpenter and Courtney Sayward addressed their concerns with the middle school lacking a full-time librarian. Ms. Peck stated the support for our reading program is amazing; however the need for a middle school librarian is also important. Middle/HS School Librarian (Stillwater CSD) Amy Carpenter stated she has concerns the students are not having enough access to the library. Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Technology (Galway CSD) Ms. Sayward also stated her support for a full-time librarian with her experience in middle school digital citizenship /literacy.
- Dr. Sherman acknowledged their concerns and stated the decision will be made with the new addition.
- Elementary Teacher Mr. Jennings asked if there is a plan to address the substitute shortage. Dr. Sherman stated he is working closely to resolve the issue.

6. Anticipated Executive Session/Adjournment

Action: 6.1 Enter into executive session

Recommended Action:

At 8:25 p.m. F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to enter executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or matters leading to the

appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Motion carried 6-0

Action: 6.2 Return to public session and adjourn

Recommended Action:

At 9:30 p.m. F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to adjourn executive session and return to public session. Motion carried 6-0