

Board of Education, Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the high school library media center and was called to order by President Raymond Parmarter at 6:30 p.m., with the following additional board members, present: Brent Doane, Hannah Murray, Michael Blake, Nate Brace, and Rebecca Lyon, as well as Superintendent Jeffrey Kisloski.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:30 p.m., a motion was made by Hannah Murray, seconded by Michael Blake, to adjourn to executive session to discuss a particular personnel matter. All board members listed above were present as well as Superintendent Kisloski. At 6:30 p.m., CSE Chairperson Angela Holmes entered executive session to present the CSE/CPSE reports to the Board. Mrs. Holmes exited executive session at 6:38 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:10 p.m., Hannah Murray made a motion, seconded by Nate Brace, to return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously. All board members listed above were present, as well as Jr/Sr High School Principal Wayne Aman, Elementary School Principal Katie Volpicelli, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kimberleigh Nichols, Asst. Elementary Principal/Athletic Director Peter Ahart, CSE Chairperson Angela Holmes, Director of Operations Bern Smith, Director of Transportation Holly Carling, School Business Official Sydney Wade, and Board Clerk Kathlyn Hinkle. The Pledge of Allegiance was said to begin the regular session.

CSE/CPSE REPORT APPROVED:

A motion was made by Michael Blake, seconded by Nate Brace, to approve the CSE/CPSE report, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED:

A motion was made by Michael Blake, seconded by Hannah Murray, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2019, as presented, noting a few typos. The motion carried unanimously.

School Business Official Sydney Wade presented her report to the Board.

This month's packet includes the December budget transfers and financials.

Mrs. Wade updated the Board on the recent work with *three+one*. At the beginning of January, Mrs. Wade moved \$2 million into the District account with NYCLASS and the account is earning about \$850/day with that balance. The current daily rate is 1.5399%; the annual yield is 2.0955%. The scholarship accounts are in a 9-month CD (maturing in June 2020) with Tioga State Bank, earning 1.5% interest on a \$250,000 balance. The reserve accounts are in a 6-month CD with Chase Bank (maturing in April 2020), earning 1.37% interest on \$1.05 million. Mrs. Wade informed the Board that she and Brian Lanphere, Cafeteria Manager, are continuing to support the recent audit by NYSED of the cafeteria program. She believes it will be completed by the end of January.

Mrs. Wade stated that NYSED has released final guidance on the ESSA Financial Transparency Reporting, which is due March 1st. This is reporting the actual expenditure data from 2018-2019 by building.

Mrs. Wade informed the Board that she estimates the District Tax Cap for the 2020-2021 school year will be around 1.5%. She stated that it might be a little bit higher after the capital exclusion adjustment. This would result in an increase of \$84,877 to the levy from 2019, which would be a levy of \$5,862,654. It was \$5,777,777 in 2019. The tax cap filing is due to the State by March 1st.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS ACCEPTED:

A motion was made by Rebecca Lyon, seconded by Brent Doane, to accept the Appropriation Transfers reports for December, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

WARRANTS ACCEPTED:

A motion was made by Nate Brace, seconded by Michael Blake, to accept the following Warrants for December 2019, as presented: General Fund #28, Federal Fund #13, School Lunch Fund #12, and Capital Fund #6. The motion carried unanimously.

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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

President Parmarter acknowledged the visitors present at this time, Sue Heavenrich, community member and Candor Chronicle reporter, as well as Kori Strong, a Candor student attending for the Participation In Government class.

Mrs. Heavenrich commented that she is happy to hear the school still purchases hard copies of books and added that she browsed through the library and thinks the high school has a very nice library.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kisloski, a motion was made by Brent Doane, seconded by Michael Blake, to approve the following personnel items, pending fingerprint-supported criminal history background checks, where applicable*:

Resignation/Retirements:

Accepted the retirement of **Catherine Flanagan** as an Elementary Teacher (4th grade), effective June 30, 2020, with regret.

Accepted the retirement of **Russell Corpin** as a Full-Time Bus Driver, effective June 26, 2020, with regret.

Recommended Appointments:

Approved the appointment of *Non-Instructional Substitutes* for the 2019-2020 school year, with salary and benefits in accordance with the 2019-2020 Non-Instructional Substitute Pay Schedule:

- **Aubrey Ferris** – Substitute Bus Driver, effective January 17, 2020.
- **Annette Dougherty** – Substitute Bus Monitor, effective January 17, 2020.

Approved the appointment of *Extra-Curricular Activities* for the 2019-2020 school year, with salary and benefits in accordance with the 2019-2020 Extra-Curricular Activities Pay Schedule:

- **Laura Preston** – Assistant Track Coach
- **Nicholas Petrie** – Assistant Track Coach
- **Ryan Meigs** – Competitive Gaming Club Advisor

2020-2021 Budget Development Calendar

Approved the 2020-2021 Budget Development Calendar, as presented.

District Wellness Policy Approval:

Approved the finalized District Wellness Policy, as presented.

Competitive Gaming Club Approval:

Approved the addition of the Competitive Gaming Club to the list of Extra-Curricular Activities for 2019-2020, as presented.

New Textbook Series Purchase – Monahan:

Approved the purchase of the following textbooks to be used in 7th grade English classes:

Title: *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*
Author: Phillip Hoose
Publisher: Square Fish
Copyright: 2009

Price: 70 books at \$14.74/bk:	\$1,031.80
Estimated s&h (10%)	<u>103.18</u>
Approximate total cost:	\$1,134.98

The motion carried unanimously for all consent agenda items

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Administrator Reports:

Jr/Sr High School Principal Wayne Aman reported to the Board.

Mr. Aman informed the Board that the week of January 21st is Regents week. He stated that the teachers appreciate this time mid-year to see where the students are at.

Mr. Aman stated that he appreciated the Board approving the creation of the Competitive Gaming Club. He stated that the District will now go ahead and join the league. He added that it is nice to see students that are not normally participating in sports being involved and engaged in something at school. Mr. Aman visited Waverly High School to see how their club worked. He stated that e-sports is really picking up speed and that he can really see it going somewhere. Mr. Aman added that Paul Wiech at TST BOCES is hoping to start a Regional League. He informed the Board that the Competitive Gaming Club does not fall under athletics and will be run by him, not Peter Ahart, Athletic Director.

Elementary Principal Katie Volpicelli summarized her report to the Board.

Mrs. Volpicelli updated the Board on what the Student Support Team is doing. She stated that the Student Support Team continues to develop high-quality programs for students. The team meets every week to review referrals for students who have social, emotional, and/or behavior challenges. Through collaborative efforts with teachers, individual students are receiving the necessary support. Some of the programs included are Expressive Arts, High School Mentor Program, Banana Splits, Robotics Group, Counseling and/or Consulting with Social Worker, Psychologist and/or Nurse, and Lunch-Bunch Groups.

Mrs. Volpicelli informed the Board that the Elementary had 15 families participate in the Binghamton Devils - Read to the Rink program. Students were to read five age-appropriate books in a 10 week time period and, by doing so, received a free ticket to the game on January 3rd.

The Binghamton Devils are also doing an Academic Program for 3rd-6th Graders. Each grade level selected criteria for the ten highest achieving students at the grade level.

Students will receive:

- One free ticket voucher to the game on January 31st
- Recognition on the video board
- Pizza party in April with the mascot
- One Planet Extreme Air Park voucher
- Additional prizes from program sponsors to be received at the pizza party in April

Mrs. Volpicelli is hoping for high participation in this incentive as well.

Mrs. Volpicelli shared a document with the Board that listed some information about the Make a Child Smile Christmas program.

Assistant Elementary Principal/Athletic Director Peter Ahart summarized his report to the Board.

Mr. Ahart informed the Board that the District has extended the partnership with ESPN Ithaca this winter with live play-by-play broadcasts of a few of the varsity boys basketball games. On December 9th, ESPN came and broadcasted the home game with Newfield. An additional 54 listeners tuned in via the ESPN Ithaca App, 218 listened via ESPN's website and an unknown number via the radio. Mr. Ahart has invited ESPN back for the January 14th game vs. Watkins Glen. Coverage will begin at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Ahart informed the Board that they can download the app or listen in on 1160/107.1.

Mr. Ahart stated that the two most recent Athlete of the Week winners are Ousmane Duncanson of Varsity Wrestling and Braelyn Hornick (second time winning the award) of the Girls' Varsity Basketball team.

Mr. Ahart stated that he would once again like to thank the Candor Booster Club in helping the Candor High School promote sportsmanship and for supporting student-athletes. He stated that when the Girls' Varsity Basketball team played Vernon Verona Sherrill (VVS) over Christmas break, Candor's Booster Club purchased pizza and wings for both teams for an after-game get together. VVS traveled a long distance to get here and stayed overnight to play another game the next day. During this same night, VVS and their community raised money for Lorisa Bates and presented her with the money at the game. Mr. Ahart would like to extend a thank you to VVS and their coach, Randy Thomas, for their support of Mrs. Bates. Mr. Ahart stated that it was a great night overall.

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Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kimberleigh Nichols presented her report to the Board.

Mrs. Nichols spoke of the Next Generation Learning Standards. She explained the three phases of the program to the Board.

Raising Awareness Phase I (2018-2019)

- Introduction to NGLS December 7th, 2017
- Summer PD - PBL Unit creation, UbD model, review of standards
- End of Summer/Fall Data, Curriculum, Instruction meetings - grade level and department
- District representation at regional Literacy Leaders and Math Coaches - present information at building faculty meetings.

Building Capacity Phase II (2019-2020)

- Summer 2019 PD - incorporating 4 C's, using UbD model (begin with standards)
- Using DataWise process during Data/Curriculum/Instruction meetings by grade level and department
- Fall 2019 Data/Curriculum/Instruction meetings - conduct data conversations using Instructional Common Data Views/ 3 Year Standard Trend Report (3-8 ELA & Math or Regents)
- Fall 2019 SCD - instructional strategies focused on *Creating Engaged Readers* (a need identified through K-12 Fall D/C/I meetings)
- Facilitating grade level and department conversations - NGLS timelines and assessment timelines, NGLS overview/format, begin with ELA, prioritize ELA standards by grade level, facilitate vertical conversations by grade bands.

1/8	Close read of ELA standards specific to grade level Complete outline of ELA document
1/15	How to Prioritize Standards Overview (with samples)
1/15 - 2/7	Prioritize and Align Writing Standards
2/10 - 3/13	Prioritize and Align Speaking & Listening Standards
3/16	PK-2 Review alignment between Reading standards and current curriculum
5/4- 6/5	Prioritize and Align Language Standards
6/8-12	Reading Standards Review ????
Summer 2020	Continued adjustments to math curriculum, based on crosswalks.

Full Implementation Phase III (2020-21)

- Spring 2021: 3-8 ELA and Math assessments aligned to NGLS

Director of Operations Bern Smith summarized his report to the Board.

Mr. Smith stated that there is not much to report on other than the regular snow plowing of snow as it falls and taking care of the facility sidewalks and grounds. He stated that his only concern is that the winter weather has generally been warmer which brings rain and ice, which is hard to contend with.

Network Administrator's Log for December 2019 was submitted.

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Superintendent Jeffrey Kisloski summarized his report to the Board.

Mr. Kisloski stated that the consent agenda included the approval of the 2020-2021 Budget Calendar. For the past few years, he has tried to schedule the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meetings before the regularly scheduled Board meetings. These meetings are planned for 5:30 p.m. to allow an hour of work time before Executive Session. The March 5th BAC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. As always, BAC meetings are more flexible and somewhat dependent on the information that is released from the State and Governor Cuomo. Therefore, adjustments to the meeting schedule have occurred on occasion.

Mr. Kisloski informed the Board that the research of and preparation for “Crew” is continuing. Earlier this week, he had a lengthy phone conversation with the Administration Team from Ripley School District, a K-6th building on Lake Erie. The discussion was very helpful but again highlighted how ready the District is to undertake this project. He stated that the District’s organizational culture and climate, the commitment of the staff and the administrators, and the positive relationships with the students and community make “Crew” the next logical step in supporting the students. Mr. Kisloski believes that “Crew” is a significant logistical and curricular challenge that he is confident the District is ready to meet successfully.

Board Comments:

Michael Blake addressed the visiting student, Kori Strong. Miss Strong stated what she learned from the administrators’ reports and what she felt was most important. Miss Strong is a New Visions student. Mr. Blake asked her how she liked the program.

Recognition of Visitors:

President Raymond Parmarter acknowledged the visitors present. No further comments were made at this time.

Adjournment:

President Parmarter announced the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathlyn M. Hinkle, Clerk of the Board