



August 23, 2021 ~ 6:00pm
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Central High School Library

III-A-4391
09/20/2021

REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education Present: Mrs. Lori Aird, Mrs. Susan Cain, Mrs. Tracy Callahan, Mrs. Kay Gallery, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mrs. Diane Seaman, Mr. D. Paul Waltz.

Board of Education Absent: Mr. John Albanese, Mrs. Leah Cushing.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Dr. Thomas Neveldine, Deputy Supt.; Mrs. Katherine Skahen, Exec. Dir. of School Bus. Admin./Clerk; Mr. Douglas Mohorter, Executive Director of Employee Engagement & Accountability; Mr. Kieran O'Connor, Exec. Dir. of Planning, Development & Technology; Mr. Ronald Perry, Principal East Syracuse Elementary; Mrs. Ashleigh Wilson, Principal PG; Ms. Shelley LaMarche, Assist. Principal PG.

Other Present: Mr. Michael Rood, District Treasurer.

Interested Citizens: 8

MRS. DEBORAH KOLOD, PRESIDENT, CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:01 PM AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Summer 2021 Program Highlights
 - STEAM Camp, East Syracuse Elementary School
 - Spartan Camp, Pine Grove Middle School

FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD: Three residents spoke on mask mandates for students.

REPORTS:

- A. Acceptance of Minutes:
[July 28, 2021 Special Meeting](#)
- B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports:
Class of 2021 Summer Graduation
102nd Annual NYSSBA Convention & Expo
- C. Superintendent Reports:
Ribbon-Cutting and Rededication Ceremonies

- Monday, August 30, 2021 - Fremont, 6:30pm
 - Tuesday, August 31, 2021 - Woodland, 6:30pm
- Preparing for the Opening of the 2021-2022 School Year
- ESM Strategic Plan 2018-2022 - Year 4
 - 2021-2022 Amended School Reopening Plan: Prepared to Excel -- Daring to Dream
 - Vaccine Clinic, September 1, 2021 & September 22, 2021
 - COVID-19 Testing
 - Rapid Testing
 - Surveillance Testing
 - PCR Testing for Symptomatic Individual
 - 2021-2022 School Meal Program

Leave of Absence (FYI): Ashley Modafferi, Art Teacher @ Pine Grove Middle School,
Eff. 9/1/2021-1/31/2022

Staffing Transfers (FYI):

Name	Transfer From:	Transfer To:	Effective
Morgan Roemer	Special Education Teacher @ Minoa	Special Education Teacher @ Fremont	9/1/2021
Sarah Wilson	Special Education Teacher @ Fremont	Special Education Teacher @ Minoa	9/1/2021
Jackie Scholl	Physical Education Teacher @ Minoa (.5FTE) / Fremont (.5FTE)	Physical Education Teacher @ Minoa (1.0FTE)	9/1/2021
Lucia Meola	Physical Education Teacher @ Woodland (.5FTE) / APE District-wide (.5FTE)	Physical Education Teacher @ Woodland (1.0FTE)	9/1/2021
Paul Manfredo	Physical Education Teacher @ Woodland (1.0FTE)	Physical Education Teacher @ Minoa (.5FTE) / APE District-wide (.5FTE)	9/1/2021
Matt Dadey	Physical Education Teacher @ ESE (.5FTE) / APE District-wide(.5FTE)	Physical Education Teacher @ ESE (.5FTE) / Fremont (.5FTE)	9/1/2021
Jennifer Merz	Teaching Assistant (Special Education) @ Minoa Elementary	Teaching Assistant (Special Education) @ Central High School	9/2/2021

“RESOLVED BY MR. WALTZ, SECONDED BY MRS. CAIN THAT, the Reports A – C, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Tax Warrants 2021-2022

“**WHEREAS**, Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1977, amended Section 1318, subdivision 1, of the Real Property Tax Law; and

“**WHEREAS**, the entire fund balance at the close of the last fiscal year must be applied in determining the amount of the school tax levy except for an amount not to exceed **4%** of the current school year budget; and

“WHEREAS, this latter amount may be held as surplus funds during the current school year; **NOW THEREFORE** the following resolution was **MOVED BY MRS. SEAMAN SECONDED BY MRS. AIRD** that the Board of Education retain as surplus funds \$3,520,490 from the total fund balance of \$ 4,020,490 thereby applying \$500,000 to the reduction of the tax levy be approved.”

“BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The collectors for East Syracuse Minoa Central School District, Towns of DeWitt, Manlius, and Cicero, County of Onondaga, and the Town of Sullivan, Madison County, New York State:

1. To give notice and start collection 9/2/21 in the Town of DeWitt, 9/2/21 in the Town of Manlius, and 9/2/21 in the Town of Cicero, County of Onondaga, and 9/2/21 in the Town of Sullivan, Madison County in accordance with the provisions of the Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.
2. To give notice that tax collection will end on 11/15/21 in the Town of DeWitt, 11/15/21 in the Town of Manlius, and 11/15/21 in the Town of Cicero, County of Onondaga, and 11/15/21 in the Town of Sullivan, Madison County.
3. To collect taxes in the total sum of \$ 27,913,379.15 in the Town of DeWitt, \$16,172,075.38 in the Town of Manlius, \$635,529.08 in the Town of Cicero, Onondaga County, and \$1,255,661.90 in the Town of Sullivan, Madison County in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provision of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.
4. To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or attached tax rolls but shall return the same to the Board of Education. The Board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction or errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.
5. To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed in the tax rolls within ten (10) days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his property on press-numbered tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the County Treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Section 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.
6. To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to add three percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during any part of the third month of the tax collection period and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.

7. To issue press-numbered receipts only on forms provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file exact carbon copies of all such receipts issued as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.
8. To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and, if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912, and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the Board of Education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2, of the Real Property Tax Law.”

“RESOLVED BY MRS. SEAMAN, SECONDED BY MRS. AIRD THAT, the Action Item A, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

B. 2021-2022 Recommended School Meal Pricing

“RESOLVED THAT, the breakfast/lunch meal prices noted below and outlined in the enclosed memorandum be approved, as recommended by the Superintendent.”

\$1.80 Breakfast (All Levels) \$2.70 Lunch (Elementary) \$2.95 Lunch (Secondary)

“RESOLVED BY MRS. GALLERY, SECONDED BY MRS. CALLAHAN THAT, the Action Item B, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

C. 2021-2022 Amended School Reopening Plan

“**WHEREAS**, New York State Education Department required all public school districts within New York State to submit reopening plans on or before July 31, 2020 and to publish such plans on the school districts’ websites; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2021 the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued updated Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, the New York State Education Department issued Guidance for In-Person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2021, the Onondaga County Department of Health issued Guidance for K-12 School Reopening; and

WHEREAS, the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District has worked with stakeholder groups, including staff, students, parents and the local Department of Health to develop its reopening plans for the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and substantial efforts in the formulation of a reopening plan, the East Syracuse Minoa Amended Reopening Plan for the 2021-2022 school year has been presented to the Board of Education.”

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The East Syracuse Minoa Central School District Board of Education hereby adopts the proposed Amended Reopening Plan.
2. This resolution shall take effect August 26, 2021.”

“RESOLVED BY MRS. CALLAHAN, SECONDED BY MRS. CAIN THAT, the Action Item C, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA:

Treasurer’s Report (July-21)
Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports CHS/PGMS (July-21)
Appropriation Status Report (July-21)
Budget Transfers (July-21)
Accounts Payable Warrant Reports #3, #5
Payroll Warrant Reports #1, #2, #4
CSE/CPSE Reports
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Donations

“RESOLVED BY MRS. GALLERY, SECONDED BY MRS. SEAMAN, THAT, the Consent Agenda, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes –7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

A. Resignations

Jason Brown, Teaching Assistant (Special Education) - Central High School, Eff. 8/26/2021
Ame LaShomb, Teaching Assistant (Special Education) - Pine Grove MS, Eff. 9/1/2021
Gerette Nicotra, Teaching Assistant (Special Education) - Fremont Elementary, Eff. 8/18/2021
Patricia Hill, Teacher Aide (Part-Time) - Minoa Elementary, Eff. 9/1/2021
Erin Pease, Teacher Aide - Woodland Elementary, Eff. 9/1/2021
Denise Felicia, Assistant Coach Modified Girls Tennis, 8/11/2021

B. Retirement

Marlene Christensen, School Bus Driver - Transportation Department, Eff. 8/21/2021

C. Create Position

“RESOLVED THAT, the following position be created, as outlined in the enclosed memorandums, and recommended by the Superintendent.”

School Bus Attendant Position - Transportation Department

D. Appointments

Instructional, Four-Year Probationary Appointments

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education for the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District hereby appoints the following probationary employee(s):

Kaitlyn Brown, Elementary Teacher (Grade 5) - East Syracuse Elem., Eff. 9/1/2021-8/31/2025

Jeffrey Hayes, Physical Education Teacher - Woodland (.5FTE)/APE District-wide (.5FTE)
Eff. 9/1/2021-8/31/2025

Andrew Zupan, English Teacher - Pine Grove Middle School, Eff. 9/1/2021-8/31/2025

Anthony Veiga, Music Teacher - Central High School, Eff. TBD

Meghann Piciucco, Music Teacher - Fremont Elementary, Eff. 9/1/2021-8/31/2025

Alexis Brown, Teaching Assistant (Special Edu.) - CHS, Eff. 9/1/2021-8/31/2025

Stephen Mitchell, Teaching Assistant (Special Edu.) - CHS, Eff. 9/1/2021-8/31/2025

Brittany O'Malley, Teaching Assistant (Special Edu.) - PGMS, Eff. 9/1/2021-8/31/2025

Abigale Brown, Teaching Assistant (Special Edu.) - Fremont Elem., Eff. 9/1/2021-8/31/2025

The probationary period expiration date will depend on the individual's APPR ratings. To receive tenure, the individual must receive an overall APPR rating of effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Probationary employees who receive an ineffective APPR rating in their final year of probation will not be eligible for tenure at that time.”

Instructional, Regular Substitute Appointments

Taylor Fletcher, Art Teacher - Pine Grove Middle School 9/1/2021-1/31/2022

Kristin Diedrickson, Teaching Assistant (Special Education) - PGMS, Eff. 9/1/2021-6/30/2022

Instructional, Part-Time Appointment

Melissa Applegate, Elementary Teacher (Grade 6) (.5FTE) - PGMS, Eff. 9/1/2021-6/30/2022

Non-Instructional, 52-Week Probationary Appointments

Melissa Bonn, School Bus Driver - Transportation Department, Eff. 9/1/2021

Sarah Filapello, School Bus Driver - Transportation Department, Eff. 9/1/2021

Donna Harmon, School Bus Driver - Transportation Department, Eff. 9/1/2021

Eileen O'Shaughnessy, School Bus Driver - Transportation Department, Eff. 9/1/2021

Aubrey Picciano, School Bus Driver - Transportation Department, Eff. 9/1/2021

Cathleen Vescio, School Bus Attendant - Transportation Department, Eff. 9/1/2021

2021 Fall Coaching Appointments

Tennis - Girls	Head Coach - Varsity	Felicia, Denise
Tennis - Girls	Asst. Coach - MOD	Nabinger, Tina

2021 Volunteer Coaching Appointment

Casey Sullivan, Boys Soccer

Rescind 2021 Fall Coach Appointment

Leyvon Wright, JV Assistant Football Coach

E. Amended Substitute List

“RESOLVED THAT, the enclosed amended substitute list dated 08/11/2021, be approved.

“RESOLVED BY MRS. GALLERY, SECONDED BY MR. WALTZ THAT, Personnel Items A- E, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes –7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

POLICY DISCUSSION: None

POLICY ACTION: None

RESOLVED BY MRS. GALLERY, SECONDED BY MRS. AIRD THAT, THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:04 PM”

Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Skahen
District Clerk

Approved _____
Filed _____



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VI. POLICY DISCUSSION: None

VII. POLICY ACTION: None