



February 6, 2023 ~ 6:00pm
Regular Meeting of the ESM Board of Education
Fremont Elementary School Community Cafe'

III-A-4573
3/13/2023

REGULAR MEETING

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

Board of Education Absent:

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Donna DeSiato, 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. N. Shane Hacker, Exec. Dir. of Curriculum, Learning & Assessment; Mr. John Young, Director of Facilities; Mrs. Kathleen Colucci, Dir. of Spec. Ed; Mrs. Meghan Thomas, Associate Director for Spec. Ed; Mr. Thomas Decker, Coordinator for Community Engagement, Data and Fine Arts CHS; Mrs. Ashleigh Wilson, Principal PG; Mr. Thomas Sweeney, Associate Principal PG; Ms. Kelsey DeLany, Principal Fremont

Other Present: Mr. Michael Rood, District Treasurer; Mrs. Carolyn Scott, ESMUT.

Interested Citizens: 25

MR. D. PAUL WALTZ, PRESIDENT, CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:03 PM AT FREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

- A. Fremont School Improvement Team Highlight: *All Are Welcome at Fremont Elementary*
- B. Dr. DeSiato Inspiration Award Recipient was Carolyn Martin, School Secretary at Fremont
- C. National School Counselors Week: *Helping Students Dream Big*
- D. District Plan for Students with Disabilities

FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD:

REPORTS:

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C. Superintendent Reports:

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- 2023-2024 Property Tax Levy Cap

Planning for Summer Learning 2023

- NYSED Changes to Drivers Education Program
- CHIP Camp at OCC: Grades 6, 7 & 8 from July 11-13, 2023

NYS Senior Citizen (65+) Tax Exemption Law Revision

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OCM BOCES Technology Lease Agreement

Project S.A.V.E. Committee Members

Rescind Staffing Transfer (FYI):

Name	From	To	Eff
Matthew Murphy	Custodial Worker I @ East Syracuse Elem. (3pm-11:30pm Monday-Friday)	Custodial Worker I @ Park Hill (3pm-11:30pm Monday-Friday)	1/16/2023

Staffing Transfers (FYI):

Name	From	To	Eff
Justin Gilbert	Custodial Worker I @ East Syracuse Elem. (3pm-11:30pm Monday-Friday)	Custodial Worker I @ Park Hill (3pm-11:30pm Monday-Friday)	1/16/2023

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

Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

A. OCM BOCES Technology Lease Agreement

“WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District desires to enter into up to a three (3) year service contract with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereafter referred to as OCM BOCES) in order for the Regional Information Center (RIC) to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being but not limited to classroom technology and library automation and other instructional technologies in CoSer 562 and/or Co-Ser 620.”

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the above School District agrees to enter into a contract with the OCM BOCES for the provision of

said services to the District in total over the life of this agreement not to exceed the principal amount of \$900,000.00 plus related borrowing fees incurred by the OCM BOCES on behalf of the school district, plus yearly Regional Information Center support during the term of this contract. This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. Payments will be made as part of a regular annual BOCES contract for services. Further, this contract will be finalized by the Superintendent of the school district and is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education for both this multi-year service agreement and the OCM BOCES Installment Purchase contract which will be entered into on behalf of the school district at its request. This contract will be for a maximum period of three (3) years commencing on or about March 1, 2023.”

“RESOLVED BY MR. ALBANESE, SECONDED BY MRS. KOLOD THAT, the Action Item A, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

B. Project S.A.V.E. Committee Members

“RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as members of the Project Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.) Committee:

Dr. Thomas B. Nevelndine, Deputy Superintendent, Chief Emergency Officer; D. Paul Waltz, Board of Education, Doug Mohorter, Executive Director of Employee Engagement & Accountability; John Young, Director of Facilities; Greg Avellino, Executive Principal Central High School; Pam Buddendeck, Principal Park Hill School; Kate Colucci, Director of Special Education; Cheryl West, Director of Counseling, Youth Development & Leadership; Mike Clonan, Athletic Director; Rebecca Kammar, SIRO; Percy Clarke, SPO; Todd Galarneau, SPO; Jeff Slater, Captain Town of Manlius Police; Ken Waldby, Coordinator of Health, Safety & Risk Management OCM BOCES; Bonnie Nuebauer, CHS Parent Representative; Todd Henry, Transportation Supervisor; Carolyn Scott, ESMUT; Tammy Hughes, ESM Teaching Assistant Association; Sue Lamphier, ESM SRP Association.”

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

Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

C. Recommend Dignity Act (DAC) Coordinator

“RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education appoints **Paula Kopp**, Acting Principal, as Dignity Act Coordinator for East Syracuse Elementary School, for the 2022-23 school year.”

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

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

D. Tax Certiorari Settlement

“WHEREAS, Syracuse Lodging Ventures, LLC (“Petitioner”) filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment property located at 6646 Old Collamer Road (Tax Map Parcel No. 025.-4-21) (the “Property”) in the Town of Dewitt for the tax years 2019-20 through 2022-23;

WHEREAS, the School Board previously approved the settle the proceedings by reducing the assessment to \$9,200,000 effective for the 2022-23 School year; and

WHEREAS, the assessment was not changed before the 2022-23 school year; and

WHEREAS, Petitioner has proposed a revised settlement of the proceedings upon the following terms:

- a. Reduce the 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 assessments to \$9.5 million; and
- b. Waive all real property tax refunds for the 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 assessment years; and
- c. Set the 2023-24 assessment at \$8,300,000; and
- d. Set the 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 assessment at \$9,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewitt supports the settlement proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is willing to settle the proceedings pursuant to the terms outlined above.”

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education agrees to settle the tax certiorari proceedings commenced by Petitioner in accordance with the terms set forth above and in the form approved by Ferrara Fiorenza PC and hereby delegates to Ferrara Fiorenza PC the authority to execute such settlement documents.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.”

“RESOLVED BY MRS. KOLOD, SECONDED BY MR. ALBANESE THAT, the Action Item D, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA:

Treasurer’s Reports (Nov-22 & Dec-22)

Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports CHS/PGMS (Nov-22 & Dec-22)

Appropriation Status Reports (Nov-22 & Dec-22)

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Accounts Payable Warrant Reports #21 (off cycle), #21, #23, #25, #27

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Revenue Status Report (Quarterly)

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

Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

A. Retirements [ERI]

Theresa Cronk, Elementary Teacher (Grade 2) - Woodland Elementary, Eff. 7/1/2023
Cheryl Dardano, Teaching Assistant (Spec. Ed.) - Fremont Elementary, Eff. 6/30/2023
Lori Fingar, Special Education Teacher - Central High School, Eff. 7/1/2023
Cynthia Hlywa, English Teacher - Central High School, Eff. 7/1/2023
Maria Lorenzo, Special Education Teacher - Central High School, Eff. 7/1/2023
Pamela Mastrobattisto, Music Teacher - Pine Grove Middle School, Eff. 06/30/2023
Tina Nabinger, Librarian - Minoa Elementary School, Eff. 4/10/2023
Mark Palen, Custodial Worker 1 - Woodland Elementary, Eff. 8/30/2023
Cindy Rogers, Mathematics Teacher - Pine Grove Middle School, Eff. 7/1/2023
Roxanne Trew, Family and Consumer Science Teacher - Pine Grove MS, Eff. 6/30/2023

B. Appointments

Instructional, Three-Year Probationary Appointment

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

Benjamin Gerardi, English as a New Language - Districtwide, Eff. 3/7/2023-3/6/2026

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 two (2) of the three (3) 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, Annual Appointment

Katherine McCarthy, Permanent Itinerant Substitute - East Syracuse Elem., Eff. 2/7/2023-6/30/2023

Non-Instructional, Part-Time Appointment

Heather Palumbo, Teacher Aide (3.5 hrs a day) - East Syracuse Elem., Eff. 2/7/2023

2022-2023 Winter Coach Appointment

Paul Houck - Athletic Training 12/8/22 through 12/22/2022

C. Tenure Recommendation

“RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent of Schools recommends the following personnel for appointment to tenure:”

Name	Area	Certification	Eff. Date
Ashleigh Wilson	Principal	School District Leader	5/4/2023

D. Amended Substitute List

“RESOLVED THAT, the enclosed amended substitute list dated 02/06/2023, be approved.”

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

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

POLICY DISCUSSION: None

POLICY ACTION: None

“RESOLVED BY MRS. KOLOD, SECONDED BY MRS. CALLAHAN THAT, THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:50 PM”

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Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Skahen
District Clerk

Approved _____
Filed _____



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VII. POLICY ACTION: None