



June 23, 2025 ~ 6:30pm
Special Meeting of the ESM Board of Education
Central High School Library Media Center

II-A-4923
07/08/2024

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Board of Education Absent: Mrs. Diana Abdella, Mrs. Kay Gallery,

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Mr. Grenardo Avellino, Deputy Supt.; Ms. Pamela Buddendeck, Executive Director of Employee Engagement & Accountability.

Other Present: 0

Interested Citizens: 0

MR. D. PAUL WALTZ, PRESIDENT, CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:40 PM AT THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/RECOGNITIONS:

A. Board of Education Recognition - Lori Aird

REPORTS:

A. Acceptance of Minutes

None

B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports

None

C. Superintendent Reports

Lyncourt Instruction Contract for Recommendation

2025 Building Condition Survey Contract for Approval

Staffing Transfers (FYI):

Name	From	To	Eff.
Carrie Compton	Psychologist @ Woodland	Psychologist @ PGMS	8/28/2025
Jill Magill	Elementary (Grade 5) Teacher @ Fremont	Elementary (Grade 4) Teacher @ Minoa	8/28/2025

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

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD: No one spoke.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Lyncourt Instruction Contract

“**WHEREAS**, the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District (“ESM CSD”) hereby wishes to enter into an Instruction Contract with Lyncourt Union Free School District (“Lyncourt UFSD”) to allow graduated eighth grade students from the Lyncourt School to attend grades nine (9) through twelve (12) at the East Syracuse Minoa Central High School; and

WHEREAS, a majority vote of the qualified voters present and voting at Lyncourt UFSD’s 2024 District Meeting authorized Lyncourt to extend the Instruction Contract with ESM to continue to allow for the education of eligible Lyncourt students at East Syracuse Minoa Central High School for a term of four years beginning with the 2025-2026 school year through the end of the 2028-2029 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are duly empowered to enter into a contract whereby all, or part, of the children of school age in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) residing in the Lyncourt UFSD shall be entitled to be taught in the ESM CSD during the school year commencing July 1, 2025 pursuant to Education Law Sections 2040 through 2045 and Title 8, Part 174 of the New York State Regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Instruction Contract, in the form approved by legal counsel and subject to approval from the District Superintendent and the Commissioner of Education.
2. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary and appropriate to effectuate the Instruction Contract.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.”

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

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

B. 2025 Building Condition Survey Contract

“**WHEREAS**, after a thorough review of the proposals submitted in response to the RFP, the District selected King + King Architects, LLP; and

WHEREAS, at its July 8, 2024 meeting the Board of Education appointed King + King Architects, LLP, as its Architect of Record; and

WHEREAS, the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District wishes to enter into an agreement with King & King to complete a thorough investigation of both the interior and exterior conditions of each District building in order to complete and file the District's 2025 Building Condition Survey with the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred in completing the Building Condition Survey up to \$272,700 are eligible for New York State Building Aid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Executive Director of School Business Administration to execute an agreement with King + King Architects, LLP, in the amount of \$136,300 for 2025 Building Condition Survey services.”

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

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA: None

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

A. Retirement

Ernest Fish Jr., Maintenance Worker I - District wide, Effective 8/30/2025

B. Appointments

Administrative, Interim Principal Appointment

“RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Douglas Mohorter as Interim Principal at East Syracuse Elementary School for a term commencing on July 1, 2025 until such time that a successor Principal at East Syracuse Elementary School has been appointed and a successful transition period is completed. This appointment is subject to termination by either party upon ten (10) days written notice to the other.”

Administrative, Annual Part-Time Appointment

Cheryl West, Equity Trauma Informed Counselor (0.4FTE) - Districtwide, Eff. 7/7/2025-6/30/2026

Instructional, Three-Year Probationary Appointment

Timothy Wolfer, Mathematics Teacher - Central High School, Eff. 8/28/2025-8/27/2028

Instructional, Regular Substitute Appointment

Amy Rancier, Special Education Teacher - Living Word Academy, Eff. 8/28/2025-6/30/2026
Sara Corbett, Social Studies Teacher - Central High School, Eff. 8/28/2025-6/30/2026

Instructional, Annual Part-Time Appointment (1-year only)

Joseph Musolino, Business Teacher (0.4FTE) - Central High School, Eff. 8/28/2025-6/30/2026
Hannah Gardner, Foreign Language (Spanish - 0.6FTE) - Central HS, Eff. 8/28/2025-6/30/2026
Maria Caruso, Foreign Language (Italian - 0.4FTE) - Central HS, Eff. 8/28/2025-6/30/2026
Karen Nash, Speech Therapist (0.4FTE) - Living Word Academy, Eff. 8/28/2025-6/30/2026
Jennifer Kirchoff, Student Success Specialist (0.4FTE) - Central HS, Eff. 8/28/2025-6/30/2026
Cynthia Hlywa, Spartan Academy Success Specialist (0.4FTE) - Central HS, Eff. 8/28/2025-6/30/2026

Non-Instructional, 52-Week Probationary Appointments

Benjamin Wysocki, Custodian I, Park Hill School, Effective 7/1/2025
Kollin Diedrickson, Custodian I, Central High School, Effective 7/1/2025

2025-2026 Instructional Specialist, Teacher on Special Assignment Annual Appt./Business Teacher Appt.

Rebecca Wenner	0.8FTE Instructional Specialist, Pre-K to 12 for Technology Integration (Business Teacher 0.2FTE)	CHS	8/28/2025
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Amended, 2025-2026 CHS Department Leader Appointment

Justin Ezzo - Music *Co-Leader*

2025-2026 CHS Department Leader Appointment

Robert Boycheck - Music Co-Leader

Rescind 2025 Elementary Summer Learning Program Appointment

Lori Beeman - Woodland

Amended, 2024-2025 Central High School Extra-Duty Appointment (*2nd Semester Only*)

Dylan Bartlett - 29% Honor Society Co-Advisor. 71% Honor Society Advisor
Colleen Osterman - 29% Honor Society Co-Advisor only
Colleen Osterman - 29% Yearbook Co-Advisor only

2025 Elementary Summer Learning Program Appointments

Ashley Thomas, Teaching Assistant (spec. ed.) - Minoa
Sharon Schildkamp - Teaching Assistant - Woodland
Tamara Hogan, Teacher (split w/ T Page) - Woodland
Tamara Hogan, Teacher Sub - Woodland
Tennille Page - Teacher (split w/T Hogan) - Woodland

2025 Spartan Academy Sophomore Summer Bridge (7/14/25-7/17/25, 9am - 1pm (times may vary))

Jennifer Merz, Teaching Assistant

2025 Spartan Academy OCC Summer Classes (7/9/25 - 8/12/25, 7:50am - 1:15pm (times may vary))

Pamela Bertella, Teaching Assistant

C. Personnel Changes

Name	From	To	Effective
Carly Griffin	Psychologist (1.0FTE) @ PGMS	Psychologist (0.6FTE) @ Districtwide	8/28/2025
Kirk Evans	Custodial Worker I @ CHS (3:30pm-12am, M-F. Summer: 7am-3:30pm, M-F)	Custodial Worker I @ DO/Transportation Center (split)(3:30pm-12:00am, M-F, all year)	6/24/2025

D. Substitute Rates of Pay

“RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education approve an increase in the substitute staff hourly rates of pay, as outlined in the enclosed memorandum, effective September 1, 2025.”

E. Amended Substitute List

“RESOLVED THAT, the enclosed substitute list dated June 23, 2025, be approved.”

F. Resignation

Thomas Sweeney, Principal - East Syracuse Elementary, Eff. 7/1/2025

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

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

POLICY DISCUSSION: None

POLICY ACTION:

A. Students: Board Policy #7316 - Ban on Internet-Enabled Device Use
During the School Day

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

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

“RESOLVED BY MRS. KOLOD, SECONDED BY MRS. CALLAHAN THAT, THE SPECIAL MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:03PM”

Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Skahen
District Clerk

Approved _____
Filed _____



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III. FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD: None

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- D. Substitute Rates of Pay
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