



March 1, 2021 at 6:00pm  
Regular Meeting of the ESM Board of Education  
Video Conferencing Meeting via GoogleMeet

District-Wide School Safety Plan Public Hearing at 7:30pm  
Video Conferencing via GoogleMeet

III-A-4296  
3/22/2021

## REGULAR MEETING

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

**Board of Education Absent:** 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. N. Shane Hacker, Exec. Dir. of Curriculum, Learning & Assessment; Mr. Gernardo Avellino, Executive Principal CHS; Mr. Gary Gerst, Principal Minoa; Ms. Naomi Trivison, Associate Principal CHS; Ms. Dana Vendetti, Assist. Principal CHS; Ms. Krystal Ward, Assist. Principal CHS; Ms. Randi Ludwig, Coordinator for College and Career Readiness; Mrs. Cheryl West, Coord. of Youth Development. and Leadership; Mr. Adam Shatraw, ESM Spartan Academy Coordinator CHS.

**Other Present:** Mr. Michael Rood, District Treasurer; Mrs. Yvette Hinman, ESM TA; Mr. Denys Vasylevskyy, Network Administrator.

**Interested Citizens:** 12

MRS. DEBORAH KOLOD, PRESIDENT, CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM VIA GOOGLE MEET VIDEO CONFERENCING.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. Central High School Improvement Team Highlight: *"In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb"*- Mr. Avellino and CHS Staff presented.

**FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD:** *Given this unprecedented time and the virtual nature of this meeting, there will not be a Fifteen Minute Period for public comment. Please follow District [Communications Protocols](#) or contact the [ESM Board Clerk](#) for further information.*

**REPORTS:**

A. Acceptance of Minutes:

February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports:

OCM BOCES Board of Education Nomination

C. Superintendent Reports:

ESM Learning Models Update

2021-2022 Budget Development Update

Athletic Update for Spring Sports and Fall-2 High Risk Sports

Pandemic Plan Amendment to District- Wide School Safety Plan DRAFT

Staffing Transfer (FYI):

Name	Position	From	To	Eff
Katherine Hager	Teaching Assistant (Special Education)	CHS	ESE	2/22/2021

Unpaid Leave of Absence (FYI):

Kyleigh Kinney, School Nurse - Woodland Elementary, Eff. 3/19/2021-6/30/2021

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

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

**ACTION ITEMS:**

A. OCM BOCES Board of Education Nomination

“RESOLVED THAT, the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District Board of Education nominate Wayne Brownson to the OCM BOCES Board of Education for the term of office from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.”

“RESOLVED BY MRS. SEAMAN, SECONDED BY MR. WALTZ THAT, the Action Items A, as recommended by the Superintendent be approved.”

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

B. Approval of Participation in Higher Risk Sports

“WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that effective February 1, 2021, higher risk interscholastic sports are permitted as directed by local County Health Departments; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, the Onondaga County Department of Health issued its Health Advisory for Higher Risk K-12 School Sports; and

WHEREAS, following careful consideration of the advisory, the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District approves participation in Football, Competitive Cheerleading (Fall-2), Volleyball (Boys) and Volleyball (Girls);

NOWTHEREFORE, the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District Board of Education (the “Board”) resolves as follows:

1. The participation of school athletes in the higher risk sports of Football, Competitive Cheerleading (Fall-2), Volleyball (Boys) and Volleyball (Girls) are approved in accordance with the guidance and directives of the Onondaga County Department of Health.
2. The Superintendent of Schools and/or his/her designee are required to implement the guidance for the benefit of student, staff and community member safety.”

“RESOLVED BY MR. ALBANESE, SECONDED BY MRS. GALLERY THAT, the Action Items B, as recommended by the Superintendent be approved.”

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

C. Tax Certiorari Settlements

“**WHEREAS**, Syracuse Hotel Partners, LLC filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment on its property located at 6611 Old Collamer Road in the Town of DeWitt, for the 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 tax years; and

**WHEREAS**, Syracuse Hotel Partners, LLC has proposed settlement of the proceedings upon the following terms:

- a. No change in the 2017 and 2018 assessments;
- b. Reduce the value of the 2019 assessment to \$2,100,000; and
- c. Reduce the value of the 2020 assessment to \$1,750,000; 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 Syracuse Hotel Partners, LLC 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.”

“**WHEREAS**, Tramz NY, LLC filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment on its property located at 6550 Baptist Way in the Town of DeWitt, for the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 tax years; and

**WHEREAS**, Tramz NY, LLC has proposed settlement of the proceedings upon the following terms:

- a. No change in the 2018 assessment;
- b. Reduce the value of the 2019 assessment to \$2,750,000;
- c. Reduce the value of the 2020 assessment to \$2,576,000; and
- d. Waive fifty percent of the School tax refunds for the 2020-21 tax year; 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 Tramz NY, LLC 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.”

**“WHEREAS**, Tramz New York, LTD, LP filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment on its property located at 6555 Old Collamer Road in the Town of DeWitt, for the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 tax years; and

**WHEREAS**, Tramz New York, LTD, LP has proposed settlement of the proceedings upon the following terms:

- a. No change in the 2018 assessment;
- b. Reduce the value of the 2019 assessment to \$3,000,000;
- c. Reduce the value of the 2020 assessment to \$2,250,000; and
- d. Waive fifty percent of the School tax refunds for the 2020-21 tax year; 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 Tramz New York, LTD, LP 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 MR. WALTZ, SECONDED BY MRS. AIRD THAT**, the Action Items C, as recommended by the Superintendent be approved.”

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Treasurer’s Report (Jan-21)  
 Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports CHS/PGMS (Jan-21)  
 Appropriation Status Report (Jan-21)  
 Budget Transfers (Jan-21)  
 Accounts Payable Warrant Reports #31, #33  
 Payroll Warrant Reports #30, #32  
 Donations  
 Surplus Equipment/Furniture - Park Hill

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

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

**PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

A. Appointments

2020-2021 Fall-2 Coaching Appointments (3/15/2021 - 5/1/2021)

Athletic Trainer	Asst. Trainer	Manfredo, Paul
Cheerleading, F'ball	Head Coach	Planty, Nicole
Football	Head Coach	DeParde, Kevin R.
Football	Asst. Coach	Eschbacher, Michael J.
Football	Asst. Coach	Parker, Craig
Football	Asst. Coach	Anderson, Joshua
Football	Asst. Coach	Graham, Stephen R.
Football	Asst. Coach	Smith, James T.
Football	Asst. Coach	Twichell, Matthew
Football	Asst. Coach	Commisso, Nicholas
Football	Asst. Coach	Sealy, Paul
Football	Asst. Coach	Underwood, Eyan
Indoor Track	Head Coach	Staub, Christopher
Volleyball-Boys	Head Coach	Rybczak, Alexander
Volleyball-Boys	Asst. Coach	McIntosh, Michael
Volleyball-Boys	Asst. Coach	Neff, Kevin
Volleyball-Girls	Head Coach	Felicia, Denise
Volleyball-Girls	Asst. Coach	Carr, Mark
Volleyball-Girls	Asst. Coach	Trivelpiece, Mark
Volleyball-Girls	Asst. Coach	Ferris, Michael

Weight Training-HS (AM)	Coach	Eschbacher, Michael J.
Weight Training-HS (PM)	Coach (Spilt)	Galuski, Gregory
Weight Training-HS (PM)	Coach (Spilt)	Gigliotti, Joseph

B. Amended Substitute List

“RESOLVED THAT, the enclosed amended substitute list dated 03/01/2021, be approved.”

C. Resignations

Adam Shatraw, Coordinator for Early College High School, Eff. 6/30/2021

Kristen Kent, Art Teacher - Pine Grove Middle School, Eff. 6/30/2021

Angela Smith, School Nurse - Minoa Elementary, Eff. 3/11/2021

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

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

**POLICY DISCUSSION:**

A. ESM Board Policy #5633: Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

**POLICY ACTION:** None

“RESOLVED BY MR. ALBANESE, SECONDED BY MR. WALTZ THAT, THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:45 PM”

Ayes - 8, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Skahen  
District Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Filed \_\_\_\_\_



March 1, 2021 at 6:00pm  
Regular Meeting of the ESM Board of Education  
Video Conferencing Meeting via GoogleMeet

District-Wide School Safety Plan Public Hearing at 7:30pm  
Video Conferencing Meeting via GoogleMeet

---

---

## AGENDA

### **I. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Central High School Improvement Team Highlight: *“In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb”*

### **II. FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD:** None

### **III. REPORTS:**

#### A. Acceptance of Minutes:

February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

#### B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports:

OCM BOCES Board of Education Nomination

#### C. Superintendent Reports:

ESM Learning Models Update

2021-2022 Budget Development Update

Athletic Update for Spring Sports and Fall-2 High Risk Sports

Pandemic Plan Amendment to District-Wide School Safety Plan DRAFT

Staffing Transfer (FYI)

Unpaid Leave of Absence (FYI)

### **IV. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. OCM BOCES Board of Education Nomination

- B. Approval of Participation in High Risk Sports

- C. Tax Certiorari Settlements

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Treasurer’s Report (Jan-21)

Extra Classroom Activity Fund Reports CHS/PGMS (Jan-21)

Appropriation Status Report (Jan-21)

Budget Transfers (Jan-21)

Accounts Payable Warrant Reports #31, #33

Payroll Warrant Reports #30, #32

Donations

Surplus Equipment/Furniture - Park Hill

### **V. PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

- A. Appointments

- B. Amended Substitute List

- C. Resignations

### **VI. POLICY DISCUSSION:**

- A. ESM Board Policy #5633: Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

### **VII. POLICY ACTION:** None