



May 18, 2020 ~ 6:00pm  
Special Meeting of the ESM Board of Education  
*Video Conferencing Meeting via GoogleMeet*

III-A-4207  
7/7/2020

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

**Board of Education Present:** Mrs. Lori Aird, Mr. John Albanese, Mrs. Susan Cain, Mrs. Tracy Callahan, Mrs. Leah Cushing (joined 6:05 pm), Mrs. Kay Gallery, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mr. D. Paul Waltz.

**Board of Education Absent:** Mrs. Diane Seaman

**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; Ms. Kelsey DeLany, Principal Fremont Elementary.

**Other Present:** Ms. Cindy Todd, ESMUT; Mrs. Yvette Hinman, ESM TA.

**Interested Citizens:** 15

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **RECOGNITIONS:**

- A. National Network of State Teachers of the Year (NNSTOY), Exemplary STEM Teaching and Learning

**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  
None
- B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports  
None
- C. Superintendent's Report  
Rescind Proposition for East Syracuse Free Library  
Adjusted 2019-2020 ESM School Calendar Due to COVID-19

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

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

**ACTION ITEMS;**

- A. Rescind Proposition for East Syracuse Free Library

“WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the Board of Education of the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District (the “Board”) passed a resolution approving a proposition for the 2020 annual meeting (the “Proposition”) which would have placed before qualified voters a request to levy an increased tax to benefit the East Syracuse Free Library (the “Library”), as requested by the Library pursuant to Education Law Section 259(1); and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the New York State Governor issued Executive Order 202.26, postponing the 2020 annual meeting to June 9, 2020, and requiring school districts to publish a legal notice for the annual meeting no later than May 12, 2020, and a total of two (2) times before June 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order 202.26, the School District published its first legal notice for the annual meeting prior to May 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the district received a letter dated May 8, 2020 indicating that the Library’s Board of Trustees has requested that the Board remove the Proposition from the upcoming ballot for the 2020 annual meeting in light of the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and surrounding uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to remove the Proposition from the 2020 annual meeting ballot;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the School District as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby rescinds its May 11, 2020 resolution approving the inclusion of the Proposition on the ballot at the 2020 annual meeting.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby directed to remove the Proposition from the ballot and the legal notice of the annual School District meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law and to take all other steps to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.”

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

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

**PERSONNEL ITEMS:**

A. Resignations

Tokenma Killins, Assistant Principal - Central High School, Eff. 06/30/2020

Ryan Beckley, Technology Teacher (Automotive) - Central High School, Eff. 09/01/2020

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

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

**POLICY DISCUSSION:** None

**POLICY ACTION:** None

RESOLVED BY MR. WALTZ, SECONDED BY MRS. AIRD THAT, THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 6:25 PM”

Ayes - 8, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Skahen  
District Clerk

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



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## **AGENDA**

### **I. RECOGNITIONS:**

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

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

- A. Resignations

### **VI. POLICY DISCUSSION: NONE**

### **VII. POLICY ACTION: NONE**