

**PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Plattsburgh, New York**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
**Board of Education Regular Meeting  
March 19, 2019 – 5:30 p.m. – Duken Building**

**ROLL**

Board of Education

Leisa Boise (President) – present  
Amelia Goerlitz – present  
Robert Hall, Jr. – present  
Steve Krieg – present  
Ronald Marino – present  
Clayton Morris – present (arrived 6:02)  
Tracy Rotz – (Vice-president) – present  
Roderick Sherman – present  
Fred Wachtmeister – present

Others

John C. Lebrun (Superintendent of Schools) – present  
Carrie Harvey-Zales – (Ass't. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction) – present  
David Baroodly (Ass't. Supt. for Business) – present  
Fortune Ellison – (Director of Special Education) – excused  
Dawn Stetz (District Clerk) – present  
Glenn Hurlock (Plattsburgh High School Principal) – excused  
James Manchester (Plattsburgh High School Ass't Principal) – excused  
Jamie LaBarge (Stafford Middle School Principal) – excused  
Trevor Cameron (Stafford Middle School Ass't Principal) – excused  
Claudine Selzer-Clark (Bailey Avenue Elementary School Principal) – excused  
Jayson Barnhart (Oak Street Elementary School Principal) – excused  
Susan Wilson (Momot Elementary School Principal) – excused  
Jamie Maggy (Momot Elementary Ass't Principal) – excused  
Norbert Neiderer (Director of Buildings & Transportation) – excused

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Boise led the pledge of allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER/PRO TEM CLERK/EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:31 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Krieg to call the meeting to order, to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters as provided for in Board Policy 2330; employment history of a particular personnel, collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law and potential transfer of real property. **Motion Carried: 8-0**

At 6:02 p.m., Mr. Morris entered Executive Session.

**Reconvene:** At 7:33 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Marino to reconvene to Regular Session. **Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Public Comment** – there were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda Items**

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Krieg to recommend the Board approve the consent agenda items.

Minutes

Recommend the Board approve the minutes for the meeting held on March 7, 2019.

Adoption of the Agenda

Recommend the Board adopt the agenda for the meeting being held today.

CSE, CPSE and 504 Plan Recommendations

Recommend the Board approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education, Committee on Special Education and Committee on 504 Plan recommendations as presented in *Appendix I*.

**Personnel**

**Appointments**

**Probationary/Miscellaneous Appointments**

Recommend the Board appoint the following probationary/Miscellaneous appointments:

EMPLOYEE	POSITION/TENURE AREA	GRADES/DEPT.	EFFECTIVE DATE	PAY RATE	COMMENTS
Kimberly Crockett	Clerk	Bailey Avenue	April 1, 2019	\$14.88/hour (Level I)	52-week probationary period. One hour/day
Adam Sullivan and Tom Pilsworth	Assistant Coaches	Lacrosse	2018-2019 school year	N/A	Funded by the Lacrosse Boosters

**Substitute/Temporary On Call (TOC) Appointments** - Recommend the Board approve the appointments and rates of pay as presented.

Name	Certification	Rate	Position (Subs)	Fingerprint Status
Emily Beach	Non-Certified	\$85/day \$17.30/hour	Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Mallory Carpenter	Non-Certified	\$100/day \$85/day \$17.30/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Kerrie Colleran	Non-Certified	\$100/day \$85/day \$17.30/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Autumn Esposito	Non-Certified	\$100/day \$85/day \$17.30/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Andrew Giroveanu	Non-Certified	\$100/day \$85/day \$17.30/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Megan Johnson	Non-Certified	\$100/day \$85/day \$17.30/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Thomas Via	Certified	\$110/day \$85/day \$17.30/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared

**Retirement**

Recommend the Board accept Peggy Eaglefeather letter of retirement as Elementary Teacher at Oak Street Elementary School, effective June 27, 2019.

**Business**

**Reports for Board Information**

The following are presented for Board information:

- 1) Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Report (February 2019)
- 2) High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report (February 2019)
- 3) Summary of Budget Transfers for the month of February 28, 2019 under \$25,000
- 4) Summary of Monthly Wire Transfers (February 28, 2019)
- 5) Food Service Program Profit and Loss Statement (February 2019)
- 6) Budget Status Report (February 28, 2019)
- 7) Revenue Status Report (February 28, 2019)

**Treasurer's Report**

Recommend the Board accept the February 28, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented in *Appendix II*.

**Personnel Budget Transfers over \$25,000**

Recommend the Board authorize the following budget transfers as presented:

The total amount of the transfers listed is: \$33,995.00

AMOUNT	FROM	DESCRIPTION	TO	DESCRIPTION
\$ 33,995.00	A2010-501-4000	Curriculum Training Supplies	A2110-486-4000	Curriculum Training/wk

*To cover contract with Partners for Learning*

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

**New Business**

**Business**

**Donation**

It was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mr. Marino to recommend that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Bailey Avenue/Oak Street FSA for the purchase of a Google Expedition Kit in the amount of \$4,000.

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Increase 2018-2019 Budget**

It was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend that the Board of Education increase the 2018-2019 budget in the amount of \$4,000 for the purpose of purchasing a Google Expedition Kit in conjunction with the donation from the Bailey Avenue/Oak Street FSA.

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – CEWW Healthcare**

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Rotz to recommend the Board authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to CEWW Healthcare Consortium Governance.

**Motion Carried: 8-1**

**VOTE: Yes** – Mrs. Boise, Mr. Hall, Mr. Krieg, Mr. Marino, Mrs. Goerlitz, Mr. Rotz, Mr. Wachtmeister and Mr. Sherman  
**No** – Mr. Morris

**Resolution related to Footbridge**

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Rotz to recommend the Board adopt a resolution related to the Footbridge – *Appendix III*.

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Marino to amend the motion to remove the “WHEREAS’ ” and to just include the “RESOLVES’ ”.

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

Mr. Wachtmeister rejects the resolution from the City of Plattsburgh, adopted on March 14, 2019 for many reasons which are outlined in *Appendix V* of the minutes, and proposes a new motion which reads as follows:

*Move to have the Plattsburgh City School District take upon itself all necessary steps to repair the Saranac River Footbridge to enable the bridge to open to students and the general public for use by the opening of school in September 2019.*

*The steps required include obtaining an Easement from New York State, finalizing the removal of the natural gas pipeline from the footbridge by NYSEG, and preparing an RFP for repair of the bridge.*

*The District will utilize the DASNY funding obtained by Senator Little for repair and the funding obtained by Assemblyman Jones for maintenance. The Clinton County Legislature should be asked to extend to the District assistance for maintenance they were willing to extend to the City of Plattsburgh.*

*This action by the Board will in a clear and simple manner restore a benefit to students, parents, and community members.*

*The Plattsburgh City Board of Education and District Administration wish to express their gratitude to Senator Little and Assemblyman Jones for without their support this valuable resource would not have been restored to the community.*

There was not a second to Mr. Wachtmeister’s motion.

Mr. Hall stated he supports the City’s resolution and would like verification in the City’s resolution on the dollar amount for the DASNY funding.

Mr. Krieg feels it has been made clear, by the community, that they would like the bridge to open back up so that is his priority. He does agree with Fred in that he is not thrilled with the City’s resolution – they are keeping an out so that they do not have to take ownership, but in essence the community pays for this bridge regardless of who’s budget it comes out

of - the vast majority of the bridge is used by the community and should be recognized as such. Mr. Krieg does support the City's resolution in hopes the City will take ownership of the bridge, but if the City's resolution does not pass, he would support Fred's resolution.

It was then moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to also amend the motion to read the correct dollar amount for the DASYN funding. **Motion Carried: 9-0**

Mr. Morris stated he agrees with Mr. Wachtmeister because he feels the bridge will be ready for use faster doing it his way.

Mr. Wachtmeister moved, Mr. Hall seconded to amend motion to read that the final agreement needs to be approved by the Plattsburgh City School Board of Education. **Motion Failed: 1-8**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**   **Yes** – Mr. Wachtmeister  
                          **No** – Mr. Morris, Mr. Rotz, Mr. Sherman, Mrs. Boise, Mrs. Goerlitz, Mr. Hall, Mr. Krieg, and Mr. Marino

The amended motion before the Board of Education reads as follows:

*“Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to execute an Agreement with the City of Plattsburgh with respect to the proposed repair and conveyance of the Pedestrian Bridge based on the general terms as set forth in the Resolution adopted by the City Council on March 14, 2019, in such final form as may be approved by District’s counsel.”*

*Further, the resolution approved by the Common Council (less the ‘whereas’ preambles, which were removed in the interest of conciseness and to confirm the dollar amount for DASYN funding) was the basis of last evening’s approval, and is part of the Board’s action.* **Motion Carried: 7-2**

**VOTE: Yes** – Mrs. Boise, Mr. Hall, Mr. Krieg, Mr. Marino, Mrs. Goerlitz, Mr. Rotz and Mr. Sherman  
**No** – Mr. Wachtmeister and Mr. Morris

**Contract Amendment – Assistant Superintendent for Business**

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend the Board approve the amendment to Dave Baroody’s contract and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the amendment. The amendment extends Mr. Baroody’s contract through June 30, 2023 and establishes his 2019-2020 salary (\$101,054). **Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Instructional**

**Field Trips**

**Montreal – Museum of Fine Arts**

It was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend the Board approve a request made by Jila Yadollahpour to take students in French 4/5 and Spanish 4/5 to Montreal to visit the Museum of Fine Arts in late March or early April. The field trip will have three chaperones and approximately 35 students. *[Board approval is needed since this field trip takes students across an international boundary.]* **Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Montreal – Museum of Archeology/Atwater Market**

It was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Krieg to recommend the Board approve a request made by Jila Yadollahpour to take students in French 2 to Montreal to visit the Museum of Archeology and the Atwater Market in late March. The field trip will have three chaperones and approximately 35 students. *[Board approval is needed since this field trip takes students across an international boundary.]* **Motion Carried: 9-0**

**Concluding Reports and Remarks**  
**Superintendent’s Reports/Remarks**

2019-2020 School Budget – 3<sup>rd</sup> update – Mr. Baroody commented on how productive the budget committee meetings have been and that the BOCES service numbers are in and are included in the revised budget. He stated we are still waiting on final state numbers and updated numbers from special education. Those numbers along with other wish list type of request from each building will be included in the next version of the budget.

Mr. Baroody also gave a NYSEG update letting the Board know that NYSEG hit a ver hard spot under the river and had to bring in a larger drill. There is 130 feet left to go – close to completing the boring. NYSEG is finding spots that the initial study did not show. Weather permitting, the bypass will be completed this spring. NYSEG plans on deconstruction of existing pipeline this summer/fall.

FYI – Nominations are due to BOCES for one delegate and one alternate to represent New York State Teachers’ Retirement System and for CVES BOCES board members. This does not apply to Plattsburgh City School District this time around.

The April 11<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Member Reports/Remarks**

Mr. Hall thanked Mr. Baroody for the update on the NYSEG project.

Mr. Krieg gave kudos to the Green Team for having solutions and for their presentation.

Mr. Wachtmeister reiterated his concerns on the footbridge resolution, in writing, which is included in the minutes as an appendices.

Mr. Sherman commended the City Council for their work on the resolution for the footbridge.

Mr. Marino feels the school district doesn’t have the business of owning a bridge and if the City doesn’t follow thru and it fails, then the District should demolish the bridge.

Mrs. Boise reminded everyone of the dram club play Thursday – Sunday.

**Public Comment** - there were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:38 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Rotz to adjourn.

**Motion Carried: 9-0**

Respectfully,

Dawn Stetz, District Clerk