

PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Plattsburgh, New York

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Education Regular Meeting
September 26, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – Duken School 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
Tracy Rotz – (Vice-president) – present
Roderick Sherman – present
Fred Wachtmeister – present

Others

Jay C. Lebrun (Superintendent of Schools) – present
Carrie Harvey-Zales – (Ass't. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction) – present
David Baroody (Ass't. Supt. for Business) – present
Fortune Ellison – (Director of Special Education) - present
Dawn Stetz (District Clerk) - present
Glenn Hurlock (Plattsburgh High School Principal) –excused
James Manchester (Plattsburgh High School Ass't Principal) – present
Jamie LaBarge (Stafford Middle School Principal) – present
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) – present
Susan Wilson (Momot Elementary School Principal) – present
Jamie Maggy (Momot Elementary Ass't Principal) – present
Norbert Neiderer (Director of Buildings & Transportation) – excused

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

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:04 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Marino to call the meeting to order and enter into Executive Session to discuss matters as provided for in Board Policy 2330; the employment history of particular personnel. **Motion Carried: 9-0**

RECONVENE: At 6:57 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mr. Marino to reconvene to Regular Session. **Motion Carried: 9-0**

Spotlight: The Board heard from Mrs. Seeber (and former GAPPIES) on the history of the GAPP and importance of the program for our students. They also heard from the German exchange students who share their gratitude at the warm welcome they have received. At 7:15 p.m., the Board called a 15 minute recess.

Public Comment – Students from both Plattsburgh High School and SUNY Plattsburgh spoke on behalf of the Lacrosse program, as well as Mr. Knelly, expressing their support for the program, asking the Board for their approval.

Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend the Board approve the following consent agenda items.

Minutes

Recommend the Board of Education approve the minutes for the meeting held on September 12, 2019.

Adoption of the Agenda

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

CSE, CPSE and 504 Plan Recommendations

Recommend the Board of Education 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 of Education appoint the following probationary/Miscellaneous appointments:

EMPLOYEE	POSITION/TENU RE AREA	GRADES/ DEPT.	EFFECTIVE DATE	PAY RATE	COMMENTS
Richard Durham	STEM Program Teacher/Coordinator	Districtwide	2019-2020 School Year	Stipend of \$5,230	
Tasha Nadge	Building Technologist	PHS	2019-2020 School Year	\$32.80/hour	Not to exceed 52 hours. Replacing Susan Levaque
Nieves Abad	Typist (11-month)	PHS	October 1, 2019	Salary of \$28,928 (prorated) Level 1	52-week probationary appointment

Reduction in Hours

Recommend the Board of Education approve a reduction of 1.0 (2.25 to 1.25) hours, daily for Chasity LaPorte, School Monitor for Oak Street School, effective September 3, 2019.

Increase in Hours

Recommend the Board of Education approve an increase of 0.50 (5.5 to 6.0) hours, daily for Dawn Bump, Cook Manager for Oak Street School, effective September 3, 2019.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Position (Subs)</u>	<u>Fingerprint Status</u>
Leopoldo Carvajal	Non-Certified	\$103/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Tara Daly	Certified	\$113/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Cody Fulmer	Non-Certified	\$103/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Mary Gertsch-Cochran	Certified	\$113/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Logan Harvey	Non-Certified	\$103/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Theresa Hayden	Non-Certified	\$103/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Thomas Lacey	Non-Certified	\$88/day	Teaching Assistant	Cleared
Stephen Lynch	Non-Certified	\$103/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Julia Reeves	Non-Certified	\$103/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Jacquelyn Reilly	Non-Certified	\$103/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Sarah Sanders	Non-Certified	\$88/day	Teaching Assistant	Cleared
Carolyn LaBounty	N/A	\$11.80/hour	School Monitor	N/A

Business**Reports for Board of Education Information**

The following are presented for Board of Education information:

- 1) Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Reports (August 2019)
- 2) High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Reports (August 2019)
- 3) Summary of Budget Transfers for the month ending August 31, 2019 under \$25,000

- 4) Summary of Monthly Wire Transfers (August 31, 2019)
- 5) Budget Status Reports (August 31, 2019)

Treasurer's Report

Recommend the Board of Education accept the August 31, 2019 Treasurer's Reports as presented in *Appendix II*.

Budget Transfers over \$25,000

Recommend the Board of Education authorize the following budget transfers as presented:

The following details budgetary transfers of \$25,000 or more requiring Board approval.

The total amount of the transfers listed is: \$108,079.97

AMOUNT	FROM	DESCRIPTION	TO	DESCRIPTION
\$ 58,100.40	A2110-120-4200	Full Day K Teacher Salaries	A2250-150-4200	Spec Ed Teacher Salaries
\$ 49,979.57	A2110-120-4200	Full Day K Teacher Salaries	A2250-167-4200	Student Aides

Hired more than budgeted

Districtwide Safety Plan

Recommend the Board of Education approve the Districtwide School Safety Plan as presented in *Appendix II*.

Motion Carried: 9-0

Correspondence

- Letter congratulating Plattsburgh High School for being selected as a *CFES Brilliant Pathways to College and Career*.

Old Business (► Indicates item to be discussed.)

Correction to Minutes – May 21, 2019

It was moved by Mr. Wachtmeister, seconded by Mr. Krieg to recommend the Board of Education approve a correction to the May 21, 2019 board minutes for Lynne Sheehan's hourly rate (Summer 2019 services) to read \$22.95.

Motion Carried: 9-0

New Business

Business

C.R. Tunes - Photography Contract

It was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mrs. Goerlitz to recommend the Board of Education authorize the Bailey Avenue Elementary Principal to enter into an agreement with C.R. Tunes for school pictures for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Motion Carried: 9-0

Girls' Lacross Team

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Morris to recommend the Board of Education approve the establishment of a regional girls' varsity lacrosse program, to be hosted at Plattsburgh High School with no direct cost to the District, per an agreed set of terms, roles and responsibilities. It was noted by the Superintendent that there will be changes to the draft agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to amend that the recommendation be passed after the agreement is finalized. After much discussion, it was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to withdraw the amendment.

It was moved by Mr. Wachtmeister, seconded by Mr. Marino to table the recommendation until the October 17th Board meeting at which time administration can present a complete, well-thought-out agreement.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Mr. Krieg, Mr. Marino and Mr. Wachtmeister

No: Mr. Morris, Mr. Rotz, Mr. Sherman, Mrs. Boise, Mrs. Goerlitz and Mr. Hall

Motion Failed: 3-6

The Board requested a roll call on the motion and second for the original recommendation to approve the establishment of a regional girls’ varsity lacrosse program, to be hosted at Plattsburgh High School with no direct cost to the District, per an agreed set of terms, roles and responsibilities.

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

Motion Carried: 6-3

External Auditor Report – 2018-2019

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Rotz to recommend the Board of Education receive the 2018-2019 Financial Statements and Management Letter from Boulrice & Wood CPAs, P.C.

Motion Carried: 9-0

Corrective Action Plan – External Auditor Report – 2018-2019

It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Sherman to recommend the Board of Education approve the corrective action plan related to the 2018-2019 Financial Statements and Management Letter from Boulrice & Wood CPAs, P.C.

Motion Carried: 9-0

Instructional

NEW CLUBS

It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend the Board of Education approve the creation of the following three clubs, based on approval by the PHS SIP Team:

1. An E-Sports Club to be advised by Mr. Louis Piccirillo. Mr. Piccirillo will not be compensated for the first year of the club.
2. The “United Voices” club which will provide support and advocacy for student diversity and minority student interests at PHS. This club will be advised by Ms. Valeri Raugi. Ms. Raugi will not be compensated for the first year of the club.
3. A Spike Ball Club to be advised by Mr. Louis Piccirillo. Mr. Piccirillo will not be compensated for the first year of the club.

Motion Carried: 9-0

FIELD TRIP

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Morris to recommend the Board of Education approve Amy Sholtis’ request for the Plattsburgh High School Green Team to attend the 11th Annual Adirondack Youth Climate Summit at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, New York, on November 6, 7, and 8. This will be a three day/two night trip. [*Board approval is needed since this is a multi-day trip that involves staying overnight.*]

Motion Carried: 9-0

Concluding Reports and Remarks

Superintendent’s Reports/Remarks

- Footbridge – Mr. Baroody reported footbridge construction will begin October 15th.

Board Member Reports/Remarks

Public Comment - Mr. Knelly stated he does not anticipate any issues with the agreement and feels the athletic administration will be pleased.

Board Member Reports/Remarks

Mr. Morris stated the voting and discussion on the Lacrosse team was procedural and the teams need to understand the District needs to make sure they get it right.

Mr. Hall agrees with Mr. Morris and commented that the teams need to realize there will be changes and need enforcement.

Mrs. Goerlitz praised the GAPP and reminded Board members of the upcoming reception Monday.

Mr. Krieg stated he likes having the mergers and other programs – it highlights our district, enticing parents wanting their children to attend our district. Mr. Krieg thanked Mr. Baroody and Mrs. LaDuke for a great job, but he did point out the

balance sheet shows a 167 million dollar liability. This liability means if District doors closed, tax payers would inherit the liability for many years. A possible solution is a change in the Nation's Health Care system.

Mr. Wachtmeister reported he recently attended, as a retired teacher, a health consortium meeting, who now has new leadership, which is Mr. Lebrun. Some topics discussed at the meeting were: protocol for new insurance invitees, increase in claims and the deterioration in fund balance.

Mr. Wachtmeister discussed New York State democrats have established regional round tables in order to redesign/make changes to the foundation aide formula and stated they will have 6 meetings to gather information/feedback: Yonkers, Buffalo, Syracuse, Seaport, Bayside and Manhattan – nothing from upstate.

Mr. Wachtmeister informed the Board that he will still be working on a letter to ask the County for a portion of sales tax for the school district and reminded the Board we need to pay attention to what is happening with the PILOT.

Mr. Rotz commented it was nice seeing GAPP tonight. He congratulated the Lacrosse team stating we love to give all students an opportunity and his “no” vote was because our administration is over-burdened, but the Board has the ability to agree to disagree. He is sincere when he says congratulations. We are very happy to have you here.

Mrs. Boise welcomed the girls' lacrosse team. We appreciate seeing your support and we try to do what is best for our students. Welcome. She stated GAPP is an extremely wonderful program. Mrs. Boise thanked administration for their hard work on the audit. She reported the recent sport events she went to were well attended.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:36 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Rotz to adjourn.

Motion Carried: 9-0

Respectfully,

Dawn Stetz
District Clerk