

PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Plattsburgh, New York

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 17, 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 – excused
Ronald Marino – excused
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) – present
James Manchester (Plattsburgh High School Ass't Principal) – present
Jamie LaBarge (Stafford Middle School Principal) – excused
Trevor Cameron (Stafford Middle School Ass't Principal) - present
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) – present

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

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:08 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Hall 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: 7-0

RECONVENE: At 7:10 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Morris to reconvene to Regular Session.
Motion Carried: 7-0

Spotlight: School Board of Education Recognition Week. Mr. Lebrun gave a humorous presentation informing the Board that a tree, representing each of them, will be planted on Momot Elementary school grounds, calling it the “Board Woods”.

The Board was also presented with a card from Mary Gertsch-Cochran, former teacher, expressing her thanks to the District and School Board for moving forward with the repairs to the footbridge. Along with the card, the Board was presented with an impressive drawing of the infamous footbridge; sketched by Mary’s daughter, Genevieve Gertsch-Cochran a former PCSD student and SUNY Plattsburgh student. While a student at SUNY Plattsburgh, for a Printmaking class, Genevieve was given a class assignment ‘A childhood Memory’ and the footbridge is what she chose to draw.

Report: Mrs. Zales, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction gave a Power Point presentation on Curriculum and Instruction Initiatives; highlighting the Comprehensive Integrated Three-Tiered Model of Prevention (Ci3T) system changes, each in Literacy, Social/Emotional and Mathematics. Mrs. Zales provided multiple data measures as evidence of the progress that is being made. This data came in the form of: benchmarking information, Building Data Analysis Plans, Formative and Summative Assessment, Systems Test in Literacy (National comparative results), Regents results and Graduation rates. She emphasized the importance of Collaborative Decision Making and discussed the system testing and growth.

Mrs. Zales gave credit, multiple times, to all the committee members (and administrators) who have worked diligently on all leadership teams that have made this change and progress happen.

Mr. Wachtmeister expressed his appreciation for the depth Mrs. Zales went into and how refreshing it was to see the amount of work and the intensity of thinking that went into this. It is heartening to see this, not only from Mrs. Zales, but from the many faculty involved. The Board recognized that teaching is not what it used to be and that it has become a much more

complex job and it is good to see teachers stepping up to the challenge and to see the progress in such a short time. Mr. Morris thanked Mrs. Zales and all involved for getting the District back on the right track and thanked them for the reflection and their hard work.

Public Comment – Mr. Young is a parent of a child who attends Bailey Avenue Elementary School. He shared his concern as to why his daughter was denied lunch after a dr. appointment and asked administration to follow up on this matter.

Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Morris, 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 26, 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
Scott Goldfarb	Bus Driver	Districtwide	October 21, 2019	\$24.00/hour (Level 1)	8-week probationary period. 4 hours/day

WINTER Coaches

Recommend the Board of Education appoint the following winter coaches for the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend per negotiated agreement:

SPORT	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION	STIPEND
Girls' Ice Hockey – Varsity	Assistant Coaches (Volunteers):	Courtney Moriarty Cailee Laporte Kara Barber	N/A N/A N/A
Boys' Ice Hockey – Varsity	Assistant Coach Assistant Coaches (Volunteers):	Matthew Tolosky Kyle Erickson Brendan Carnright	\$3,983 N/A N/A
Girls' Basketball – Varsity	Assistant Coaches (Volunteers):	Cortney Drown Jessica Barnhart	N/A N/A
B & G Indoor Track – Varsity	Head Coach	Michael Bordeau	\$3,983
Indoor Track	Assistant Coach (Volunteer):	Lori Latremore	N/A

Co-Curricular Advisors for the 2019-2020 School Year

STAFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Club/Advisor	Points	Stipend	Club/Advisor	Points	Stipend
Jazz Ensemble/ Patrick Towey	30	\$1,313.00	Science Olympiad/ Kathleen Buckley-Howard	20	\$875.00
Spelling Bee/Sarah McCarty	15	\$657.00	8th Grade Volunteers/Carol Passno	10	\$438.00
Student Council Advisor/Paul Cole	40	\$1,751.00	Math Counts/Todd Bailey	15	\$657.00
Multi-Media/Tech Club/Bryan Gottlob	40	\$1,751.00	Yearbook/Tomi Seguin	60	\$2,626.00
8th Grade Advisor/Kim Quinn	30	\$1,313.00	Homework Club/Carol Passno	30	\$1,313.00
Tennis – Cathy Whalen**	15	\$657.00	Graduation Slide Show/Todd Bailey	7.5	\$328.00

Graduation Slide Show/Jackie Stewart	7.5	\$328.00	Reality Check/Kim Quinn	15	\$657.00
Foosball Club/Patrick Shaughnessy	10	\$438.00	Fermata Nowhere/Cody Hampton	30	\$1,313.00
			Running Club/ Cassie Sellar & Sarah McCarty (1 st year probation)	N/A	N/A

**Mrs. Whalen (tennis) will receive the entire stipend in the 1st payment. The tennis club runs in the fall in its entirety.

Co-Curricular Advisory's for the 2019-2020 School Year
PLATTSBURGH HIGH SCHOOL

Club/Advisor	Points	Stipend	Club/Advisor	Points	Stipend
Adventure Club/Whitney Herbold-LaCroix	11	\$402.74	Junior Class/Jennifer McCoy	33	\$1,208.22
Adventure Club/Haley Feazelle	11	\$402.74	Junior Class/Neil Bowlen	33	\$1,208.22
After Prom Party 2/Hannah Tubbs	13	\$475.97	Key Club/Fran Bieber	34	\$1,244.84
After Prom Party 1/Rosemary Manchester	13	\$475.97	Multi-Cultural Club/Jila Yadollahpour	44	\$1,610.96
After Prom Party 1/Cheryl Maggy	13	\$475.97	National Honor Society/Jennifer Slattery	34	\$1,244.84
Amnesty International/Stephanie Boutin	12	\$439.35	PHS Green Team/Amy Sholtis	34	\$1,244.84
Creative Arts Club/Kyle LaBrake	6	\$219.68	Model UN/Catherine McCormick	16	\$585.80
Creative Arts Club/Alexa Martin	6	\$219.68	Quidditch/Parker Carpenter-Kerr	12	\$439.35
CFES/Susan LaPierre	55	\$2,013.70	Science Club/Sonal Patel-Dame	4	\$146.45
CFES-Mentor/Fran Bieber	12	\$805.48	Science Club/Kate Relations	4	\$146.45
Drama Club/Cheryl Maggy	90	\$3,295.15	Science Club/Jennifer Slattery	4	\$146.45
Drama Club Music Director/Patrick Towey	22	\$805.48	Senior Class/Sue Fresn	76	\$2,782.57
Foosball Club, Alan Feazelle	12	\$439.35	Senior Slide Show/Corey Mousseau	11	\$402.74
French Club/Jila Yadollahpour	20	\$732.26	Sophomore Class/Jerri Charlebois	56	\$2,050.32
Freshman Class/Fran Bieber	46	\$1,684.19	Spanish Club/Alison Armstrong-Zantana	20	\$732.26
			Student Association/Carrie Bednarz	33	\$1,208.22
GAPP/Jean Seeber	68	\$2,489.67	Student Association/Hannah Tubbs	33	\$1,208.22
			Yearbook/Heather Sullivan	145	\$5,308.86

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

Name	Certification	Rate	Position (Subs)	<u>Fingerprint Status</u>
Cindy Lynn Bentley	Non-Certified	\$103/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Susan Bezio	Non-Certified	\$88/day	Teaching Assistant	Cleared
Sylvie Levesque	Certified	\$113/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Michael Lewandowski	Certified	\$113/day \$88/day \$17.90/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Samuel Quinn-Loeb	Non-Certified	\$88/day	Teaching Assistant	Cleared
Briana Marbut	N/A	\$11.80/hour \$11.80/hour	School Monitor Student Aide/Teacher Aide	Cleared
Nancy Montefusco (back date: 9/23/19)	N/A	\$11.80/hour	School Monitor	Cleared
Craig Rock	N/A	\$20.00/hour	Bus Driver	N/A

Resignation

Recommend the Board of Education accept Keith (Mike) Bilyeu's resignation as school bus driver, effective October 12, 2019.

Business

Reports for Board of Education Information

The following are presented for Board of Education information:

- 1) Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Reports (September 2019)
- 2) High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Reports (September 2019)

- 3) Summary of Budget Transfers for the month ending September 30, 2019 under \$25,000
- 4) Summary of Monthly Wire Transfers (September 30, 2019)
- 5) Food Service Program Profit and Loss Statement (September)
- 6) Budget Status Reports (September 30, 2019)

Treasurer's Report

Recommend the Board of Education accept the September 30, 2019 Treasurer's Reports as presented in *Appendix II*.

JCEO/Duken Lease Agreement

Recommend the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract for a Space Utilization Agreement with JCEO for Duken classroom #9, at the rent (increased 2% per annum) of \$3,848.00, for the lease term October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Motion Carried: 7-0

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 Oak Street Elementary Principal to enter into an agreement with C.R. Tunes for school pictures for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Substitute Bus Driver Incentive

It was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend that the Board of Education approve a substitute bus driver incentive that will pay a \$375 stipend for every 50 hours worked. Effective September 3, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Gift to the District

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Rotz to recommend that the Board of Education accept a gift of a German 14 1/2" Viola by Vermont Violins, from Kristine Portal. This instrument will be used by students enrolled in the district's music programming. *[Board approval is needed since this is a gift in excess of \$500.]*

Motion Carried: 7-0

Instructional

FIELD TRIPS

It was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend the Board of Education approve Lori Kashorek's request to bring members of the Plattsburgh High School Orchestra to the 2019 NYSSMA Zone 5 Area All-State Festival in Indian River, New York, on November 22-23, 2019. *[Board approval is needed since this is an overnight trip.]*

Motion Carried: 7-0

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend the Board of Education approve Corey Mousseau's request to bring members of the Plattsburgh High School Science Olympiad team to attend a Science Olympiad competition at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, on November 22-23, 2019. *[Board approval is needed since this is an overnight trip.]*

Motion Carried: 7-0

It was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Rotz to recommend the Board of Education approve Corey Mousseau's request to bring members of the Plattsburgh High School Science Olympiad team to attend a Science Olympiad competition at Fayetteville-Manlius High School in Manlius, New York, on December 6-7, 2019. *[Board approval is needed since this is an overnight trip.]*

Motion Carried: 7-0

It was moved by Mr. Rotz, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend the Board of Education approve Corey Mousseau's request to bring members of the Plattsburgh High School Science Olympiad team to attend a Science Olympiad competition at Columbia High School in East Greenbush, New York, on January 3-4, 2020. *[Board approval is needed since this is an overnight trip.]*

Motion Carried: 7-0

Concluding Reports and Remarks

Superintendent's Reports/Remarks

Superintendent Lebrun commented that it was fantastic having GAPP with us. He also commented that Homecoming was very successful, thanking everyone involved.

Board Member Reports/Remarks

Mr. Hall inquired on the start date for the footbridge construction – it was supposed to have started on the 15th. Mr. Baroody and Mr. Neiderer gave updates, stating construction it is now slated for November 4th. Mr. Hall expressed his thanks to Mrs. Zales for her presentation.

Mrs. Goerlitz thanked Mrs. Zales again for her presentation and thanked Superintendent Lebrun for the Board gifts and jokingly stated her dislike in the bridge but loves the sketched print.

Mr. Wachtmeister discussed the health consortium, reminded everyone there is new leadership – Superintendent Lebrun. He stated there are a number of changes to the carriers (switching from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Empire) for the health insurance that the District provides, which will hopefully save the consortium some money. All of those affected have been provided information.

Mr. Wachtmeister did discuss the PILOT and would like the District to ask the Clinton County to share some of the sales tax revenue that they receive and he requested this go on the next agenda for action. He read a draft letter and provided this to the District Clerk.

Mr. Wachtmeister requested that a thank you be sent to the artist of the footbridge.

Mr. Rotz commended Carrie for an incredible presentation and thanked everyone for their hard work. He also thanked administration for the Board recognition.

Mr. Morris echoed all Board comments, stated how GAPP helps students as a whole and remarked on how fantastic the last couple of board meetings have been in talking about education, which is what we are here for.

Mr. Sherman thanked Mrs. Zales and the crew. Great staff - very encouraging. He looks forward to working with Superintendent Lebrun on the health consortium. Mr. Sherman noted the positive impact GAPP has on all students and thanked parents and student for their courage.

Mrs. Boise acknowledged the Board for their hard work and their time. She thanked the administration for the gifts and for making the Board feel like a party of a family. Mrs. Boise thanked Mrs. Zales and all committee members and administrators for their hard work – can't ask for a better team. She commented on what an exceptional program GAPP is, commented on how great Homecoming was, and thanked Mrs. Manchester for TED tickets.

Public Comment - There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Sherman to adjourn.

Motion Carried: 7-0

Respectfully,

Dawn Stetz
District Clerk