

PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Plattsburgh, New York

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 6, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Duken School Building

ROLL

Board of Education

Leisa Boise (President) – excused
Amelia Goerlitz – present
Robert Hall, Jr. – present
Steve Krieg – present
Ronald Marino – present
Clayton Morris – excused
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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Tracy Rotz led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:59 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mrs. Goerlitz 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, potential litigation and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, specifically the Plattsburgh Teachers' Association. **Motion Carried: 6-0**

At 6:01, Mr. Hall entered Executive Session.

RECONVENE: At 7:25 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Wachtmeister, seconded by Mr. Hall to reconvene to Regular Session at which time Mr. Hall was excused. **Motion Carried: 7-0**

Public Comment - There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Sherman to recommend the Board approve the following consent agenda items.

Public Comment - There were no public comments.

Minutes

Recommend the Board of Education approve the minutes for the meetings held on January 16, 2020 and January 28, 2020.

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/TENURE AREA	GRADES/DEPT.	EFFECTIVE DATE	PAY RATE	COMMENTS
Laura Lopez-Kennedy	School Monitor	Momot	February 7, 2020	\$12.18/hour (Level 1)	2.5 hours/day. 52-week probationary appointment
Ruth Graton	School Monitor	Momot	February 7, 2020	\$12.18/hour (Level 1)	2.5 hours/day. 52-week probationary appointment

Co-Curricular Advisory's for the 2019-2020 School Year - Momot

Grades	Club	Instructor(s)	Total Paid	Total Minutes	Total Hours	Hourly Rate:
3-5	Music Theater	Mary Fortin	\$1,362.44	1685	28.08	48.52
2-3	Kindness Club	Melissa Caraballo	\$121.30	300	5	
4-5		Beth O'Neil	\$121.30			
4-5	Yearbook Club	Beth O'Neil	\$222.47	550	9.17	
4-5		Jessica Dunn-Williams	\$222.47			
2 and 5	Coding Club	Abby Leonard	\$323.63	400	6.67	
3	Snack Club	Melissa Bistor-Cross	\$242.60	300	5	
3-5	Book Club	Michelle Gottschall	\$655.02	1620	27	
		Michelle Rugar	\$655.02			

Spring Coaches

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

SPORT	POSITION	EMPLOYEE	STIPEND
Tennis	Boys' Varsity	Cathy Whalen	\$2,518
	Boys' Varsity	Randy Whalen (Volunteer)	N/A
	Boys' Varsity	Thierry Bonnabesse (Volunteer)	N/A
	Girls' Varsity	Rich Gottschall	\$2,518
Golf	Varsity	Rusty Bigelow	\$2,518
Baseball	Varsity	Patrick Shaughnessy	\$4,275
		Tracy Rotz	N/A
	JV Modified	Chris Boule	\$3,280
		Joseph Tolosky	\$2,694

Track	Boys' & Girls' Varsity	Adam Mehan (Head)	\$5,038
	Boys' & Girls' Varsity	Bailey Rabideau (Ass't)	\$2,928
	Boys' & Girls' Varsity	Louis Piccirillo (Ass't)	\$2,928
	Boys' & Girls' Varsity	Brianna Coon* (Ass't)	\$2,928
	Girls' Modified	Jesse Terry	\$2,694
	Boys' Modified	Cassie Sellars	\$2,694
Softball	Varsity	Cindy McMahaon (Head) Joe McMahon (Volunteer)	\$4,275 N/A
	JV	Jenny Walker Molly Flynn (Volunteer)	\$3,280 N/A
	Modified	Kristy Clark	\$2,694
	Unified	Haley Feazelle(Coach)	\$750
		Kyle LaBrake (Advisor)	\$750
Lacrosse	Boys' Varsity	Brett McClellan* (Head)	N/A
	Girls' Varsity	Shannon Brown* (Head)	N/A
	Girls' Varsity	Ken Knelly*	N/A
<i>*Pending Fingerprinting Clearance</i>			

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>
Kimber Thomas	Non-Certified	\$88/day	Teaching Assistant	Cleared
Laura Lopez-Kennedy	N/A	\$11.80/hour	School Monitor	Cleared
Beth Rust	N/A	\$13.40/hour	Cleaner/Messenger	Cleared

Resignations

- 1) Recommend the Board of Education accept Ashley Manor’s letter of resignation as Elementary Teacher for the Plattsburgh City School District, effective March 7, 2020.
- 2) Recommend the Board of Education accept Roger O’Connell’s letter of resignation as School Monitor for the Plattsburgh City School District, effective January 23, 2020.

8.5 Business

Reports for Board of Education Information

The following are presented for Board of Education information:

- 1) Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Reports (December 2019)
- 2) High School Extraclassroom Activity Fund Reports (December 2019)
- 3) Summary of Budget Transfers for the month ending December 31, 2019 under \$25,000
- 4) Summary of Monthly Wire Transfers (December 31, 2019)
- 5) Food Service Program Profit and Loss Statement (December 2019)
- 6) Budget Status Reports (December 31, 2019)
- 7) Revenue Status Report (December 31, 2019)

Treasurer’s Report

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

Surplus Equipment

Recommend the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following surplus equipment, in the most effective manner as determined by the District’s Purchasing Agent.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Serial</u>	<u>Model</u>
5291	Dell 380	5248	Dell 380
5254	Dell 380	5443	Dell 380
2699	Dell 380	5335	Dell 780
5255	Dell 380	2692	Dell 755
5253	Dell 380	FP19NLI	Dell 760
5263	Dell 380	001433	HP 2100TN
5419	Dell 380	3861	HP 6940

5207	Dell 380	5541	OKI B431dn
2677	Dell 380	5619	HP SDGOB-1021
5329	Dell 380	2591	Dell 2400MP
5349	Dell 780	2179	HP 3380
5346	Dell 780	JJFS1G1	Dell 2130cn
5332	Dell 780	5274	Dell 380
5333	Dell 780	5273	Dell 380
5334	Dell 780	2678	Dell 755
5338	Dell 780	2700	Dell 755
5353	Dell 780	2724	Dell D630
2848	Dell 760	2468	Dell D630
5352	Dell 780	2859	Dell 760
5220	Dell 380	2817	Dell 760
2664	Dell 755	2670	Dell 755
2998	Dell 760	5799	HP Compaq 6005
2820	Dell 760	5422	Dell 380
2846	Dell 760	5212	Dell 380
2821	Dell 760	2997	Dell 760
Serial	Model	Serial	Model
2999	Dell 760	2822	Dell 760
5039	Dell 760	5036	Dell 760
5003	Dell 760	5037	Dell 760
2830	Dell 760		

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: \$60,000.00

AMOUNT	FROM	DESCRIPTION	TO	DESCRIPTION
\$ 60,000.00	A9020-800-0000	Teacher’s Retirement	A9060-800-0000	Retiree/Medicare Reimb.

To cover increase in budget due to increase in Retiree/Medicare Reimbursement rate

Motion Carried: 6-0

New Business

Business

Teachers’ Association MOA - Track Coaching Payment Schedule

It was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Krieg to recommend the Board of Education authorize the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the positions of Boys and Girls varsity track coach, assistant coach and modified coach stipends for the Plattsburgh Teachers’ Association as detailed in *Appendix III*, which expires June 30, 2020.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Donation

It was moved by Mr. Krieg, seconded by Mr. Sherman to recommend that the Board of Education accept a donation from Ms. Katherine D. Wakim in the amount of \$1,250 for the purchase of technology items for Bailey Avenue Elementary School.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Oak Street School Roof Replacement Project Bid Award – Contract # 2018-030E (General Construction)

It was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Marino to recommend the Board of Education approve the Oak Street Roof Replacement Project (Project No. 2018-030E) contract Number 1: Roofing to American Roofing & Sheet Metal, in the total bid amount of \$347,000.00, subject to the final review or required post-bid documents by Bernier, Carr & Associates (BC & A), and contingent upon the submission of bonds and insurances as required by the contract documents.

Motion Carried: 6-0

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mrs. Goerlitz to recommend the Board of Education approve the Oak Street School Roof Replacement Project (Project No. 2018-030E) contract Number 2: Plumbing to K & L Plumbing & Heating, in

the total bid amount of \$21,528.00, subject to the final review or required post-bid documents by Bernier, Carr & Associates (BC & A), and contingent upon the submission of bonds and insurances as required by the contract documents.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Preparation for May 19, 2020 Board Election and Budget Vote

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Krieg to recommend the Board of Education pass the following resolution:

Resolved as to the preparation for and conduct of the annual school election and budget vote to be held on May 19, 2020, the following be adopted:

1. The Board of Registration shall attend with the Plattsburgh City School District at the office of the Clinton County Board of Elections on Margaret Street, on the first floor of the Clinton County Government Center, Plattsburgh, New York on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a register for the City School District Election and Budget Vote, and to attend to personal voter registration at said time, date, and place.
2. The three School Election Districts have been previously established by the Board of Education and the polling places shall be at Momot Elementary School, Duken School Building, and Bailey Avenue Elementary School, with the polls to be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. The Clerk of the Board of Education, assisted by the Board of Registration, be and hereby is authorized and directed to employ such persons as are necessary to assist in the procedures authorized above, and incur such expense as is necessary for wages, legal advertising, equipment and supplies in aid of the operations hereby authorized and in conducting the election and budget vote.
4. Voting machines are authorized for use in the annual election and budget vote.
5. Each inspector shall receive either \$160.00 or \$175.00 (if in charge of collecting ballots at the close of election) as compensation for services as an inspector of the annual election/budget vote, and in accordance with the compensation paid to inspectors of elections at the preceding general election.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Board of Registration

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend that the Board of Education appoint and designate **the Clinton County Board of Elections** as the **Board of Registration** of the Plattsburgh City School District to serve for a term of one year.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Election Inspectors

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mrs. Goerlitz to recommend the Board appoint Ann Marie Acciaro, Betsy Baker, Barbara Barry, Joseph Barry, Deborah Breyette, Carol Chase, Sally Connolly, Shila Desso, David Ellsworth, Shelley Fracalossi, Marc Gendron, Robert Joyce, Linda LaMarche, Ann Sandford, James Trombley, Barbara LaTulipe, Susan McFadden, Lou McIntryre, Maria Pelkey and Juanita Stone to act as an inspector of the vote on the annual election/budget vote being presented to voters on May 19, 2020; each inspector shall receive either \$160 or \$175 (if chairperson) as compensation of his/her services as an inspector of the annual election/budget vote in accordance with the compensation paid to inspectors of elections at the preceding general elections.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Instructional

Field Trip

It was moved by Mr. Krieg, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend the Board of Education approve Corey Mousseau's request to bring a Science Olympiad team to the New York State Science Olympiad competition. The competition will take place over two days at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, New York. The 25 students will be accompanied by three chaperones from March 13-14. *[Board approval is needed since this is an overnight trip.]*

Motion Carried: 6-0

Items Removed from Agenda

Teachers' Association MOA - Retirement Incentive and Deadline Extension

It was moved by Mr. Wachtmeister, seconded by Mr. Marino to postpone the following agenda item:

Recommend the Board of Education authorize the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute an agreement with the PTA which would allow a one-time retirement incentive and a one-time extension of the notification deadline.

Motion Carried: 5-0-1

Mr. Sherman abstained.

Concluding Reports and Remarks Superintendent's Reports/Remarks

- 2020-2021 School Budget - Budget Rollover – Mr. Baroody gave the Board a preliminary budget update. He will have more to report on at the March Board meeting.
- CCSBA Annual Recognition Dinner – May 7th
- Footbridge – Baroody gave the Board an update on the Footbridge reporting things are going smoothly and discussed the cost of the lighting and who will be paying the expense. Bridge should be complete mid April.
- Pilot – Superintendent Lebrun stated things are less inspirational. The Board has recently received a copy of a lengthy detailed correspondence he sent many recipients, more importantly to the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency Board of Director in which no response has been received, as of yet. After the correspondence was mailed, the General Environmental Impact Study (GEIS) has released a final report which contained information which the Superintendent found even more disingenuous and misleading than the draft. Mr. Baroody has a draft letter responding to those concerns.

Board Member Reports/Remarks

Mr. Sherman expressed his sincere thanks to Superintendent Lebrun for all his time on the PILOT. He felt very few Superintendents would spend this time. He stated we have challenged the process and the data used in the process. Maybe in the future, it will change the process and districts will have a bigger say in PILOTS. Superintendent Lebrun thanked Mr. Sherman and Mr. Wachtmeister & Board members likewise.

Mrs. Goerlitz thanked everyone who has done work on the PILOT. She reported she has attended recent school events and how impressed she is with the talent within the District.

Mr. Krieg apologized that he has missed a couple of meetings so he is a little behind on some topics. Because it has come up a couple of times recently, he stated the Board is responsible for setting policies and how difficult it can be because the laws are changing all the time. He stated we should be using NYSSBA for a reference when updating policies. He also discussed the PILOT saying the reason he is philosophically opposed to pilots is because essentially take the risk away from the developer and put it on the tax payers and if it fails, it is put on the tax payers. On the other hand, I recognize they are done all over the place. In terms of the merits of this project I am not an expert on this, I do know this this may create a lot of jobs. I do know it does nothing for the district's student's – it actually can hurt them because it will cost the District.

Mr. Wachtmeister stated as for the policies, we may want to use both NYSSBA and our school attorney. In regards to the PILOT, there are two words to summarize some of what has transpired. One is “whitewashing”. The GEIS reports included data that was twisted and turned. It manipulated data to make it appear nothing negative would come. The other one is “stonewall”. If you look at the GEIS draft and final reports, it totally omits the school district. Mr. Wachtmeister informed the Board he plans on attending the IDEA meeting on Monday where the approval of the PRIME project is anticipated.

Mr. Marino stated that PILOTS are not necessarily a bad thing, but this PILOT (PRIME) is not a good PILOT. It is taking away the good that PILOTS do when you look at the re-vitalization of downtown. The object of a PILOT is to “Grow a Community”.

Mr. Rotz thanked everyone for coming out tonight in the bad weather.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to adjourn.

Motion Carried: 6-0

Respectfully,

Dawn Stetz
District Clerk