



Meeting of the Board of Education (Thursday, March 10, 2022)

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Roll Call

Mrs. Burdo (excused)
Ms. Gervich (present)
Mr. Hall (present)
Mr. Lacey (excused)
Mr. Morris (present)
Ms. Phillips (present)
Mr. Rosenbaum (present)
Mr. Sherman (present)
Mr. Wachtmeister (present)

Also Present:

Mr. Lebrun, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Zales, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Dawn Stetz, District Clerk

Mrs. Marie Denis, Momot Elementary Principal
Mr. Jamie LaBarge, Stafford Middle Principal
Mr. Norbert Neiderer, Director of Facilities III
Mrs. Whitford, Glasgow Elementary Principal
Mrs. Susan Wilson, Director of Management

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Gervich lead the Pledge of Allegiance

There was a moment of silence for those affected by the Russia-Ukraine War.

Call to Order/Executive Session

At 6:01 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Morris to call the meeting to order and to go into Executive Session to to discuss matters as provided for in Board Policy 2330; collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, specifically the the Plattsburgh Teachers' Association (PTA) and the Plattsburgh Administrative Council (PAC), the employment history of a particular person and potential litigation.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

At 7:50 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Rosenbaum, seconded by Mr. Hall to reconvene to Public Session.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Landry spoke in favor of mask mandates and expressed his support for COVID vaccination mandates.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend the Board of Education adopt the Agenda as presented with the following additions:

8.1 PERSONNEL - Probationary Appointmnet

TBD for Custodial Worker at SMS is Emily Herkalo.

14.1 INSTRUCTIONAL - Field Trip - Science Olympiad

Recommend the Board of Education approve Kathleen Howard’s request for 15 students, 2 chaperones to participate in an in the Science Olympiad Division B competition, April 8 & 9, 2022. During this trip, students will be exposed to STEM related fields and encouraged to pursue careers in these fields. This is at no cost to the District.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Ms. Phillips to recommend the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items, 7.2 through 9.4.

Minutes

Recommend the Board approve the minutes for the meetings held on February 10, 2022.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

Probationary/Miscellaneous Appointments - Probationary Appointments

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

Employee	Position/Tenure Area	Grades/Dept	Effective Date	Pay Rate	Comments
Elizabeth Christon	Club Advisor	Glasgow	2021-2022 School Year	Stipend of \$225.00	
Shea LaPorte Pat Shaughnessy	Intramurals	SMS	2021-2022 School Year	Per Contract	
Jennifer Murray	Teacher Aide/Student Aide (Library Aide)	PHS	March 14, 2022	Salary of \$28,892, prorated	52-week probationary appointment
Emily Herkalo	Custodial Worker	SMS	March 11, 2022	Salary of \$31,407, prorated	52-week probationary appointment

Momot Elementary Advisors

Recommend the Board of Education approve the following co-curricular Advisors for the 2021-2022 school year.

Increase in Hours

Recommend the Board approve an increase in hours for Julie Sharron, School Monitor, from 3.5 hours/day to 4 hours/day, effective March 14, 2022 at her current hourly rate.

Resignations/Retirements

Recommend the Board of Education accept the following retirements/resignations as presented or read in by the Superintendent of Schools:

- 1) David Sponable's letter of retirement as Science Teacher at Plattsburgh High School, effective June 30, 2022.
- 2) Elizabeth Frady's letter of retirement as Teaching Assistant at Glasgow Elementary School, effective June 30, 2022.
- 3) Nancy Ginett's letter of retirement as School Monitor at Glasgow Elementary School, effective June 30, 2022.
- 4) Cindy Bentley's letter of resignation as School Monitor at Momot Elementary School, effective March 1, 2022.

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

Name	Certification	Rate	Position	Fingerprint Status
Ella Bard	Non-Certified	\$105.00/day \$ 90.00/day \$ 19.00/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Julie Canepa	Non-Certified	\$105.00/day \$ 90.00/day \$ 19.00/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Jennifer Dwyer	Certified	\$115.00/day \$ 90.00/day \$ 19.00/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Avery Feldman	Non-Certified	\$ 90.00/day \$ 19.00/hour	Teaching Assistant Tutor	Pending
Alexis Kramer	Non-Certified	\$ 90.00/day \$ 19.00/hour	Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Tabetha Patnode	Non-Certified	\$105.00/day \$ 90.00/day \$ 19.00/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Sharon Rocque	Non-Certified	\$ 90.00/day \$ 19.00/hour	Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
LeAnn Yelton	Non-Certified	\$105.00/day \$ 90.00/day \$ 19.00/hour	Teacher Teaching Assistant Tutor	Cleared
Keith Kimble (backdated 2/28/2022)	N/A	\$14.00/hour	School Monitor	Cleared
Ann Marie Paola (backdated 3/1/2022)	N/A	\$14.00/hour	Food Service Helper	Pending
Tiffany Stefanick (backdated 3/1/2022)	N/A	\$14.00/hour	Food Service Helper	Cleared
Pauline Stone	N/A	\$14.00/hour	School Monitor	Cleared

CONSENT AGENDA - BUSINESS

Reports for Board of Education Information Recommend the Board of Education approve the following Business Reports:

- 1) Middle School Extra classroom Activity Report (January 2022)
- 2) High School Extra classroom Activity Fund Reports (December 2021 and January 2022)
- 3) Summary of Budget Transfers for the month ending January 2022 under \$25,000
- 4) Summary of Monthly Wire Transfers (January 31, 2022)
- 5) Food Service Profit & Loss Statement (January 2022)
- 6) Budget Status Report (January 31, 2022)
- 7) Revenue Status Report (January 31, 2022)

Treasurer's Report

Recommend the Board of Education accept the January 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented.

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.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You Card

Letter from CC Board of Elections

OLD BUSINESS (not part of Consent Agenda)

Athletic Merger - Girls' Lacrosse

It was moved by Mr. Wachtmeister, seconded by Ms. Phillips to recommend the Board of Education approve Seton's request to merge with the Plattsburgh City School District for the sport of Girls' Lacrosse for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the Superintendent of School and Board President to sign the Section VII Merger Application, pending agreement on terms. There was a merger with Beekmantown, AuSable, Saranac, Peru and Chazy, for Girls' Lacrosse, approved at the February 10, 2022 board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS (not part of Consent Agenda)

Donation - Booster Club

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend the Board of Education approve a donation from Booster Club in the amount of \$6,836.30, for softball and baseball items such as dugout benches, storage racks and bat racks for both fields.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-1 (Ms. Phillips)

Increase in 2021-2022 Budget

It was moved by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend that the Board of Education increase the 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$6,836 for the purpose of purchasing softball/baseball equipment, bringing the budget total to \$46,420,826.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

2022-2023 School Calendar

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Morris to recommend the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar. A draft was shared with the Board at the February 10th meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-1 (Mr. Wachtmeister)

INSTRUCTIONAL (not part of Consent Agenda)

Field Trip - Science Olympiad

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CONCLUDING REMARKS AND REPORTS

Superintendent's Reports/Remarks

Superintendent Lebrun welcomed Mari Denis, the new Momot Principal.

Superintendent Lebrun reviewed the 2nd draft of the 2022-2023 school budget and shared a history revenue budget. He referenced some requests for the budget, such as:

- PHS Dean of Students become permanent
- Reintroduce the PHS Math and Business Ed positions
- Technology Equipment & Other
- Increase the Technology Integration position from half time to full time

Superintendent Lebrun discussed emergency closure days stating if we need to close school again, this school year, for inclement weather we are ready for remote instruction. The calendar will not need to be amended.

If we need to close school due to staffing shortages, we may need to amend the calendar. He noted that as of late, staffing constraints have been eased, somewhat.

Board Reports/Remarks

Mr. Sherman congratulated the retirees. He requested the Superintendent check on the legality of a COVID vaccination mandate. Mr. Sherman handed out information on school aid, referencing a bill that would adjust the regional cost index for the state school aid.

Ms. Phillips gave a shout out to teachers for sending thank-you cards home to students thanking them for going above and beyond; commenting it makes a difference.

Mr. Wachtmeister discussed a steak holder's meeting (Small City Schools) sharing an online website offering resources for educators - considerthesourcesny.org

He also discussed the difficulties in recruiting teachers, especially in certain areas and that the State is working on making it easier to overcome barriers, i.e. certification requirements for teachers coming from another State and expanding the Special Education certification. He referenced the Principal talent management system for recruiting administrators. He also discussed new foundation aid formula and to contact local legislators. He mentioned there are rumors that legislators are looking at an additional 1.2 million. Mr. Wachtmeister mentioned budget seminars/workshops on March 15th via zoom and March 18th.

Mrs. Gervich welcomed Ms. Denis. She asked that the District look into if we have had an increase in homeschooling, and if faculty and staff were having difficulties after mask mandate has been lifted.

Mrs. Gervich said great things are happening in our district and thanked faculty, staff and administration for all the opportunities given to students.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Wachtmeister, seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Respectfully,

**Dawn Stetz
District Clerk**