

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Cohoes, New York
Cohoes Middle School – Library**

**Business Meeting
January 22, 2020
6:00 PM**

(The Board of Education may entertain a motion to enter into an executive session subject to Board approval.)

MINUTES

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Nolin.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Giller
Mr. Pascale (*arrived at 6:10 p.m.*)
Mrs. Annely
Mrs. Dion
Mrs. Carey
Mr. Nolin

Excused: Mr. Jackson

Also Present: Dr. Jennifer Spring, Superintendent
Ms. Peggy O’Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

II. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. Dr. Spring & Ms. O’Shea provided the Board with an update on the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan.
- B. Graduation 2020 – Principal Wood provided the Board with answers to previous questions and concerns regarding holding this year’s graduation at the high school vs. HVCC. Mr. Wood stated that our gym had a capacity for 1,500, and there would be no limit on the amount of tickets for each graduate. In case of an overflow, the ceremony could be video streaming in the auditorium as well. In response to parking issues, Mr. Wood stated that they would be prepared for the traffic and had alternatives such as parking on the practice field, running a shuttle bus and other logistics that could be worked out. Pertaining to the safety issue, Mr. Wood replied that there would be school safety officers present. The Board was impressed with the students for all their effort and taking the initiative to present their request to Board and thanked the staff for all their support as well. The Board approved their request to hold the 2020 Graduation at Cohoes High School.
- C. Safety, Health and Risk Management Services – Dr. Spring announced the district is signing onto the BOCES service beginning on February 1. This service replaces the contract with Needham Risk Management. The cost of the service is roughly the same. However, the district will be able to take advantage of the aid reimbursement as well as a rebate check for engaging in an approved shared service through Albany

County.

Future-Ready Pathways Meeting with Cohort 1 Parents and Students – Dr. Spring announced officials (including Board Member Mark Pascale) from both HVCC and Cohoes High School will be meeting with parents and students for High School Curriculum Night next Thursday night to discuss senior year options. Roughly, 20 of the 25 members from Cohort 1 will be able to spend all or part of their day at HVCC for the 2020-2021 school year.

Cohoes City Planner Meeting – Dr. Spring and Jim Stapleton met this morning with City Planner Joe Seman-Graves, Director of Economic Development Steve Napier and Director of Operations Theresa Bourgeois to discuss the possible collaboration on maintenance facility and strategies for getting strong participation for the 2020 Census.

High School Curriculum Night – to be held next Thursday night at 6 PM.

- D. Assemblymember John T. McDonald III provided an update pertaining to education funding this year. Based on the 20-21 Executive Budget Proposal Preliminary Estimate, Cohoes is slated for a 2.41% increase in education aid for the upcoming school year. Assemblymember McDonald also pointed out that this is just a start and last year Cohoes did better toward the end of the budget process. He also provided some 2020 Census Fact Cards to be placed in each school and stressed the importance of being counted to ensure NYS gets its fair share of federal funds.
- E. School Business Official Stacy Mackey – provided a budget update to include:
- Budget Committee meetings began on 1/21 with Building & Grounds continuing this week with IT & next scheduled meeting to conclude on the 1/29.
 - State Aid runs received today, executive proposal is a +1.69% increase (\$404k) over last year's budget. We will require more funding to cover our existing programs, a budget GAP is anticipated.
 - CASHIC meeting tomorrow, and we should receive our estimates for projection purposes.
 - Meeting with City Hall scheduled for Monday, 1/27
 - Prelim budget to BOE trending on schedule for February 7
 - Tax Cap Calculation – OSC Webinar 2/6 review changes, prelim calculations will be reviewed at our 2/12 meeting and finalize the levy on 2/26 which is the first budget presentation at this meeting
 - Financial – ESSA reporting deadline is 3/1. Data will be based on 2018/19 actual.

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The Board expressed their sincere gratitude for all the donations on the agenda.

IV. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of January 8, 2020.

- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special Education for the following meeting dates: 11/4/19, 11/8/19, 11/12/19, 11/14/19, 11/19/19, 11/21/19, 11/22/19, 11/25/19, 12/5/19, 12/6/19, 12/9/19, 12/10/19, 12/11/19, 12/13/19, 12/16/19, 12/18/19, 12/19/19, 12/30/19, 1/2/20, 1/8/20, 1/10/20 and 1/15/20.
- C. THAT the Board of Education establishes Tuesday, May 19, 2020 as School Board Election and Budget Vote Day with polling hours from 12 Noon – 9 PM at Abram Lansing, Harmony Hill and Van Schaick Elementary Schools.
- D. THAT the Board of Education designates March 31 – April 3, 2020 and April 6 – 9, 2020 as Voter Registration Days at the following locations during normal school hours: Abram Lansing, Harmony Hill and Van Schaick Elementary Schools.
- E. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the 2020 Board of Voter Registration at no additional compensation: Jacqueline DeChiaro, Carla Rogers, Cliff Bird and Kelly Daignault.
- F. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals as Election Inspectors and/or Substitutes for the May 19, 2020 School Board Election and Budget Vote to be compensated in the amount of \$100 each:
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| Kathryn Bond | Karen Lambert |
| Carol Bronakowski | Iverna Morgans |
| Susan Castracane | Sandra Murray |
| Mark Defruscio | Debra Sanders |
| Sheila Farrigan | Carol Sponable |
| Michelle Hawk | Albert Tyson |
| Donald Herrington | Carole VanCamp |
| Lillian Herrington | Joseph VanCamp |
- G. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Parsons Child and Family Center located at 60 Academy Road, Albany, New York for special education services during the period of July 8, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at rates subject to final approval by NYSED.
- H. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$1,338 from the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Co., Inc. for Arts and Education at Abram Lansing Elementary School on December 23, 2019.
- I. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2019/20 budget in the amount of \$1,338 to cover transportation costs of Arts and Education at Abram Lansing Elementary School on December 23, 2019.

- J. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$528.34 from Nathan H. Kelman, Inc. for transportation of the Summer Music Program students to the Park Playhouse in Albany on July 18, 2019.
- K. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2019/20 budget in the amount of \$528.34 to cover transportation costs of students from the Summer Music Program to the Park Playhouse in Albany on July 18, 2019.
- L. THAT the Board of Education grants permission to the Capital Region BOCES to dispose of obsolete/damaged textbooks that the district is required to provide to non-public schools as follows:

Title	ISBN13	Publisher	Year	Qty
Como Te Va B (Blue)	9780078603518	Glencoe	2004	1
Glencoe World History	9780078745256	Glencoe	2008	1
Como Te Va? A, Nivel Verde Student Edition	9780078769733	Glencoe	2007	1
Realidades A Prentice Hall 2004	9780130359667	Prentice Hall	2004	1
Writing and Grammar Gold Prentice Hall 2004	9780130374943	Prentice Hall	2004	1
Life Science Science Explorer 2001	9780130506214	Prentice Hall	2001	2
Writing and Grammar Platinum Prentice Hall 2003	9780131166349	Prentice Hall	2004	1
The Global Experience: Readings In World History Vol 1 5th Ed	9780131178175	Prentice Hall		1
Literature Timeless Voices Gold Prentice Hall 2004	9780131804340	Prentice Hall	2005	1
Life Science Science Explorer Prentice Hall 2007	9780132012430	Prentice Hall	2007	1
Physical Science Science Explorer Prentice Hall 2007	9780132012522	Prentice Hall	2007	1
World History Connections To Today - Book Only	9780133231335	Prentice Hall	2014	1
Conceptual Physics 2002 Prentice Hall	9780133647495	Prentice Hall		1
Physical Science Science Explorer Prentice Hall 2009	9780133668605	Prentice Hall	2009	1
Health Prentice Hall 2010	9780133672503	Prentice Hall	2010	1
Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic	9780201324457	Scott Foresman	1999	1
Reading Street Gr 6 2007	9780328108398	Scott Foresman	2007	1
Saxon Algebra 1 Saxon 1990	9780939798421	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	1990	1
World History 7e (Spielvogel)	9781111831653	Cengage	2012	1
Algebra 2 and Trigonometry Amsco	9781567657029	AMSCO	2009	1
Algebra 2 Saxon 4th Ed	9781602773035	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt		1

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

- A. THAT the Board of Education appoints Peggy O’Shea as Data Protection Officer for the 2020-21 school year, at no additional compensation.

ADDENDA

- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of McKenna Robinson from her position as Art Teacher. (ALS and HH)
Effective: February 23, 2020

- C. Jessica Strock
 Position.....1.0 FTE Receptionist (Permanent)
 Effective Date.....January 23, 2020
 Probation Period.....July 22, 2020
 Salary..... per CSEA contract
 ReasonReplaces Linda Nadeau-Skroupa
Received “Certification of Eligibles” from
Cohoes Municipal Civil Service Commission

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS/FINANCE

IX. FINANCIAL REPORTS (Recommended by the Superintendent)

- A. I recommend that the following reports be accepted by the Board of Education:
 - Warrants – December 2019
 - Budget Transfer – December 2019
 - Budget Status Reports – December 2019
 - Bank Reconciliation Report – December 2019
 - Extracurricular Activity Report – December 2019
 - Internal Claims Audit Report – September – December 2019
 - Long-Range Financial Plan

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions of the January 22, 2020 Agenda:

VI (A-L); VII (A-C) and IX (A)

Moved by: Mr. Pascale
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Dion
Motion carried 6-0

X. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

THAT the Board of Education is aware of a \$185.25 donation from Lifetouch to be used for the Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) Program at the Cohoes Middle School.

XI. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIII. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

XIV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

January 29, 2020, Workshop - Capital Projects, 21 Page Ave., PD Room, 5:30 – 8:30 PM

February 12, 2020, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m.

February 26, 2020, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Moved by: Mrs. Carey
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Annely
Motion carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME 7:44 PM

Present: Mrs. Giller
Mr. Pascale
Mrs. Annely
Mrs. Dion
Mrs. Carey
Mr. Nolin

Excused: Mr. Jackson

Also Present: Dr. Jennifer Spring, Superintendent
Ms. Peggy O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

DISCUSSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Nolin
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Giller
Motion carried 6-0

District Clerk