

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**Business Meeting
February 26, 2020
6:00 PM**

(The Board of Education anticipates entering into executive session at 5:30 PM and returning for public session at 6:00 PM)

MINUTES

I. The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Nolin.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Mrs. Dion

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

MOTION: THAT the Board enters into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining with the Cohoes Principals’ Association.

Moved by: Mrs. Giller
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mr. Jackson
Motion carried 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 5:33 PM

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

Excused: Mrs. Dion

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

DISCUSSION

MOTION: To adjourn Executive Session and re-enter Open Session at 5:55 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Carey
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Jackson
Motion carried 5-0

OPEN SESSION: TIME: 6:01 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Mrs. Dion

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 preliminary presentation of the 2020/21 Budget was made by Dr. Spring, Ms. O'Shea and Mrs. Mackey. After the Board's questions were asked and answered, the President opened the floor to the audience for their questions and concerns. Everyone was provided an opportunity to present questions before the President returned to remaining items on the consent agenda.

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The Board expressed their gratitude for the donations made on tonight's agenda.

IV. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

V. OLD BUSINESS

Tax Cap - Mrs. Mackey restated that the calculation is due to OSC on March 1, she will be submitting to the state by the end of the week and she would like to confirm the District's intent to go to the allowable limit, inclusive of exclusions. The Board agreed.

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 February 12, 2020.
- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special Education for the following meeting dates: 12/13/19, 12/17/19, 12/18/19, 1/9/20,

1/10/20, 1/13/20, 1/21/20, 1/23/20, 1/24/20, 1/27/20, 2/10/20 and 2/12/20.

- C. THAT the Board of Education adopts the following policies:
 0200, Commitments and Beliefs
 1741, Home Schooled Students
 4325, Academic Intervention Services
- D. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VI (C) of the February 12, 2020 Minutes as follows:

THAT the Board of Education approves an Agreement with Berkshire Union Free School District, 13460 Route 22, Canaan, New York for special education services for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of ~~\$59,029~~ **\$56,029** for the 2019/20 school year and \$9,236 for the summer school program. Rates are subject to change per NYSED finalized rates.

- E. THAT the Board of Education approves the following item to be removed from the fixed asset inventory for surplus:
 Microfiche Reader – Tag #20090156 – Fully Depreciated
- F. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$1,056.68 from the Harmony Hill School PTA for transportation of students to Proctors in Schenectady on January 9, 2020.
- G. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2019/20 budget in the amount of \$1,056.68 to cover transportation costs of students from Harmony Hill Elementary School to Proctors in Schenectady on January 9, 2020.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL

- A. THAT the Board of Education appoints the following individuals to the Substitute Teacher and Tutor list:

Campbell, Christopher	Caruso, Bailey
Czerw, Claudia	Feldman, Hannah
Galarneau, Hayden	Howes, Claudia
Ipek, Nurettin	McCann, Katie
Kats, Michelle	Kaufman, Elizabeth
Maguire, Samantha	Metin, Nursel
Nardolillo, Aaron	Nicholson, Thomas
Rinella, Phyllis	Thomas, Cody
Torrens, Lana	Weis, Christopher

- B. THAT the Board of Education approves the following student teacher placement from the following school:

THE SAGE COLLEGES
March 16, 2020 - May 8, 2020
 Paige Kearns with Sharon Laughlin at Harmony Hill Elementary School

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

- C. THAT the Board of Education **amends** Item VIII (L) of the July 31, 2019 Minutes to read as follows:

THAT the Board of Education appoints the following employee:
Sylvi Joseph
 Position..... 1.0 FTE Director of Technology Operations
 (PERMANENT appt.)
 Effective Date..... ~~July 31, 2019~~ **February 24, 2020**
 Probation period N/A
 Salary..... per CSEA contract
 Reason Received "Certification of Eligibles" from
 Cohoes Municipal Civil Service Commission

- D. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby appoints the following individual to the Teacher Aide Substitute list, subject to the rules of the Cohoes Civil Service Commission on an emergency conditional basis, in accordance with the Civil Service Rules, such appointments are a temporary appointment.

Jessie Clement
Effective: February 27, 2020

ADDENDA

- E. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District appoints Stacy Livingston to a four-year conditional term in the tenure area of Art effective March 26, 2020 and expiring on March 25, 2024 on an emergency conditional basis. Ms. Livingston holds Initial Reissuance Certification in the area Visual Arts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this appointment is made on an emergency conditional basis and subject to both a statement from Ms. Livingston regarding criminal conviction(s) or pending criminal charges and the receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. Ms. Livingston's continued employment is specifically contingent upon the District's receipt of notice from the Commissioner of Education that she is fully cleared for employment.

Stacy Livingston

Position..... 1.0 FTE Art
Certification..... Visual Arts
Tenure Area..... Art
Effective Date..... March 26, 2020
Tenure Date..... March 25, 2024
Salary..... Step 2 of the current CTA Contract
Reason..... Replaces McKenna Robinson

F. THAT the Board of Education approves a salary increase due to additional teaching assignments for the following individual for the 2019-2020 school year:

Stacy Livingston – 0.025 FTE as per CTA contract – Art HH

Stacy Livingston – 0.050 FTE as per CTA contact – Art AL

Total of 1.075 FTE

Effective: March 25, 2020 through June 30, 2020

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 – January 2020
- Budget Transfer – January 2020
- Budget Status Reports – January 2020
- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Extracurricular Activity Report
- Internal Claims Audit Report

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions of the February 26, 2020 Agenda:

VI (A-G); VII (A-F) and IX (A)

Moved by: Mrs. Annely
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
Motion carried 6-0

X. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

A. THAT the Board of Education be aware of the Leave of Absence of Jillian Egnaczyk (October 29, 2019 through January 6, 2020), six (6) weeks and three (3) days of which are pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The unpaid dates of her leave were November 14, 2019 through January 6, 2020.

B. THAT the Board of Education be aware of the Leave of Absence of Sheri Frueh (November 18, 2019 through December 19, 2019), five (5) weeks and one (1) days of which are pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

- C. THAT the Board of Education be aware of the Leave of Absence of Melissa Santarcangelo (November 18, 2019 through February 9, 2020), eight (8) weeks and four (4) days of which are pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The unpaid dates of her leave were December 1, 2019 through February 9, 2020.
- D. Conference Report – Dan Honsinger – 1-29-20

XI. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIII. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Second Reading

- 0200, Commitments and Beliefs
- 1741, Home Schooled Students
- 4325, Academic Intervention Services

XIV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- March 11, 2020**, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m. Public Session & 5:00 p.m. Executive Session
- March 25, 2020**, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:00 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Annely
All voted “Aye”

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
Motion carried 6-0

District Clerk