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COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Cohoes, New York
Live Streamed (per Governor Executive Order 202.1)**

**Business Meeting
April 8, 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 6:02 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Nolin.

ROLL CALL

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

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

II. **DISTRICT REPORTS**

Dr. Spring, Ms. O'Shea & Mrs. Mackey provided a detailed presentation on COVID-19 Strategy: an update on the first phase of Chromebooks deployed to the community in order to assure a continuity of learning for students and deploying the remainder of Chromebooks may be as soon as next week and an update on meal distribution to our students indicating the district's successful numbers. After Board questions were asked and answered, the Board thanked all the parents, teachers, students, administrators, staff, food service and volunteers for all their work and dedication during this time of need.

III. **BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

A Board member asked a question regarding interns/student teachers, and Ms. O'Shea responded that they are working with the college students in order to fulfill their hours. A question was asked regarding the April 15 date being extended to authorize contractual salaried payments. The reply was that this date will continue to be extended as the closure dates are extended by the Governor. A Board member disclosed they had relatives on an item and the President stated it was not necessary to abstain from the vote, it was personal preference.

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 March 11, 2020.
- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special Education for the following meeting dates: 11/4/19, 1/9/20, 1/23/20, 1/24/20, 1/27/20, 2/10/20, 2/11/20, 2/12/20, 2/13/20, 2/14/20, 2/19/20, 2/20/20, 2/24/20, 2/25/20, 2/26/20, 2/27/20, 2/28/20, 3/2/20, 3/3/20, 3/5/20, 3/9/20, 3/10/20 and 3/11/20.
- C. THAT the Board of Education authorizes the following resolution to participate in the 2019-20 Erie 1 BOCES Agreement with Google G Suite for Education:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of BOCES districts in New York, to consent to jointly enter into an agreement, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, for Google G Suite for Education; and

WHEREAS, the Cohoes City School District is desirous of participating with other BOCES Districts in New York State in joint agreements for the software packages and licensing mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cohoes City School District Board of Education authorizes Erie 1 BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to and entering into a contract for the purchase of and licensing of the above mentioned software package; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cohoes City School District Board of Education Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs associated with Erie 1 BOCES negotiating the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cohoes City School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating RICS on quality standards, (2) Erie 1 BOCES will negotiate contracts according to the majority recommendations and (3) after contract agreement, it will conduct all purchasing arrangements directly with the vendor.

- D. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$235.36 from the Albany Institute of History & Art for transportation of Cohoes High School students to the Hudson River Exhibit on January 14, 2020.
- E. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2019/20 budget in the amount of \$235.36 to cover transportation costs of Cohoes High School students to the Albany Institute of History & Art on January 14, 2020.

- F. THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation in the amount of \$700 from Scholarship America for transportation of 8th grade students to visit the USS Slater in Albany during the spring of 2020.
- G. THAT the Board of Education **amends** the 2019/20 budget in the amount of \$700 to cover transportation costs of 8th grade students to visit the USS Slater in Albany during the spring of 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:

Ashley, James	Graham, Alex
Barletta, Anna	Jordan, Mitchell
Bradt, Cornelius	Lima, Lisa
Decanio, Shane	Morano, Marissa

- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Bryan Wood from his position of Principal (CHS).

Effective: June 30, 2020

- C. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Brianna Patrick from her position of Senior Typist (CHS).

Effective: May 1, 2020

- D. THAT the Board of Education approves the following school psychology practicum students for placement within the District for a minimum of 240 hours during the spring semester 2020 (unpaid) from the following school:

THE COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE

Erica Burton with Laura Gerhard at Harmony Hill Elementary School
Rachel Horn with Laura Gerhard at Harmony Hill Elementary School
Natalie Kratochvil with Natalie Partyka-Recktenwald at Abram Lansing Elementary School and Van Schaick Grade School

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

THE SAGE COLLEGES

January 21, 2020-March 13, 2020

Michael Audi with Megan Cherubino at Harmony Hill Elementary School

- F. Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued an executive order requiring all schools to be closed until April 15, 2020 to reduce the spread of the COVID-19/Coronavirus. THEREFORE, the Board of Education authorizes contractual salaried payments to

all full-time, board appointed staff from Monday, March 16, 2020 through the close of business on April 15, 2020 (the current ending date for the Governor’s state of emergency).

G. THAT the Board of Education approves the COVID-19/Coronavirus paid leave for the following part-time employees for the period of March 16, 2020 – March 27, 2020.

ALS – PART-TIME AIDES		HHS – PART-TIME AIDES	
Kathy Baez	\$545.52	Erica Brown	\$417.72
Maria Baez	\$433.08	Riane Flanigan-Clairmont	\$418.92
Lisa Buck	\$490.92	Gail Friedman	\$394.08
Audrey Carter	\$396.24	MaryBeth Galarneau	\$435.12
Kayla Donovan	\$396.48	Carol Gaudette	\$465.60
Sheila Farrigan	\$435.12	Lori LaMere	\$398.40
Bernadette Glynn	\$392.86	Amy Magin	\$403.80
Quinasia Johnson	\$363.96	Cathy Rogowski	\$363.63
Crystal Kelly	\$284.28	Kathy Valente	\$465.14
Rebecca Perry	\$446.88	Meriam VanSleet	\$426.00
Patricia Spain	\$478.40	Brigid Waddell	\$449.16
Kaeliannah Waldron	\$314.88	Brian Wallingford	\$414.24
VSGS – PART-TIME AIDES		SECURITY – PART-TIME	
Caitlin Bellenoit	\$381.36	Terrance Burns	\$578.68
Stacy Clement	\$422.64	John DeMio	\$877.37
Maureen Finnen	\$420.48	Shawn Higgins	\$485.69
Evelyn Wagner	\$455.76	Kathleen Kuhn	\$537.03
		Drew Rentz	\$ 79.02

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 – February 2020
 - Budget Transfer – February 2020
 - Budget Status Reports – February 2020
 - Bank Reconciliation Report – January & February 2020
 - Extracurricular Activity Report – January & February 2020
 - Internal Claims Audit Report – N/A

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolutions from the April 8, 2020 Agenda:

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

Moved by: Mrs. Annely
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Pascale
Motion carried 7-0

X. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

Mohawk Paper Mill donated 80 cases of paper to be used by the district's schoolchildren.

XI. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

The Board President read a question aloud from an attendee regarding Chromebooks. Dr. Spring responded that the next wave of Chromebooks will be soon perhaps next week.

XIII. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

XIV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

April 22, 2020, Live streamed at 6 PM (per Governor Executive Order 202.1).

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 7:02 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. Dion
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Giller
Motion carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 7:08 PM

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

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 8:25 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Nolin
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Giller
Motion carried 7-0

District Clerk