

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

**Business Meeting
April 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 6:03 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. Mackey, School Business Official

II. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. Continuity Learning Update
Dr. Spring provided the Board with updates since the last meeting.
- B. 2020/21 Budget Presentation
Dr. Spring and Mrs. Mackey presented the budget for board approval.
After deliberations, it was agreed that there will be a budget workshop to be held on May 6, 2020 in order further review and discuss the budget with anticipated approval of the budget to be at the May 13, 2020 meeting. There will be a regular meeting on May 20, 2020 as well.

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

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 April 8, 2020.
- B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Committee on Special

Education for the following meeting dates: 2/24/20, 3/2/20, 3/5/20, 3/9/20, 3/10/20, 3/13/20, 3/20/20, 3/23/20, 3/24/20, 3/25/20, 3/26/20, 3/30/20, 4/2/20 and 4/6/20.

- C. THAT the Cohoes City School District approves the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$12,193,150 during the school year 2020-21 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.
- D. THAT the Cohoes City School District approves the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby cast its vote for the following candidates to fill four (4) open seats for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties:
- a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Dr. John Bergeron (Home County: Schenectady) as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.
 - b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Mrs. Nancy del Prado (Home County: Schenectady) as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.
 - c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Mrs. Naomi Hoffman (Home County: Saratoga) as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.
 - d. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Mr. John Phelan (Home County: Albany) as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.
- E. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with Lansingburgh Central School District, 55 New Turnpike Road, Troy, New York to provide health and welfare services to students residing in the Cohoes City School District and attending school within the Lansingburgh Central School District during the 2019/20 school year in the amount of \$9,277.20 for approximately 15 students.
- F. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with North Greenbush Common School District, 48 North Greenbush Road, Troy, New York in the amount of \$234.44 per student to provide health services for students residing in the Cohoes City School District and attending school within the North Greenbush Common School District for the period September 4, 2019 through June 24, 2020.
- G. THAT the Board of Education approves a contract with South Colonie Central School District, 102 Loralee Drive, Albany, New York in the amount of \$771.56 per

student to provide health services for students residing in the Cohoes City School District and attending school within the South Colonie Central School District for the period September 5, 2019 through June 26, 2020.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

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

THAT the Board of Education appoints the following employee:

James Stapleton

Position..... 1.0 FTE Director of Facilities III (PERMANENT appt.)

Effective Date..... ~~July 31, 2019~~ **April 8, 2020**

Probation Period..... N/A

Salary..... \$77,250

Reason Received “Certification of Eligibles” from
..... Cohoes Municipal Civil Service Commission

B. THAT the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Courtney White from her position of Elementary Teacher (ALS).

Effective: April 14, 2020

C. WHEREAS Governor Andrew Cuomo has extended the executive order requiring all schools to be closed until May 15, 2020 to reduce the spread of the COVID-19/Coronavirus. THEREFORE, the Board of Education authorizes the continuation of contractual salaried payments to all full-time, board appointed staff from April 16, 2020 through the close of business on May 15, 2020 (the current end date for the Governor’s order).

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

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Moved by: Mrs. Dion
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
Motion carried 7-0

X. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

XI. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIII. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

XIV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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

May 13, 2020, Live streamed at 6 PM (per Governor Executive Order 202.1).

May 20, 2020, Live streamed at 6 PM (per Governor Executive Order 202.1).

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education enters into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining with the unions.

Moved by: Mrs. Annely
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Carey
Motion carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 7:45 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 8:45 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Nolin
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Giller
Motion carried 7-0

District Clerk