

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, February 13, 2020
7:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, K. Carlson, W. Forsyth, T. Menzie, A. Phillips, and J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: Y. Ace-Wagoner
- Also Present: M. Edwards, L. Prinz, R. Stevens, S. Bradley, B. Meister, B. Brown, and 12 members of the audience.
- President's Report: D. List talked about the SOAR meeting last week with Cal-Mum. She said that there is a lot in the works for both schools; we are extending the three MOA's for football, cheerleading (football), and pep-band. Both schools are looking into the possibility for educational needs as well for FFA and Project Lead the Way, but Cal-Mum follows a block schedule and we are on a traditional schedule.
- Principals' Comments:
- S. Bradley reported:
- The Winter Ball was last Saturday and was held in the cafeteria. It went very well and they had 170 students attend.
 - Last Thursday Rob Kaercher and Kristie Holler hosted a parent night for the junior class. There was a lot of useful information provided and was well attended considering the weather that night.
 - Tuesday they had students test the new NYS computer based testing for Math and all went well and there were no issues with technology.
 - Diana Walther hosted another Learning Walk and had five new walkers and 5 new hosts. The walk went great and plan on having another one in the spring.
 - The winter sports season is coming to an end and teams are headed off to sectionals.
 - March 5th is the first day of the musical, *Schoolhouse Rock Live*.
- B. Meister reported:
- A report card committee has been formed to help revamp the current report cards. They are surveying families and gathering input to help improve report cards.
 - Data has been shared with faculty and they are all working on the next steps towards meeting the Elementary goals by the end of the school year.
 - The Elementary School celebrated Black History Month and had several people come in to do presentations.

Director Of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

None

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz stated that the Elementary School will not be available during the break due to construction, the main office will still be accessible. A conference put on by Questar shows an increase of 1.9% in State Aid. The state is encouraging homeowners to switch to the STAR refund instead of the STAR credit. STAR credits came off of your tax bill if you purchased your house before 2015 and now you receive a STAR refund check. If taxpayers elect to get the STAR refund check they would not be held to the capped amount they will get increases on the exemption amount. In the Governor's proposal, there is talk about moving BOCES Aid into the Foundation Aid formula, capping Transportation Aid, and changing what is aided in Building Aid. She also stated that if anyone knows of anyone who would be interested in being a bus driver please contact to the Transportation Department to find out more details.

Academic Focus:

Roxanne Green-Wood is our health teacher and she brought in several students who are taking college courses she is able to offer at a reduced rate. She and her students talked about HED204 – Introduction to Healthful Living, and HED205 – Responding to Emergencies. The students talked about why they took the course they are in and what they have learned so far. They brought in healthy alternatives to snacks and demonstrated hands-only CPR. Both of these courses are offered through the ACE program through GCC and earn 3 college credits.

Student Council
Report:

Michael Rogoyski reported for the Elementary School Student Council. The Elementary School has been very busy, they had their second Character Ed Assembly, Law Enforcement Day, and this week is Spirit Week. For Black History Month they had several special guests come in to grades 4-6; drummers from Womba Africa, local artist Shawn Dunwoody, and three Byron-Bergen seniors. For the community service project they picked CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). CASA advocates for children who have been abused or neglected. Each year a project is selected with a "100" theme, in honor of the 100th day of school. This year each grade was ask to collect 100 items for care packages that included toiletries, socks, book bags, and school supplies. The goal was 100 bags to be donated by the 100th day of school and as of tonight they had already completed 105 bags.

Superintendent's
Comments:

M. Edwards stated that the GVSBA Primer that is being held at Byron-Bergen has been moved to March 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafetorium. He said that he and Becky met with Chris Merle from the Children's Institute. She has since left and went out on her own and they

are looking into contracting her services, which can be run through BOCES. A SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Taskforce is being formed and with the help of Chris, a “playbook” will be created.

Consent Agenda: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Previous Minutes

January 30, 2020

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-47, Ck. # 19169-19248, \$109,995.34

Warrant A-50, Ck. # 19249-19251, \$11,745.36

School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-15, Ck. # 200483-200489, \$13,068.57

Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-14, Ck. # 2509-2512, \$171,440.39

Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-26, Wire # 1210-1213,

Ck. # 300567-300575, \$394,233.16

Warrant TA-27, Wire # 1214-1219,

Ck. # 300576-300585, \$435,284.41

Monthly Treasurer’s Report – January 2020

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:

None

Approvals:

Child of Employee Rebecca Manfreda (Lucas Manfreda) to Attend BBCS Tuition Free

Substitute Teacher (7-12) – Dennis Alton

LTS Special Education (Gr. 1-6) Teacher Category II –

Amber Brewster (Eff. 2/26/20)

Amber Brewster, who holds initial certification in Early Childhood Education (B-2), Childhood Education (1-6), Students with Disabilities (B-2 and 1-6), certification areas in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the position of Long-Term Substitute Special Education (Gr. 1-6) Teacher (Category II) for the period of February 26, 2020 through May 21, 2020 (or until the return of J. Bradigan from leave). The salary during her appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement between the Byron-Bergen Faculty Association (BBFA) and the Board of Education, and will be based upon 1/200th of Step 1. You will receive pro-rated leave days.

This is not a benefits eligible position.

Additional 2019-2020 Spring Coach/Advisor/Volunteer

Recommendations

Baseball

Volunteer – Matthias Ellis Sr

Softball

JV – Jay Wolcott

Volunteers – Jessica Golino-Smith

Miscellaneous Matters

None

CSE Review

CSE - Case # 2878, # 3534

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Policy Committee Update: The annual audit was received and a date needs to be set to discuss.

Facilities Committee Update: None

Budget Committee Update: None

Audit Committee Update: None

SOAR Update: MOA's will be signed soon with Cal-Mum.

Positive Recognition: Need to start thinking about who will be recognized in the spring.

Comments from the Audience: None

Information/Announcements/Reports: None

Requests Requiring Board Consideration: None

Review of Next Meeting's Agenda:
Policy Committee Update
Facilities Committee Update
Budget Committee Update
Audit Committee Update
SOAR Update
Positive Recognition

Adjournment: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to adjourn the

meeting at 8:04 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.