

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Thursday, September 8, 2016  
7:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present:** D. List, Y. Ace-Wagoner, W. Forsyth, K. Carlson, A. Phillips, T. Menzie, J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent:** None
- Also Present:** M. Edwards, W. Snyder, B. Meister, P. McGee, T. Schulte, R. White and 3 members of the audience.
- Executive Session:** It was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner to enter executive session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. The motion passed 7-0.
- Return to Public Session:** It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded K. Carlson by to return to public session at 6:58 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.
- President's Report:** D. List reported that we had a great opening day with faculty and staff. She reminded us about being thankful and grateful and that she is thankful and grateful for the Board she sits with and the support she gets from them. She sent out a welcome back note on the first day to faculty and staff. The Board toured the transportation/maintenance facility at 5:30 p.m. and found it acceptable. On September 22, 2016, the new faculty/staff reception will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Professional Development Room. She congratulated the Elementary School for their work with IBL. She stated that she was watching Channel 13 news and they were talking about the 22 component schools with video coaching and had a short video of Byron-Bergen on there. She is looking forward to a great year.
- Principals' Comments:** P. McGee reported:
- Tuesday was a great day and Mickey's speech about character set the tone for the year.
  - Had a great first day of school and was nice that staff greeted students as they walked into the school that morning. This is the "nurture" part of our mission statement.

- Mike List and his crew did a fantastic job getting the buildings and grounds looking great; as he always does.
- The counseling course catalog is being revised and the goal is to try and sell the courses to the students.
- From now throughout October, there will be over 47 different opportunities for students to meet with our military branches, colleges, etc.
- Open house is Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, and we will have food trucks on campus.
- So far this week it has been a great start to the school year.

B. Meister reported:

- Thanked Mike and his crew that the buildings and grounds looked great.
- Thanked Drew and the bus drivers for having a smooth opening day.
- Had a great first day and couldn't thank faculty, aides, and staff enough.
- It was a combined effort from everyone to make a great start this year. It is his focus for the school year to show our students "team effort" and our faculty/staff does a great job at showing it.
- Had curriculum nights where parents got to meet with the teachers and see what a day in the life of their children looks like.
- Open House is October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The first few days have been very positive and warmly welcomed. He wants students to feel safe here and then learn. He met with the kindergarten classes and talked with them about what a principal is and about our school.
- Monday starts What I Need Time (WIN Time) which is 40 minutes during ELA to help the students that excel to continue to do so, in addition to encouraging the students that struggle in certain areas to also succeed.
- Very thankful for the "Be the Change for Innovation" award that they received. He also stated that we get to do things here at Byron-Bergen that a lot of other big schools don't get to do.

T. Schulte reported:

- He said it "felt like home again" with the kids back.
- Since every school had a different start date, they had the 30 kids in one room to get reacquainted with another instead of going straight into classes.
- They focused on culture, working together, and identifying what it means to be a professional and have real world accountability. They have a 3-strike rule and talked about the difference between feedback and criticism.

- The Federal Reserve is coming and the students have the opportunity to create short video clips that can be featured in places such as movie theaters.

Academic Focus: None

Student Council Report: None

Superintendent's Comments: M. Edwards highlighted the new addition to the agenda, Susan Kuszlyk's resignation. He stated that we had a great first day and everything ran smoothly. He couldn't thank everyone enough for their efforts to make it a great start to a first day. He was able to meet with faculty, staff, and students and welcome everyone. He is trying to get the section of West Bergen Road by the school zoned as a "school zone" to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph. The county is all for it and now needs to meet with the Town of Bergen. Had a great senior kickoff cookout and had a faculty vs. senior kickball game in which faculty lost, but want to redeem themselves with a possible dodgeball game. Wanted to let everyone know that they had to switch the retirement/tenure celebration dinner to June 15, 2017 at 5 p.m. because Terry Hills had another commitment on the day they were to have it. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, our school will be recognized by NYSSBA for the "Be the Change for Innovation" award in Albany and at the convention in Buffalo we will receive the actual check for \$5,000.

Consent Agenda: It was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Minutes

August 25, 2016

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills

Trust and Agency Fund Bills

Federal Fund Bills

School Lunch Bills

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:

William Snyder (Intent to Retire eff. 8/31/17) In addition, the Board wanted to add "with regret" to William Snyder's intent to retire.

Teacher Aide- Susan Kuszlyk (eff. 9/6/16)

Approvals:

None

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE Recommendations – Case # 3535

CPSE Recommendations – None

The motion passed 7-0.

Policy Committee Update: New date set for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 p.m.

Facilities Committee Update: None

Budget Committee Update: None

Audit Committee Update: Date set for auditors for September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

SOAR Update: None

Positive Recognition: None

Approval - Acceptance of Sale of Textbooks To K12Books.com Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. VanValkenburg and seconded by W. Forsyth to approve the Acceptance of the Sale of Textbooks to K12books.com. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval - Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval - Creation of Fitness Trainer Position Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to approve the Creation of a Fitness Trainer Position. The motion passed 6-1.

Comments from the Audience:

District parent spoke about the request for her home-schooled children

to be able to participate in intramurals and extracurricular activities. The Board said they would discuss it and get back to her in a timely manner.

**Information/Announcements/Reports:**

The Class of 1966 presented the school with a reunion book of some information/pictures of the class.

**Requests Requiring Board Consideration:**

Tammy Menzie will not be attending the October 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting because she will be in Barcelona.

Yvonne Ace-Wagoner may not be at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting because she may be traveling for work.

**Review of Next Meeting's Agenda:**

Policy Committee Update – September 28, 2016 at 4:45 p.m.

Facilities Committee Update

Budget Committee Update

Audit Committee Update – September 22, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

SOAR Update

Positive Recognition

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.