

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, January 16, 2025
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

Tour of the Jr./Sr. High School

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, H. Ball, J. Cook, L. Forsyth, C. Matthews, L. Smith
- Members Absent: K. Carlson
- Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, K. Loftus, R. Stevens, B. Brown, J. Back, P. Hazard, K. Grattan, K. Kaercher, and 14 member of the audience.
- President's Report: D. List said it's been a great start to the New Year. She welcomed the P.I.G. students. She is excited for all the things "spring" brings such as the play and Buzzin' Bistro. She thanked L. Smith for attending the Al Hawk Awards dinner with her and Pat, it was a great night. Saturday is the Legislative Breakfast at Elba. The tour of the Jr./Sr. High School was acceptable.
- Academic Focus: R. Kaercher – Work-Based Learning
This opportunity is for seniors to work or internship for 150 hours per semester for half credit or 300 hours in the year for 1 full credit. There will be one advisory period per week. This is a practical and applicable way for students to get familiar with certain careers and is especially helpful for students who are undecided about career pathways, especially one that requires a college degree. Some examples of career paths are education, business, law, history, communications, engineering, art, and technology. The internship cannot be a "hazardous" career, as many of those careers are already offered at BOCES. If students are interested in those careers they should be enrolled at BOCES.
- Student Council Report: None
- Principals' Comments: K. Loftus reported:
- The Elementary School is being recognized at the Legislative Breakfast for their composting initiative.
 - The Elementary School is reviewing expectations, routines, and core values after coming back from break.
 - The fluency challenge for January is reading and students are working on building a snowman.

P. Hazard reported:

- Several students have been invited to listen to Howard Behar, former President of Starbucks, via Zoom.
- Next Thursday there is a parent night for juniors at 6:00 p.m.
- Regents exams are scheduled for next week.
- The Poetry Out Loud competition took place on January 10th. Two students advanced to the semifinal competition on February 12th at Buffalo State University.

Director of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

B. Brown reported the information night “Parenting in the Screen Age” is January 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High. This is a free event put on by Allison Stiles, PhD. from University of Rochester. Next Friday, is a Superintendent Conference day and Kevin Eng will be providing the Mandated Reporter Training.

Director of
Technology &
Assessment
Comments:

J. Back stated the IT Department is all set for Regents testing next week. She is working with building principals for grades 3-8 to practice the computer based testing. There is a Tech Committee meeting tomorrow.

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz reported that she and P. McGee started to meet with the Administrators to discuss budget needs for next school year. The Governor’s 2025 Budget includes several proposals such as an increased Foundation Aid, universal school meals for all schools, and cell phone bans for students. Under New Business there is an At Will Agreement for Mike List and a Resolution to Join the New York/Island Cooperative Bid and New York/Island Cooperative Bid Program Agreement which will allow the District to purchase a software for materials and supplies ordering.

Superintendent’s
Comments:

P. McGee stated he and K. Loftus attended the NYS Literacy Initiative Training at GV BOCES last week. He listened to a discussion on the Blue Ribbon Commission that talks about changing the graduation paths, but there are not a lot of details. The ropes course is going to cost a lot of money to fix and the cost in the quote does not include training and upkeep. He was a finalist in the EF Tours to Finland but was not selected; he was selected to go to Panama during the Columbus Day weekend though. Next school year the District will need to pick a student representative to sit on the Board. There are several additions to New Business: 13.2 Approval of Resignation – Bus Driver – Christopher Mattison (Eff. 1/14/25), 13.3 Approval of Bus Driver – Chad Rambach (Eff. 1/23/25), 13.4 Approval of Resolution to Join the New York/Island Cooperative Bid and New York/Island Cooperative Bid Program Agreement, and 13.5 Approval of Field Trip – Wrestling – State Qualifiers, Bath Haverling High School – 2/14-15/25.

Consent Agenda: It was moved by L. Smith and seconded by H. Ball that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Minutes

December 17, 2024

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-33, Ck. # 26017-26020, \$21,832.43

Warrant A-35, Ck. # 26021-26047, \$652,925.44

Warrant A-36, Ck. # 26048-26051, \$6,892.93

Warrant A-38, Ck. # 26052-26115, \$136,429.38

Warrant A-39, Ck. # 26116-26117, \$9,489.74

Warrant A-41, Ck. # 26118-26148, \$297,530.31

School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-10, Ck. # 201345-201347, \$17,795.54

Warrant C-11, Ck. # 201348-201354, \$8,640.46

Warrant C-12, Ck. # 201355-201362, \$18,064.01

Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-8, Ck. # 2871-2872, \$19,256.80

Warrant H-9, Ck. # 2873-2874, \$2,530.75

Warrant H-10, Ck. # 2875, \$600.00

Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-14, Wire # 1808-1813,

Ck. # 301558-301568, \$459,967.45

Warrant TA-15, Wire # 1814-1817,

Ck. # 301569-301577, \$507,623.30

Debt Service Fund Bills: Warrant V-1, Wire # 99191, \$155,150.00

Monthly Treasurer's Report – November 2024 & December 2024

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

Retirement – Cleaner – Jacqueline McCombs (Eff. 3/1/25)

Approvals:

Additional 2024-2025 Winter Sport Coaches/Advisors

Boys Basketball

Modified – Miriam Tardy (Year 1) – 1.5

Modified – Nick Muhlenkamp - .5

Miscellaneous Matters

2024-2025 Calendar Modification for 12-Month Employees

The Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District approves changing the Instructional Calendar to close the District for all 12-month employees on January 29, 2025 due to the Lunar New Year holiday. There is already no school for students and 10-month employees of the District (reflected on the district calendar) due to Governor Kathy Hochul signing legislation that declares Asian Lunar New Year a public school holiday across New York State.

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE cases as presented

CPSE cases as presented

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Reports:	<p>Strategic Plan Update</p> <p>The Admin Team went through the Action Plan and updated on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome # 1: Teachers and staff are confident (Self-Efficacy) in addressing student behavior • Outcome # 2: Reduction in disruptive behaviors impacting the learning environment • Outcome # 3: Curriculum is vertically aligned • Outcome # 5: Increase in student attendance
Policy Committee Update:	Met 01/16/25 at 5:00 p.m. There will be a first reading for Policy # 7680 Independent Educational Evaluations at the February meeting.
Facilities Committee Update:	Date needs to be set
Budget Committee Update:	Date needs to be set
Audit Committee Update:	None
SOAR Update:	Date needs to be set
Positive Recognition:	None
Approval – At Will Employee Agreement – Michael List	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by L. Forsyth and seconded by J. Cook to approve the At Will Employee Agreement – Michael List.</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>
Approval – Resignation – Bus Driver – Christopher Mattison (Eff. 1/14/25)	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by C. Matthews to approve the Resignation – Bus Driver – Christopher Mattison (Eff. 1/14/25). There was discussion.</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>
Approval – Bus Driver – Chad Rambach (Eff. 1/23/25)	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by L. Smith and seconded by H. Ball to approve Bus Driver - Chad Rambach (Eff. 1/23/25).</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>

Approval –
Resolution to
Join the New
York/Island
Cooperative
Bid and New
York/Island
Cooperative
Bid Program
Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by L. Smith to approve the Resolution to Join the New York/Island Cooperative Bid and New York/Island Cooperative Bid Program Agreement:

Resolution to Join
the New York/Island Cooperative Bid

WHEREAS, it would be in the joint interest of the Byron-Bergen Central School District and the following Districts:

NY Cooperative Member List

Albany County

Albany City School District
Bethlehem Central School District
Green Island Union Free School District
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central CSD

Allegany County

Canaseraga Central School District
Scio Central School District
Cattaraugus County
Allegany-Limestone Central School District

Hinsdale Central School District
Olean City School District
Pioneer Central School District
Salamanca City Central School District

Cayuga County

Auburn Enlarged City School District
Cato-Meridian Central School District
Port Byron Central School District
Southern Cayuga Central School

Clinton County

Ausable Valley Central School District
Champlain Valley Educational Services
Chazy Central Rural School

Columbia County

New Lebanon Central School District

Cortland County

Homer Central School District

Dutchess County

Arlington Central School District
Dover Union Free School District
Hyde Park Central School District
Pawling Central School District
Red Hook Central Schools
Rhinebeck Central School District

Essex County

Boquet Valley Central School District
Ticonderoga Central School District

Franklin County

Malone Central School District
Salmon River Central School District
Saranac Lake Central School

Fulton County

Broadalbin-Perth Central School District
Gloversville Enlarged School District
Greater Johnstown School District

Genesee County

Batavia City School District

Jefferson County

Alexandria Central School District
Thousand Islands Central School District

Livingston County

Dalton-Nunda CSD (Keshequa)

Madison County

DeRuyter Central School

Nassau County

Baldwin Union Free School District
Bellmore Union Free School District
Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District
Bethpage Union Free School District
Carle Place Schools

East Meadow School

East Rockaway School District

East Williston School District

Elmont Union Free School District

Nassau County

Baldwin Union Free School District
Bellmore Union Free School District
Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District
Bethpage Union Free School District
Carle Place Schools

East Meadow School

East Rockaway School District

East Williston School District

Elmont Union Free School District

Farmingdale School District

Freeport Public Schools

Garden City Public Schools

Great Neck Public Schools

Hempstead Union Free School District

Herricks Public School

Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools

Hicksville Public Schools

Island Park Public Schools

Island Trees School District

Jericho Union Free School District

Lawrence Union Free School District

Levittown Public Schools

Locust Valley Central School District

Long Beach City School District

Lynbrook Public Schools

Nassau County (Cont)

Malverne Union Free School District
Manhasset Public Schools
Massapequa Public Schools
Merrick Union Free School District
Mineola Union Free School District
New Hyde Park-Garden City Park UFSD
North Bellmore School District
North Merrick Union Free School District
North Shore Schools
Oceanside School District
Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Schools
Plainedge Public Schools
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD
Port Washington Union Free School District
Rockville Centre Union Free School District
Roslyn Public Schools
Seaford Union Free School District
Syosset Central School District
Uniondale Union Free School District
Valley Stream 13 School District
Valley Stream Central High School District
Valley Stream District 30
Wantagh Union Free School District
West Hempstead Union Free School District
Westbury Union Free School District

Niagara County

North Tonawanda City Schools

Oneida County

Rome City School District

Onondaga County

Fabius-Pompey Central School District
Marcellus Central School District
Skaneateles Central School District
Ontario County
Bloomfield Central School District
Canandaigua City School District
Gorham-Middlesex CSD (Marcus Whitman)
Honeoye Central School District
Manchester-Shortsville Central School District
Naples Central School District
Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District

Orange County

Greenwood Lake Union Free School District
Middletown Enlarged City School District
Minisink Valley Central School District
Monroe-Woodbury Central School District
Newburgh Enlarged City School District
Pine Bush Central School District

Putnam County

Brewster Central School District
Carmel Central School District
Haldane Central School District
Mahopac Central School District

Rensselaer County

Averill Park Central School District
Brunswick-Brittonkill Central School District
Enlarged CSD of Troy
Hoosic Valley Central School District
Hoosick Falls Central School District
Lansingburgh Central School District

Rockland County

Clarkstown Central School District
East Ramapo Central School District
Nanuet Union Free School District
North Rockland Central School District
Nyack Public Schools
Pearl River School District
South Orangetown Central School District
Suffern Central School District

Saint Lawrence County

Colton-Pierrepont Central School

Saratoga County

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School
Corinth Central School District
Galway Central School District
Mechanicville City School District
Saratoga Springs City School District
Schuylerville Central School District
South Glens Falls Central School District

Stillwater Central School District

Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD

Schenectady County

Scotia-Glenville Central School District
Schenectady City School District

Schoharie County

Cobleskill-Richmondville CSD
Middleburgh Central School District
Schoharie Central School District

Seneca County

Seneca Falls Central School District

Steuben County

Addison Central School District
Arkport Central School District
Hammondsport Central School District
Hornell City School District
Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District

Suffolk County

Amityville Union Free School District
Babylon Union Free School District
Bay Shore Schools
Bayport-Blue Point School District
Brentwood Union Free School District
Center Moriches School District
Central Islip School District
Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
Comsewogue School District
East Hampton Union Free School District

Suffolk County (Cont)

East Islip Union Free School District
East Quogue Union Free School District
Eastport-South Manor Central School District
Elwood Union Free School District
Half Hollow Hills Central School District
Hampton Bays Public Schools Huntington Public Schools
Islip School District
Kings Park Central School District
Lindenhurst Union Free School District
Longwood Central School District
Mattituck-Cutchogue UFSD
Middle Country Central School District
Miller Place School District
Mount Sinai School District
North Babylon School District
Northport-East Northport UFSD
Patchogue-Medford School District
Port Jefferson School District
Remsenburg-Speonk UFSD
Riverhead Central School District
Rocky Point Union Free School District
Sag Harbor Union Free School District
Sayville Public Schools
Shoreham-Wading River CSD
Smithtown Central School District
South Country Central School District
South Huntington UFSD
Southold Union Free School District
Three Village Central School District
West Babylon School District
Westhampton Beach School District
William Floyd School District
Wyandanch Union Free School District

Tioga County

Spencer-Van Etten Central School District

Ulster County

Kingston City School District
Marlboro Central School District
New Paltz Central School District
Saugerties Central School District
Wallkill Central School District

Warren County

Johnsburg Central School District
Bolton Central School District
Glens Falls City Schools
Hadley-Luzerne Central School District
Lake George Central School District
Queensbury Union Free School District
Warrensburg Central School

Washington County

Argyle Central School District
Cambridge Central School District
Fort Ann Central School District
Fort Edward Union Free School District
Granville Central School District

Washington County (Cont)

Greenwich Central School District
Hartford Central School District
Hudson Falls Central School District
Whitehall Central School District

Wayne County

Gananda Central School District
Marion Central School District
North Rose-Wolcott Central School District
Wayne Central School District
Williamson Central School

Westchester County

Ardsley Union Free School District
Bedford Central School District
Blind Brook-Rye Union Free School District
Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District
Bronxville Union Free School District
Byram Hills Central School District
Chappaqua Central School District
Charter School of Educational Excellence
Croton-Harmon Union Free School District
Dobbs Ferry School District
Eastchester Union Free School District
Edgemont School District
Greenburgh Central School District
Harrison Central School District
Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD
Hawthorne Cedar Knolls UFSD
Hendrick Hudson School District
Irvington Union Free School District
Katonah-Lewisboro School District
Lakeland Central School District
Mamaroneck Union Free School District
Mount Pleasant Blythedale UFSD
Mount Pleasant Central School District
Mount Pleasant Cottage UFSD
Mount Vernon City School District
New Rochelle City School District
North Salem Central School District
Ossining Union Free School District
Peekskill City School District
Pelham Union Free School District
Pleasantville Union Free School District
Port Chester Rye Union Free School District
Rye City School District
Rye Neck Schools
Scarsdale Public Schools
Somers Central School District
Tuckahoe Union Free School District
White Plains Public Schools
Yorktown Central School District

To participate in cooperative bids for the purchase of various supplies, services, materials and equipment, as Advertised by and awarded by the Clarkstown Central School District acting as the Lead Agency, as provided by General Municipal Law Section 119-0 and;

WHEREAS, each Board retains the legal authority to contract with the successful Vendor(s) and shall not be bound by purchase contracts or other agreements made by the other BOARD(S);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the BOARD OF EDUCATION of Byron-Bergen Central School District hereby agrees to participate with the attached named school districts in such cooperative bids.

New York/Island Cooperative Bid
Program Agreement
(Part 2)

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 119-0 specifically authorizes municipal Corporations and school districts to enter into agreements for “purchasing and making of contracts” and :

WHEREAS, the attached school district listing has explored and supported the establishment of a municipal cooperative purchasing group; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire a municipal cooperative purchasing group to effect economies in the purchasing and making contracts for materials, supplies and public works; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the parties hereto have approved this cooperative purchasing arrangement by appropriate resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants set forth herein, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. A municipal cooperative purchasing group to be known as the “New York/Island Cooperative Bid” (Purchasing Group) has been established.
2. Membership in such Purchasing Group shall be available to any school district or municipal Corporation in New York State, which, by appropriate resolution, adopts the provisions of this agreement.
3. The members of the Purchasing Group shall adopt such rules, regulations and procedures in the conformity with New York State bidding laws to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement.
4. The Purchasing Group may enter into agreements with contractors to assist the Purchasing Group in carrying out the purposes of this Agreement.
5. The Clarkstown Central School District shall serve as Lead Agency for the Purchasing Group.

6. Educational Data Services will serve as the Administrative Agent for the Purchasing Group to perform those ministerial functions required as per the Lead Agency.

There was discussion.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Field Trip –
Wrestling –
State Qualifiers,
Bath Haverling
High School –
2/14-15/25

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Cook and seconded by H. Ball to approve the Field Trip – Wrestling – State Qualifiers, Bath Haverling High School – 2/14-15/25.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Professional
Learning
Leadership
Program through
NYSCOSS & EF
Tours to Panama
From 10/9-13/25
For P. McGee

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by D. List and seconded by L. Forsyth to approve the Professional Learning Leadership Program through NYSCOSS and EF Tours to Panama from October 9-13, 2025 for P. McGee.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Public Comment: 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 Committee Update
Positive Recognition

Executive Session:

It was moved by L. Smith and seconded by C. Matthews to executive session at 7:48 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. There will not be any new business transacted after executive session.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Return to Public
Session:

It was moved by L. Smith and seconded by C. Matthews to return to
public session at 8:20 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Adjournment:

It was moved by L. Smith and seconded by C. Matthews to adjourn the
meeting at 8:21 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.