

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
7:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, K. Carlson, W. Forsyth, J. VanValkenburg, T. Menzie, A. Phillips
- Members Absent: Y. Ace-Wagoner
- Also Present: P. McGee, T. Schulte, B. Meister, L. Prinz, R. Stevens, and 2 members of the audience.
- President's Report: D. List stated that M. Edwards would not be at the meeting because of the birth of his grandson. She congratulated him and his family.
- Principals' Comments:
- T. Schulte reported:
- He said it has been quiet for the past week and a half on the technology side of things.
  - The Technology Committee met yesterday. They discussed establishing avenues for professional development with teachers because everyone is at different stages of learning. He talked about a possible Tech Camp to be held on one of the Superintendent Conference Days. They also discussed procedures and protocols and the different apps out there that faculty/students could take advantage of.
- S. Bradley reported:
- He said he was looking forward to the Character Ed assembly where he will be riding in on his bike and talking with the students about his journey from school, to work/athlete.
  - He reported that Mr. Parnapy applied for a scholarship through the New York Agriculture Outreach Program and was given \$5,000. He wants to use it for incubators, chicken coops, multi-meters, etc.
  - He said he and P. McGee are working through their second round of observations of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers and it is going great.
  - They have revamped the mentor program and made adjustments to the procedures and processes. So far it is going well.
- P. McGee reported:
- He said that Christine is doing a great job and said that the recent new hires of past graduates has been very successful.
- B. Meister reported:

- He talked about the search for the next assistant principal and they had a great interview pool. They had three sets of interviews; first was just M. Edwards and himself, second was a group interview with parents, faculty, and bus drivers, and third was the Leadership team. They have chosen two finalists and they will be attending a meet and greet the last week of January.
- This Friday night is Movie Night for the Elementary School and they will be watching Despicable Me 3.
- Next Thursday is the Character Ed Assembly and S. Bradley will be the guest speaker and talking about setting positive goals, being an extreme athlete and health and wellness.

Business Administrator Comments: L. Prinz reported on the second quarter budget performance report. She also stated that she and R. Caldwell met with the school attorney to discuss the SEIU contract that is up for renewal this coming school year.

Academic Focus: Rob Kaercher came in to talk about his third year as a College/Career Counselor at Byron-Bergen. He talked about using Naviance Family Connection, which is a comprehensive college and career readiness program designed to help students find their strengths and interests. He said that about 70% of the seniors have applied to at least one college. He said that he surveyed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade class and asked “Do you want to stay close to home after high school?” and found that most (39%) of them want to stay anywhere in NY. He said the second most popular answer was to go out and get experience and then come back home. He said that new colleges are already calling him to set up for them to come to the next college fair.

Student Council Report: None

Reports: None

Superintendent’s Comments: D. List reported for M. Edwards. She stated that the school will be looking into equipping the vans with cameras that carry students. It will be about 3-4 vehicles and Drew is looking into the cost. The Legislative Breakfast is on February 3, 2018, and if anyone is interested in attending to let R. Stevens know as soon as possible. She reminded the Board members that are going to the GVSBA Winter Institute #1 tomorrow it’s at Terry Hills at 5:45 p.m. She also stated that Dick Wilcox is stepping down from the GVEP Board and they have a person who will step in if there is no opposition. She stated that there was a new addition to the agenda – Field Trip – FFA – Camp Oswegatchie – February 9-11, 2018.

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 4, 2018

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills

School Lunch Bills

Federal Fund Bills

Trust & Agency (TA) Fund Bills

Monthly Treasurer's Report – December 2017

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:

Resignations:

None

Approvals:

Assistant Modified Swim Coach – Jay Wolcott

Parental Leave – Rachel Stevens (Eff. 5/16/18)

Substitute Teacher (7-12) – Alysia Fink

Substitute Teacher (PK-12) – Heather Painting

Substitute Teacher Aide (PK-12) – Heather Painting

Substitute Nurse (K-12) – Josephine Wolcott

CSE

CSE Recommendations – Case # 3583

The motion passed 6-0.

Policy Committee Update: Looking to set a date in February 2018

Facilities Committee Update: None

Budget Committee Update: None

Audit Committee Update: None

SOAR Update: January 25, 2018 meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Cal-Mum's District Office

Positive  
Recognition: None

Approve  
Policy # 3161,  
# 5660, # 5670,  
# 7550  
Upon the recommendation of the Board President, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by T. Menzie to approve Policies # 3161 – Website Accessibility, # 5660 – School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast), # 5670 – Records Management, and # 7550 – Dignity for All Students.  
The motion passed 6-0.

Approve  
Field Trip – FFA  
Camp Oswegatchie  
February 9-11, 2018  
Upon the recommendation of the Board President, it was moved by J. VanValkenburg and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the Field Trip – FFA to Camp Oswegatchie February 9-11, 2018.  
The motion passed 6-0.

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 J. VanValkenburg to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.