

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by President D. List.

Members Present: D. List, H. Ball, K. Carlson (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), J. Cook (left at 7:12 p.m.), L. Forsyth, C. Matthews, L. Smith

Members Absent: None

Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, K. Loftus, R. Stevens, B. Brown, J. Back, P. Hazard, K. Kaercher, R. Caldwell and 14 members of the audience.

Executive Session: It was moved by H. Ball and seconded by J. Cook to enter executive session at 5:34 p.m. to discuss proposed, pending, or current litigation and 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 6 Yes, 0 No.

Return to Public Session: It was moved by H. Ball and seconded by J. Cook to return to public session at 5:47 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

President's Report: D. List thanked everyone who was able to attend her holiday party. She thanked P. McGee for getting information out to employees about the mental health conference that is being held at GCC on January 26th.

Academic Focus: K. Holler talked about 9th Period (an academic support program). The purpose of this program is to provide academic support to students in grades 7-12, who have demonstrated a need for additional academic intervention, with the ultimate goal of students passing all of their classes. This program is in the Jr./Sr. High Library Monday-Thursday from 2:30 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. There are 13 teachers providing services in a wide variety of subject areas and grade levels. Student grades are reviewed every five weeks and those students demonstrating a need for additional academic support are identified (failing two or more classes). So far 69.23% of students have improved their grades in one class or more.

Student Council Report: None

Principals' Comments:	<p>K. Loftus reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum work for grades 3 and 4 is being done. - The new Elementary Nurse Heather Foeller started and is getting situated. Watch for an upcoming video. - Lorrie Mallaber's resignation is up for approval, we are thankful for her time here at Byron-Bergen. A LTS position is posted to try and find a replacement for her. <p>P. Hazard reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first few weeks are going great. - This week the High School Current Event class had a behind-the-scenes look at 13WHAM News. - Musical practice is going well. The dates for the musical are March 7-9, 2024 - February Recess is February 19-23, 2024.
Director of Instructional Services Comments:	B. Brown stated that NYS testing is coming up. Substitute teacher interviews have been going well and some of them are up for approval. IEP goal training is on track and going well. Superintendent Conference Day is next Friday.
Director of Technology & Assessment Comments:	J. Back said that students did a computer based testing simulation to get them ready for the upcoming state tests and it went well. The Civil Rights Data Collection Report is due at the end of February.
Business Administrator Comments:	L. Prinz stated that the Governor released the proposed Executive budget on Tuesday. The Governor is saying that they are using the Foundation Aid formula, however, she is trying to change components of the formula which will lower Foundation Aid for schools. The Executive Budget would eliminate the Save Harmless provision. The Medical Director contract is up for approval under New Business. The RFP for the building conditions survey was sent out and proposals are due February 16 th .
Superintendent's Comments:	P. McGee stated the Legislative Breakfast is this Saturday and is being hosted at Byron-Bergen. There are two additions to New Business 13.1 Approval of Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Holly Comas and 13.2 Approval of LTS (Category II) – Holly Comas (Eff. 2/16/24).
Consent Agenda:	<p>It was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by H. Ball that the following consent agenda be approved:</p> <p><u>Approval of Minutes</u> December 14, 2023 January 4, 2024</p> <p><u>Financial Matters</u> General Fund Bills: Warrant A-39, Ck. # 24522-24526, \$17,643.12 Warrant A-41, Ck. # 24527-24579, \$660,715.12</p>

Warrant A-42, Ck. # 24580-24585, \$8,355.35
Warrant A-44, Ck. # 24591-24653, \$109,184.67
Warrant A-45, Ck. # 24654-24657, \$2,983.32
Warrant A-48, Ck. # 24658-24690, \$598,669.26
School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-11, Ck. # 201167-201178, \$29,193.70
Warrant C-12, Ck. # 201179-201184, \$7,727.45
Warrant C-13, Ck. # 201185-201191, \$22,912.05
Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-8, Ck. # 400527-400528, \$4,847.60
Warrant F-9, Ck. # 400529-400530, \$1,085.51
Warrant F-10, Ck. # 400531-400532, \$6,465.03
Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-10, Ck. # 2733-2737, \$278,908.51
Warrant H-11, Ck. # 2742-2745, \$177,627.18
Warrant H-12, Ck. # 2746-2747, \$33,479.65
Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-12, Wire # 1683-1686,
Ck. # 301361-301368, \$496,032.96
Warrant TA-13, Wire # 1687-1691,
Ck. # 301369-301378, \$460,809.60
Warrant TA-14, Wire # 1692-1695
Ck. # 301379-301386, \$456,828.37
Debt Service Fund Bills: Warrant V-1, Wire # 99180, \$191,550.00
Monthly Treasurer's Report – December 2023

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

Special Education Teacher – Lorrie Mallaber (Eff. 1/20/24)

Approvals:

Substitute Teacher Aide – Jason Menzie

Additional 2023-2024 Mentor Appointment

Nick Muhlenkamp

Event Catering Services Pay

Additional Lead Evaluator Appointment for 2023-2024

Paul Hazard

Changes to "Schedule B" on Reorganizational Meeting for 2023-2024

Chief Faculty Advisor – Paul Hazard

Additional 2023-2024 Winter Sport Coaches/Advisor

Boys Basketball

Modified – Elliott Flint (1.5)

Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Hayley Skidmore

Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Cody Elwell

Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Katherine Nicoll

Medical Director Contract – Amy Stevens (Eff. 1/19/24)

Miscellaneous Matters

None

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE cases as presented

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

Reports: Maintenance Update – Director of Facilities
R. Caldwell stated that there is still a staff shortage for cleaners. He is thankful for all the help of R. Montgomery and substitutes, without them the daily tasks would be hard to complete. The “mountain of dirt” that was left from the soccer field renovation was repurposed and used to level out the fields in Robbins Brook Park and a modified soccer field was created.
CPL and Campus Construction gave an overview of the capital project. Phase 1 is going well and ahead of schedule. Phase 2 received SED approval last week and the bid opening will be on February 8th.

TIG Presentation – P. McGee
TIG is specific to K-12 Education and originated locally in Monroe County, NY. A number of local school districts participate in this consortium with the goal of increasing school personnel’s ability to support students and staff at times of individual or widespread crisis. Members of the TIG Team are provided with intensive, specific, evidence based/ best practice training to increase their ability to meet the holistic needs of students and enhance a district’s ability to respond to crisis. TIG stands for Trauma, Illness and Injury, and Grief and Loss. The TIG Team is made up of seventeen members of the district and there are four scheduled meetings a year but will also meet when an issue arises.

BOCES Presentation
Two members from Genesee Valley School Boards Association (GVSBA) discussed what GVSBA was about. GVSBA is a rural schools collaboration that consists of 22 districts (board members and superintendents) in Western New York that strives to support school boards who are committed to providing quality education to the children of each district. They meet once a month both in person or virtually. They have three big events a year: the Al Hawk Award dinner, Legislative Breakfast, and a dinner meeting in the spring.

Policy Committee Meeting on February 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Update:

Facilities Met on January 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Committee
Update:

Budget Committee Meeting on February 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Update:

Audit Committee None
Update:

SOAR Update: None

Positive Recognition: None

Approval – Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Holly Comas
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by C. Matthews to approve Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Holly Comas.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – LTS (Category II) – Holly Comas (Eff. 2/16/24)
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by K. Carlson to approve LTS (Category II) – Holly Comas (Eff. 2/16/24).
Holly Comas, is hereby appointed to the temporary position of (Category II) Long-Term Substitute Elementary School Social Worker commencing February 16, 2024 through May 22, 2024 (for C. Bapst). The salary during this 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. This is not a benefits eligible position.
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

Adjournment:
It was moved by L. Smith and seconded by C. Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.