

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Thursday, January 19, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List (left at 7:00 p.m.), K. Carlson, J. VanValkenburg, A. Phillips, T. Menzie, Y. Ace-Wagoner, W. Forsyth
- Members Absent: None
- Also Present: M. Edwards, W. Snyder, B. Meister, P. McGee, T. Schulte, L. Prinz, R. White and 6 members of the audience.
- Executive Session: It was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by K. Carlson to enter executive session at 6:31 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 Y. Ace-Wagoner and seconded by W. Forsyth to return to public session at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.
- President's Report: Y. Ace-Wagoner was happy to announce the victories of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place of the WNY Tech Academy students in the Federal Reserve Challenge and what an honor that was. She also mentioned the Jr. High Math League took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at their second competition at GCC last week. She talked about the Character Ed Assembly and the "Power of Yet" and was amazed by the talent of our teachers and students. She made mention that Andrea Feeney (counselor) is participating in the week long Marine boot camp at Parris Island where she will see what new recruits go through. She commented on how moving and touching the story of Russell Cunningham was and that it made the front page of *The Batavia Daily News* on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Principals' Comments: T. Schulte reported:  
- He thanked Pat for joining him at the awards ceremony at RIT for the New York Federal Reserve Challenge. Of the three teams that went on to the finals, two teams received 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Each student on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team received a laptop, external keyboard, and book bag. The other teams that placed 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> each received \$150. The videos the students made are on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's website.

- Today the students will be going to Li Destri Foods.

B. Meister reported:

- He talked about the Character Ed Assembly and he is amazed at how it brings the school, parents, students, and teachers together. He likes to see how many parents come out to support their children. The assembly was called "The Power of Yet" and it was about the power of having a growth mindset.
- Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium STEP Boosters are putting on a movie night for PK-6 and will be showing *The Secret Life of Pets*.
- Rick Pastecki talked with the kindergarten classes and did mini lessons about social and behavior skills and how to be a good friend.
- Amanda has been working with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and talking to them about rumors, cyber bullying, and how to handle some issues outside of school. This is just a small test group and he and Amanda hope to weave this material into all of the classrooms.

P. McGee reported:

- He talked about the article on Russell Cunningham and said that it was all Rich Hannan's idea to call *The Batavia Daily News* and they set up an interview and it went from there. He said that everyone in the school is very supportive of Russell and they love his positive attitude towards everything in life.
- He was very honored to be able to go with Tom to the awards ceremony at RIT and to see how the kids were able to use their creativity to make these videos and to show off their hard work.
- He has a one hour get-together planned with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to visit the Tech Academy so they can see what it is all about.
- Office Butler has been talking to students about Internet safety.
- He wanted to thank Mrs. Tyler and shed some light on all the things she does for the school. The Winter Ball was last weekend and she offers her services of altering girl's dresses for free. She also was talking to one student who didn't have a dress but wanted to go to the Winter Ball, so she put a post out on Facebook and asked if anyone had a dress she could borrow. They found the girl a dress and Mrs. Tyler took her to the mall to get shoes and she also took her to dinner.
- They had their 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night with Rob and Matt.
- Mid-terms are coming up and they have been preparing to make sure they run smoothly.

Academic Focus: None

Student Council  
Report:

The Jr./Sr. High Student Council reported they are preparing for the Pep-Rally in February. They are working on the Sprit Week days and the games they will be having throughout the week. They are contemplating on having a dance off. For the hallway decorating, the students are only to use maroon and gray. Spirit Week will be February 6-10 and they will be doing the Pep Rally during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period so that the students going to BOCES in the afternoon can attend. The Winter Ball had a great turnout; more students went then they had planned on. The theme was *A Night In Venice*.

Superintendent's  
Comments:

M. Edwards highlighted the new business to be added the agenda: moving of the March 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting to March 15<sup>th</sup>. He talked about having a strong media presence in our school district and the need for a strong website. They have been talking to different website hosts, SchoolMessenger and Blackboard, to help revamp our website. He attended a FMLA workshop last week with Lori and Brian and brought back some valuable information on eligibility and our responsibility as a district. He was asked to come back and read to Daneen Williams' class, so he brought a book called *Snow Day*. He had a great time and the kids were very respectful and responsive to him. He also had a dance session with the class to the GoNoodle song.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by K. Carlson that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Previous Minutes

January 5, 2017

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills

Trust and Agency Fund Bills

Federal Fund Bills

School Lunch Bills

Monthly Treasurer's Report – December 2016

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:

None

Approvals:

Extended Parental Leave of Absence – Teacher Tiffany Luksch

Content Leader in Science for 2016-2017 school year – Craig Schroth

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE Recommendations - None

CPSE Recommendations - None

The motion passed 6-0.

Policy Committee Update: The Policy Manual draft is back from Erie I BOCES service so a meeting meeting will have to be set up to discuss the changes.

Facilities Committee Update: A meeting is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Budget Committee Update: The 2017-18 Executive Budget Proposal State Aid runs by school district have been released. Our projected state aid is decreasing due to a decrease in debt service payments for the 2000 capital project.

Audit Committee Update: None

SOAR Update: January 11<sup>th</sup> they had a meeting and discussed the different opportunities to partner up with Cal-Mum with different academic programs, pep-band, Project Lead the Way, and Agriculture/FFA programs. Both Athletic Directors will be discussing more SOAR opportunities in sports.

Positive Recognition: February 2017 - need to set a date and discuss who will be recognized.

Approval – 2017-18 Budget Calendar Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to approve the 2017-18 Budget Calendar.  
The motion passed 6-0.

Approval – Resolution Regarding SEQRA Determination Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips to approve the Resolution Regarding the SEQRA Determination for the Energy Performance Contract and award the Energy Performance Contract with Johnson Controls.

BYRON BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION REGARDING SEQRA DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, the Byron-Bergen Central School District Board of Education (the "Board") has considered the impact to the environment of following Scope of Work to be completed which include but are not limited to:

1. Middle / High School (SED # 18-07-01-04-0-002);
  - Site improvements including sidewalk replacement and tennis court reconstruction work.
  - Exterior Architectural alterations including fenestration replacement, roofing replacement, and building envelope improvement work.
  - Interior Architectural alterations including wall restoration and interior finish replacement work.
  - Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical alterations including ventilation, plumbing fixture, life safety, building security, and theatrical lighting systems improvement work.
2. Elementary School (SED # 18-07-01-04-0-005);
  - Construction of a 5,700 square foot classroom addition.
  - Site improvements including bus loop & parking lot reconstruction, sidewalk replacement, and site drainage reconstruction work.
  - Exterior Architectural alterations including fenestration replacement, roofing replacement, stair & dock reconstruction, and building envelope restoration work.
  - Interior Architectural improvements including door & hardware upgrades, partition reconstruction, ceiling replacement, interior finish replacement, gymnasium equipment replacement, and kitchen equipment upgrades.
  - Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical improvements including heating, ventilation, chilled water, plumbing fixture, sanitary piping, lighting, life safety, and building security systems improvement work.
3. Natatorium (SED # 18-07-01-04-0-006);
  - Exterior Architectural alterations including roofing replacement, exterior soffit reconstruction, and building envelope restoration work.
  - Interior Architectural alterations including wall restoration and interior finish replacement work.
  - Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical alterations including dehumidification systems improvement work.
4. Bus Garage (SED # 18-07-01-04-5-008);
  - Site improvements including parking lot reconstruction and site drainage reconstruction work.
  - Exterior Architectural alterations including roofing replacement and building envelope restoration work.

- Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical improvements including bus wash replacement work.
5. Athletic Fields & Track;
- Site improvements including parking lot reconstruction, stadium bleacher replacement, playfield drainage reconstruction, and sidewalk construction.

WHEREAS, the Board had reviewed the Scope of Work set forth above as one Proposed Action, and has further consulted with its Architects and legal counsel with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action;

WHEREAS, the Board has relied on the statement of facts contained in the State Education Department Project Descriptions (Form FP-PD) and reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR. Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation law, Article 8 (“SEQRA”) and concluded that the project involves:

- Maintenance or reconstruction involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure (6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1));
- Replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes (6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2));

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board as follows:

1. The Proposed Action, individually and cumulatively, does not constitute substantial changes to the existing facilities and involves routine activities of educational institutions, and, therefore, does not exceed the thresholds for a Type II Action established under 6 NYCRR Part 617.
2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action is a Type II action in accordance with SEQRA regulations.
3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

The motion passed 6-0.

Approval –  
Opt Out of

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to approve the Opt Out of

Participation of The Solar Wind or Farm Waste Energy Systems participating in the Section 4.01 Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 487 Solar, Wind, or Farm Waste Energy Systems exemption from taxation. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval – Move the March 16<sup>th</sup> BOE Meeting To March 15<sup>th</sup> Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by W. Forsyth to approve the March 16<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting be moved to March 15<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed 6-0.

Comments from the Audience:  
None

Information/Announcements/Reports:  
Cold War Veterans' Exemption – There was discussion about the exemption and action has to be made by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Only 29 properties would qualify for the exemption if it were to pass.

Requests Requiring Board Consideration:  
Yvonne will not be at the next meeting because she will be traveling for work.

Review of Next Meeting's Agenda:  
Policy Committee Update – Set date  
Facilities Committee Update – February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
Budget Committee Update  
Audit Committee Update  
SOAR Update  
Positive Recognition – Set meeting for February

Adjournment: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.