

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2022
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, Y. Ace-Wagoner (left at 6:30 p.m.), K. Carlson, W. Forsyth, T. Menzie, A. Phillips (left at 6:47 p.m.), J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: None
- Executive Session: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner to enter executive session at 5:30 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 Yes, 0 No.
- Return to Public Session: It was moved by T. Menzie and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to return to public session at 5:53 p.m.
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.
- Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, R. Stevens, A. Grillo, B. Meister, M. Marcello, B. Brown, and 23 members of the audience.
- President's Report: D. List welcomed and thanked all the students and their families for coming out to the meeting tonight. She recently read in an article that a previous employee, Stryker Ostafew, had a recent book release.
- Principals' Comments:
- A. Grillo reported:
- The Senior Trip is up for approval on the Consent Agenda. If approved they are headed to Baltimore and Ocean City, Maryland.
 - Prom is set for June 17th at Mill Creek; it will be an outdoor venue like last year.
 - Graduation is June 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the soccer stadium.
- B. Meister reported:
- The teachers that were out on maternity leave at the beginning of the school year have all returned and are getting back into the groove with their students.
 - Several teachers are braving the cold weather and taking their students outside for "snow days."
 - Benchmark assessments are wrapped up and now they are analyzing the data and closing the gaps.

Director Of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

B. Brown stated at the next Superintendent's Conference Day, teachers will be focusing on time together. The mid-year benchmark data is being assessed now and it is showing that students are making progress. The Elementary School recently participated in a Learning Walk and it went very well. Curriculum writing is still being worked on for several grades.

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz stated Administration is working on the upcoming 22-23 budget. The Governor released preliminary State Aid numbers showing an increase of 3% for Byron-Bergen. In addition, the Governor's proposed includes a one-time property tax credit, where the tax cap would not be a factor. For approval under New Business are 12.1 Approval of Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan Resolution; 12.2 Approval of 2022-2023 Lease Agreement for Western New York Tech Academy (P-TECH) for Education Classroom Space between Byron-Bergen and Genesee-Livingston-Steuben-Wyoming BOCES and; 12.3 Approval of 2022-2023 Support Services Contract for Western New York Tech Academy (P-TECH) between Byron-Bergen and Genesee-Livingston-Steuben-Wyoming BOCES. For the next meeting the construction management contract will be up for approval. The Smart School Bond Initiative Phase 2 for Byron-Bergen was presented to the Board. For Phase 2 the remaining Smart Bond allocation amount will be used on emergency classroom communication (phone system), upgrading video and door security (main entrances), and network upgrades (switches for connectivity). The total cost for this next phase will exceed the allocation, so other funding sources like the Federal Erate grant and New York Safe Schools Aid will be utilized.

Academic Focus:

The FFA presented to the Board a proposal for a Garden Project. The garden would be located on a 1.5 acre plot of land between the bus garage and Route 262. They are hoping to grow three crops early butternut squash, Indian corn, and soybeans. The FFA plans on using the information they have learned in class and working with community members to get the garden up and going. They have already taken soil samples; had it analyzed to determine that the soil is lacking many nutrients. Once the crops are harvested, the FFA plans on selling them to the community and local businesses.

Student Council
Report:

Students from the Elementary Student Council came in to report on the Elementary School events. In November they collected food for people in the community who are less fortunate and the items were donated to the Bergen Presbyterian Church and Community Action Food Pantry. They had dress-up days in December before the holiday break. They worked with STEP Boosters to host a movie night on January 13th. The Elementary Student Council purchased a number of items; such as games, coloring books, and crayons to be used by students after they are finished eating their lunches. Grade level assemblies were held to go over the rules and expectations on how to use the new items. Their

upcoming project is “A Month of Kindness” which will run from January 24th through February 18th and they are asking for students to complete random acts of kindness each day.

Superintendent’s
Comments:

P. McGee stated that the monthly Capital Project planning meetings are going well and hopes to schedule a Facilities Committee meeting in February. The construction management team hopes to present an update at the March 3rd Board of Education meeting. Byron-Bergen received a TIG team award. A big shout out to the Building and Grounds Department for keeping on top of the snow earlier this week. There are two new items for approval under New Business 12.4 Approval of Cleaner – Jesse Bowman (Eff. 1/21/21) and 12.5 Approval of Cleaner – Thomas Davidson (Eff. 1/21/22).

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by J. VanValkenburg that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Minutes

December 16, 2021

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-41, Ck. # 21557-21566, \$20,668.71

Warrant A-43, Ck. # 21567-21662, \$153,574.58

Warrant A-45, Ck. # 21663-21695, \$590,215.59

School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-10, Ck. # 200833-200838, \$10,291.63

Warrant C-11, Ck. # 200839, \$11,456.19

Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-10, Ck. # 400366-400371, \$6,715.31

Warrant F-11, Ck. # 400372, \$2,261.84

Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-6, Ck. # 2633, \$291.36

Debt Service Fund Bills: Warrant V-3, Wire # 99155, \$254,850.00

Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-14, Wire # 1455-1459,

Ck. # 300952-300961, \$438,416.08

Warrant TA-15, Wire # 1460-1463,

Ck. # 300962-300968, \$419,166.48

Monthly Treasurer’s Report – December 2021

Donation – Sapienza-Hall Family

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:

Cleaner – Laurisa Dale (Eff. 12/15/21)

Driver (School) – Kimberlee Redinger (Eff. 12/23/21)

Approvals:

Building Maintenance Worker – Richard Smith (Eff. 1/3/22)

Long-Term Substitute Reading Teacher (Category II) –

Brittany Ramsay (Eff. 1/3/22)

Brittany Ramsay, who holds Initial certification in the Childhood Education (1-6) certification area in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the temporary position of

(Category II) Long-Term Substitute Reading Teacher commencing January 3, 2022 through June 24, 2022. (Brittany was previously a long-term substitute for J. Carney.) The salary during this appointment will be 1/200th of Step 1. She will earn pro-rated leave days. This is not a benefit eligible position.

Head Custodial Worker – Rebecca Montgomery (Eff. 12/23/21)

Substitute Teacher – Amaya Gunther (Grades 6-12)

Substitute Teacher Aide – Amaya Gunther (Grades 6-12)

Substitute Teacher Aide – Ashley Smith (Grades UPK-5)

Substitute Teacher Aide – Elizabeth Donnelly (Grades UPK-5)

Miscellaneous Matters

Field Trip – Senior Class – Baltimore and Ocean City, MD – 6/9-10/22

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE

Case # 3384, # 4433

CPSE

Case # 4774

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No

Reports:

SEL Report – Megan Wahl

M. Wahl presented a timeline on SEL happenings since September for the District. In September she and Chris Merle did a walk-through of the District. A staff survey was developed and administered in September and found faculty need to get proper resources and get SEL into their practices. In October a student survey was developed and administered. November the District Team met. In December a family survey was developed and administered. Starting in January, student focus groups were conducted. The District Team will meet again in February. Moving forward continued support will be given to teachers with resources, lessons, and set goals for next school year.

Policy Committee
Update:

None

Facilities
Committee
Update:

Meeting set for February 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Budget Committee
Update:

None

Audit Committee
Update:

None

SOAR Update:

None

Positive
Recognition:

None

Approval –
Preliminary
Smart Schools
Investment
Plan Resolution

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to approve the Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan Resolution.

BYRON BERGEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY SMART SCHOOLS
INVESTMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, The Smart Schools Bond Act (the “Act”) was passed as part of the 2014-15 enacted state budget and was approved by voter referendum during the 2014 general election; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes New York State to issue \$2 billion in general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure projects for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the District was allocated \$1,060,464 to finance improved safety and security and technology projects in the District; and

WHEREAS, the monies allocated are paid out as refunds to the District upon expenditure of funds under an approved Smart Schools Investment Plan (“SSIP”); and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to its allocation of funds through the Act, has developed a Preliminary Second SSIP to expend \$351,950 for district high tech safety and security projects and classroom connectivity.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the preliminary SSIP and determined that approval of the preliminary SSIP is in the best interest of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan to expend \$351,950 for High Tech Safety and Security and Classroom Connectivity be approved.

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
2022-2023
Lease Agreement
For WNY Tech
Academy (P-TECH)
For Education
Classroom Space
Between Byron-

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. VanValkenburg and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the 2022-2023 Lease Agreement for Western New York Tech Academy (P-TECH) for Education Classroom Space between Byron-Bergen and Genesee-Livingston-Steuben-Wyoming BOCES.

Bergen and Genesee-
Livingston-Steuben-
Wyoming BOCES The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
2022-2023
Support Services
Contract for WNY
Tech Academy
(P-TECH) between
Byron-Bergen and
Genesee-Livingston-
Steuben-Wyoming
BOCES Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by
K. Carlson and seconded by W. Forsyth to approve the 2022-2023
Support Services Contract for Western New York Tech Academy
(P-TECH) between Byron-Bergen and Genesee-Livingston-Steuben-
Wyoming BOCES.

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Cleaner –
Jesse Bowman
(Eff. 1/21/22) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by
W. Forsyth and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to approve Cleaner –
Jesse Bowman (Eff. 1/21/22)

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Cleaner –
Thomas
Davidson
(Eff. 1/21/22) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by
J. VanValkenburg and seconded by K. Carlson to approve Cleaner –
Thomas Davidson (Eff. 1/21/22)

The motion passed 5 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 W. Forsyth and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to
adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.
The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.