

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, March 3, 2022
6:00 p.m. – BOE Conference Room**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, Y. Ace-Wagoner, K. Carlson, W. Forsyth, T. Menzie (left at 6:48 p.m.), A. Phillips, J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: None
- Executive Session: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips to enter executive session at 5:32 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 W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to return to public session at 6:10 p.m.
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.
- Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, R. Stevens, A. Grillo, B. Brown, M. Marcello, and 5 members of the audience.
- President's Report: D. List reported how she appreciates all the user groups that were involved in helping to plan out the upcoming Capital Project. She hoped that everyone was able to have a restful break and are ready to take on the rest of the school year. GVSBA will be hosting a Zoom meeting on March 10th at 4:30 p.m. on school transportation.
- Academic Focus: M. Marcello and A. Grillo reviewed about the After-School Program that is being offered to Jr./Sr. High students. The goal of the program is to help students improve their grades or skills in particular subject areas. The program is offered Monday through Thursday from 2:30 p.m.-3:10 p.m. A request was sent out to faculty to see who was interested in helping; students are scheduled based on either teacher recommendations or parent requests. Any student is welcome to come whether they were recommended or not. Weekly schedules are provided to students each Monday so they are aware of who they can stay with and when.
Grade Level Days resumed today. The goal of these days is to help emphasize Social Emotion Learning and have students engage in team building.

Student Council
Report:

None

Principals'
Comments:

A. Grillo reported:

- Several end of the year dates coming up, they are as follows:
- March:
 - 23rd – National Junior Honor Society Ceremony - 6:30 p.m.
 - 29th-30th – New York State Grades 3-8 ELA Assessments
 - 31st – Youth Recognition Banquet at Terry Hills – 6:00 p.m.
- April:
 - 6th – National Senior Honor Society and Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – 6:30 p.m.
 - 11th-18th – Spring Recess
 - 21st – Jr./Sr. High School Open House – 6:00 p.m.
 - 23rd – Spring Fling Dance – 7:00 p.m.
 - 26th-27th – New York State Grades 3-8 Math Assessments
 - 29th – Buzzin' Bistro Jazz Night and Art Show
- May:
 - 12th – Senior High Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
 - 17th – Budget/Proposition Vote and Board Candidate Election
 - 17th – Wrestling Club Chicken BBQ
 - 17th – Senior High Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m.
 - 24th-26th – New York State Grade 8 Science Lab Assessment
 - 25th – FFA Awards Night - 6:30 p.m.
- June
 - 1st – Academic and Athletic Awards Recognition Night – 7:00 p.m.
 - 2nd – Junior High Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m.
 - 6th – New York State Grade 8 Science Assessment
 - 7th – 5th and 6th Grade Band and Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m.
 - 9th-10th – Senior Trip
 - 15th-23rd – Regents Exams
 - 17th – Prom
 - 24th – Graduation Ceremony - 6:30 p.m.

Director Of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

B. Brown reported that 11 math teachers participated in a book study to help rebuild math in the classroom; teachers from 1st grade to High School participated. The final Superintendent Conference day is scheduled for March 18th. March Madness for faculty and staff started on March 2nd where several activities are planned for the month.

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz stated the District finally received 366 Chromebooks which had been on backorder since September 2022 as a result of "chip" shortages. The 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget was presented to the Board; the Budget Committee will be meeting March 10th to discuss further the information that was presented.

Superintendent's Comments: P. McGee reported Wednesday was Read Across America Day where the Elementary students participated in a parade through the school. The Elementary Open House is April 5th at 6:00 p.m. He said that due to the disruption caused by the pandemic and ongoing challenges, New York State was seeking a Federal waiver from the ESSA accountability measures. This waiver was denied. He strongly disagrees with this outcome and will ask students and staff to do the best they can on the New York State assessments.

Consent Agenda: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Minutes

February 17, 2022

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-54, Ck. # 21822-21827, \$5,372.80

Warrant A-56, Ck. # 21828-21885, \$87,933.57

School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-14, Ck. # 200850-200857, \$16,736.51

Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-14, Ck. # 400378-400380, \$6,356.80

Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-7, Ck. # 2634, \$9,493.72

Donation – Bergen Business & Civic Association

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:

Retirement – Music Teacher – Laurence Tallman (Eff. 7/1/22)

Retirement – Social Worker – Maureen Calmes (Eff. 6/30/22)

Retirement – Spanish Teacher – Cathlene Bishop (Eff. 6/30/22)

Resignation – Cleaner – Thomas Davidson (Eff. 2/27/22)

Retirement – Special Education Teacher – Lisa Forsyth (Eff. 6/30/22)

Resignation – LTS – Abigail St. Denis (Eff. 2/18/22)

Approvals:

Substitute Bus Driver – Rodney Bickham (Eff. 7/1/22)

Part-Time Cleaner – Thomas Davidson (Eff. 2/28/22)

2021-2022 Spring Sport Volunteer Recommendation

Softball

Volunteer – Rebekah Ireland

Miscellaneous Matters

None

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE

Case # 3974, # 4796

CPSE

Case # 4705

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

Reports:	Construction Management Team – Capital Project Update Campus Construction and Clark Patterson Lee presented an update on the upcoming Capital Project. They provided a project schedule where they would like to have Phase 1 of the project submitted to SED by May 20, 2022 for a start date of construction in January 2023, and for Phase 2 a SED submission of August 2023 for a start date of construction April 2024. They showed the proposed floor plans and project estimates for the Gymnasium and Natatorium.
Policy Committee Update:	None
Facilities Committee Update:	None
Budget Committee Update:	Meeting scheduled for March 10 th at 4:30 p.m.
Audit Committee Update:	None
SOAR Update:	P. McGee has a meeting scheduled with R. Molisani on March 16 th .
Positive Recognition:	None
Approval – Policy # 3220 – Use of Assistance Animals	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by W. Forsyth to approve Policy # 3220 – Use of Assistance Animals The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.
Approval – Phase 2 Smart Schools Investment Plan Resolution	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips to approve Phase 2 Smart Schools Investment Plan Resolution. BYRON BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION APPROVING PHASE 2 SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN WHEREAS , the Board of Education of the Byron Bergen Central School District was presented a preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan (“SSIP”) pursuant to The Smart Schools Bond Act (the “Act”); and adopted that plan. WHEREAS , the preliminary SSIP was posted on the District’s website for at least 30 days, and the District included an address to which any written comments on the preliminary SSIP should be sent; and WHEREAS , the Board of Education conducted a public hearing, that enabled stakeholders to respond to the preliminary SSIP, for which

adequate notice of the public hearing was provided through local media and the District website for at least two weeks prior to the hearing; and **WHEREAS**, components of the plan have been completed using local funds since that time; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has considered all public comments, completed a final SSIP, and determined that approval of the Revised Final SSIP is in the best interest of the District. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Phase 2 Smart Schools Investment Plan for School Connectivity and High Tech Security Projects totaling \$351,950 be approved.

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 W. Forsyth and seconded by K. Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.