

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, March 13, 2025
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

Tour of the Bus Garage at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order:	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President D. List.
Members Present:	D. List, K. Carlson, H. Ball, L. Forsyth, C. Matthews, L. Smith
Members Absent:	J. Cook
Also Present:	P. McGee, L. Prinz, K. Loftus, R. Stevens, B. Brown, J. Back, P. Hazard, K. Grattan, K. Kaercher, and 7 member of the audience.
President's Report:	<p>D. List congratulated the students and staff who participated in the musical <i>Honk</i> this year, they did a fantastic job. The theme for the GVSBA meeting was uncertainty. D. List and K. Carlson met with BBFA representatives for the "Members Voice" and everything is going very well so they don't plan on meeting until the fall unless something comes up before then. The Board toured the Bus Garage and found that it is in acceptable condition.</p>
Academic Focus:	<p>Jr./Sr. High School – D. Taylor – Benchmarks UPK – 8th Grade</p> <p>This is the fourth year that kindergarten through 5th grade are doing ELA and math benchmarks. This year they added UPK to these benchmark assessments. Also new this year, 6th through 8th grade benchmarks have been created and administered that are similar to the elementary school, they are given for ELA, math, science, and social studies.</p> <p>The purpose of the benchmarks are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universal screener for all students• Identify students in need of intervention or enrichment• Identify areas in the curriculum that may need reteaching• Track cohorts to identify needs and strengths <p>New York State released an Educational Assessment Strategy sheet that says we must collect information from multiple sources to understand our student's learning. We can then use that information to make decisions about how to support their individual learning needs. We use multiple sources of evidence because each type of assessment has a unique purpose and use.</p>
Student Council Report:	None

Principals'
Comments:

K. Loftus reported:

- Benchmarks are complete.
- There was an MTSS data meeting for reading and math.
- Math is this month's focus.
- Read Across America was last week.
- Last Friday was the Glow Dance put on by STEP Boosters.
- Report cards will be sent out soon.

P. Hazard reported:

- Student Council put on a Pot of Gold Food Drive.
- Students compete in Tech Wars next week.
- The 7th/8th Grade Dance is this Friday.
- Pi Day is tomorrow, and a lucky student who can recite the most digits of pi will get to pie Mr. Hazard during lunch.
- Spring sports start next week.
- The Staff vs. Sherriff's game is March 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Director of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

B. Brown said that the musical was so fun to participate in and she thanked all the kids for all their hard work. The final conference day is about wellness. It is annual review time for IEPs and 504s.

Director of
Technology &
Assessment
Comments:

J. Back said April is New York State testing for grades 3-8 for ELA and math. The Regents testing schedule should be finished by Spring Recess. At the end of March an AI Conference is being put on by EduTech in Newark. There is also an upcoming Data Privacy conference in Albany. Also, up for approval is MYPA SAA #50985.0 which allows the purchase of 366 Chromebooks, 30 desktop computers, 20 monitors, 2 ViewSonic Interactive Boards, software subscription licenses, and extended warranty.

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz reported Sean Abate came in from EDS, which was approved at a prior meeting, to train different groups on the new purchasing program. Under New Business there is the Creation of the Additional Senior Building Maintenance Mechanic Position.

Superintendent's
Comments:

P. McGee asked the Board if they were ok with moving the Budget vote to the Sr. High Gym and changing the time to 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. He also talked to the Board about a local family that is gathering supplies for the flood victims of West Virginia. It was agreed that 13.3 of the consent agenda would be tabled until another meeting when more information could be provided on the course.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by C. Matthews and seconded by H. Ball that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Minutes

February 13, 2025

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-49, Ck. # 26259-26260, \$2,619.67
Warrant A-51, Ck. # 26261-26331, \$703,927.51
Warrant A-52, Ck. # 26332, \$19,011.70
Warrant A-54, Ck. # 26333-26374, \$69,480.70
School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-15, Ck. # 201373-201382, \$34,143.89
Warrant C-16, Ck. # 201383-201390, \$8,764.26
Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-12, Ck. # 2889, \$64,624.38
Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-18, Wire # 1828-1831,
Ck. # 301596-301603, \$453,398.87
Warrant TA-19, Wire # 1832-1837,
Ck. # 301604-301614, \$473,473.41

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

Retirement – Math Teacher – Katherine Merritt (Eff. 6/30/25)

Retirement – Spanish Teacher – Jeanne Rivera (Eff. 6/30/25)

Approvals:

2024-2025 Spring Sport Coaches/Advisors

Track and Field

Girls Varsity – Ken Rogoyski

Girls JV – Kelly Lovell

Boys Varsity – Nick Muhlenkamp

Boys JV – David Bateman

Modified – Grace Campbell

Golf

Varsity – Rich Hannan

JV – Roxanne Noeth

Baseball

Varsity – Matt Ellis II

JV – Matt Ellis

Volunteer – Dan Utter

Softball

Varsity – Steve Ball

JV – Jessica Golino-Smith

Modified – Rebekah Ireland

Tennis

Varsity – Jason Blom

Modified – Mike Conine

~~Swimming Program Director – Sara Stockwell (Eff. 3/14/25)~~

Teacher Aide – Kennedy Beverly (Eff. 3/17/25)

Miscellaneous Matters

None

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE cases as presented

CPSE cases as presented

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Reports:	<p>Community Input Into Upcoming Budget – Business Administrator & Superintendent</p> <p>The proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year is 27,899,975. The District is continuing to utilize the transfer to Capital Fund Budgetary Appropriation of \$100,000 for a Capital Outlay project in the 2025-2026 school year. This Capital Outlay will be for repointing and sealing on brick all around the windows in the Junior High Gymnasium. The proposed 2025-2026 tax levy is \$9,572,240 which is a 1.99% tax levy increase. Proposition # 2 is for transportation needs; the purchase of two (2) 70 passenger buses and one (1) 7 passenger minivan for a cost not to exceed \$389,000. There are three (3) open Board of Education seats as of July 1, 2025; Heidi Ball, Kimberly Carlson, and Jeffrey Cook. These are for three (3) year terms from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028. To run for the Board, you must be 18 years of age, reside in the Byron-Bergen School District, and cannot be employed by the School or reside with someone who is also a Board member of the same School board. The Budget hearing is on May 8, 2025 in the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Per law the Budget Vote is on the third Tuesday of May which is May 20, 2025.</p> <p>Transportation Update – Head Bus Driver</p> <p>R. Wilkins talked about being short staffed and how it is affecting routes. Transportation uses the routing software Transfinder to optimize the routes. He also talked about stop-arm cameras on buses and the limited enforceability of them.</p>
Policy Committee Update:	None
Facilities Committee Update:	None
Budget Committee Update:	None
Audit Committee Update:	None
SOAR Update:	Met with Notre Dame to discuss how football went. There were some kinks that need to be worked out but it is what is best for the kids. Both sides will work on better communication. Everyone was very grateful for the partnership and the students showed great sportsmanship.
Positive Recognition:	None

Approval – Policy # 7680 – Independent Educational Evaluations	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by H. Ball to approve Policy # 7680 – Independent Educational Evaluations.</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>
Approval – Intermunicipal Memorandum Of Agreement – Gymnastics	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by C. Matthews and seconded by L. Smith to approve the Intermunicipal Memorandum of Agreement – Gymnastics.</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>
Approval – New Course – STEM Science	<p>The Board tabled this until another meeting. They wanted more information on the course.</p>
Approval – New Course – General Education Work Experience (GEWEP)	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by H. Ball to approve the New Course – General Education Work Experience (GEWEP).</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>
Approval – Creation of Additional Senior Building Maintenance Mechanic Position	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the Creation of the Additional Senior Building Maintenance Mechanic Position.</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>
Approval – 2024-2025 Multi Year Purchasing Agreement (MYPA)	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by C. Matthews and seconded by H. Ball to approve the 2024-2025 Multi Year Purchasing Agreement (MYPA) SAA #50985.0 not to exceed \$185,318.38.</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>
Approval – MOA Between Byron-Bergen Central School And Byron-Bergen Faculty Association – Mentor	<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by L. Forsyth and seconded by H. Ball to approve the MOA between Byron-Bergen Central School and Byron-Bergen Faculty Association – Mentor. There was discussion.</p> <p>The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.</p>

Public Comment: None

Information/Announcements/Reports: Parental Leave of Absence – Mary Hughes (Eff. 4/10/25)

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 C. Matthews and seconded by K. Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.