

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, March 16, 2023
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room
Tour of the Bus Garage at 5:15 p.m.**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, H. Ball, K. Carlson, J. Cook, A. Phillips (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: T. Menzie
- Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, K. Loftus, R. Stevens, A. Grillo, B. Brown, K. Grattan, and 24 members of the audience.
- Executive Session: It was moved by J. VanValkenburg and seconded by H. Ball to enter executive session at 5:26 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 6 Yes, 0 No.
- Return to Public Session: It was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by H. Ball to return to public session at 5:59 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No
- President's Report: D. List thanked Pat for taking the right approach when calling snow days for students. GVSBA now has a Facebook page so please check them out. The tour of the Bus Garage was acceptable. The play this year was phenomenal and the participation of both students and staff was remarkable.
- Academic Focus: Two students from the Sr. High Math League came to talk about their fourth consecutive division win. Students compete at GCC with other schools in our region. There are two sections to the competition:
1. Individual – consists of five tests with three questions
2. Team – one test with ten questions
This year they have twenty students and were able to have an A and a B team to compete. There are seven seniors this year. Jackson Lundfelt achieved the highest overall score for the season. Several students will be going to the State competition on April 22nd in Ithaca.

Student Council Report:	<p>Students from the Elementary Student Council said that the Sharing Hearts, Caring Hearts project that was held in the month of February was a success. Each grade level who had the most hearts was given a celebration party. Each class was given the choice between a pizza party or an ice cream party; every class chose ice cream! The first week of March was celebrated with Reading Across America and Student Council came up with dress up days to match different book titles. For the 100th day of school this year the elementary school collected items to donate to the Gillam Grant Center. At the next assembly, Student Council will be doing a Readers' Theater with the theme of perseverance. The true story of <i>Manjhi Moves a Mountain</i> will be shared about a man in India who spends 22 years hammering and chiseling a path through a mountain to join two communities so that all students could go to school and all people could get well and go to the hospital if they needed.</p>
Principals' Comments:	<p>A. Grillo reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Hairspray</i> was an amazing production. - The next Learning Walk will be a cross between both buildings. - The Alumni Hall of Fame is on March 29th - Student Council is planning another fun day for the spring. <p>K. Loftus reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field trip season is starting. The kindergarten class went to the Genesee Country Museum to learn about the maple season. - The Page Turner competition is next week and will be hosted at Byron-Bergen. - Next Thursday is STEAM Jam and Tech Wars at GCC.
Director of Instructional Services Comments:	<p>B. Brown said that tomorrow is the last of the Superintendent Conference Days for the school year. Annual reviews are underway in the special education department. Several students will qualify for the Seal of Civic Readiness this year. The District is in the beginning stages of working on an IAAP Seal that is an arts based pathway for students to graduate. There will be a half day Summer Learning Program this year but only for students currently in grades 2, 3, and 4.</p>
Business Administrator Comments:	<p>L. Prinz presented the 2023-2024 proposed budget. She went over the projected revenue, expenditures, and proposed tax levy for the 2023-2024 school year. The total proposed spending for 2023-2024 is \$25,972,402 and the allowable tax levy increase is only 0.44%. There are additional propositions on the ballot this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposition # 2 Transportation Needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two (2) mini buses \$155,801 ○ Three (3) seven passenger minivans <u>\$127,620</u> <p style="text-align: right;">\$283,421</p>

- Proposition # 3 Capital Reserve – 2023
- Proposition # 4 Technology & Equipment Reserve – 2023

There are three Board of Education seats open as of July 1, 2023. Two candidates will be appointed for a three-year period and one will be appointed to the vacated seat of William Forsyth for the period of May 17, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The vote will be held May 16, 2023 in the Sr. High Gymnasium from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 9:00 p.m.

Superintendent's
Comments:

P. McGee recognized the PIG students. The musical was excellent; Alyson and Joe did a fantastic job with the students. He let the Board know that he signed a letter that was being sent to Section V sports about the change to the electronic payment method for sectionals. There were issues with internet/cell service so people had problems getting their online tickets. The letter asked that next year there could be both options to purchase tickets, in person and online. They also asked for the prices to be lowered so they are more affordable for families.

Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes

February 16, 2023

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-50, Wire # 99168, \$1,250.00

Warrant A-54, Wire # 99169, \$22,000.00

Warrant A-55, Ck. # 23331-23408, \$104,621.38

Warrant A-56, Ck. # 23329-23330, \$3,430.28

Warrant A-58, Ck. # 23409-23410, \$498.49

Warrant A-59, Ck. # 23411-23460, \$617,412.08

School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-14, Ck. # 201022-201025, \$7,851.41

Warrant C-15, Ck. # 201026-201033, \$23,615.88

Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-13, Ck. # 400465-400471, \$162,577.77

Warrant F-14, Ck. # 400472, \$384.98

Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-9, Ck. # 2661-2662, \$90,556.03

Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-18, Wire # 1589-1593,

Ck. # 301205-301215, \$431,346.52

Warrant TA- 19, Wire # 1594-1597,

Ck. # 301216-301224, \$424,390.07

Monthly Treasurer's Report – January 2023 & February 2023

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

Retirement – Secretary – Nancy Holland (Eff. 6/30/23)

Resignation – Head Bus Driver – James Bridge (Eff. 4/1/23)

Resignation – Secretary – Jessica McAlister (Eff. 3/11/23)

Resignation – IT Operations Analyst I – Andrew Poh (Eff. 3/18/23)

Approvals:

Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Hannah Wagner

Permanent Appointment – Part-Time Cleaner –
Laurie Miller (Eff. 3/18/23)
Permanent Appointment – Cleaner – Noah Wallner (Eff. 3/21/23)
Substitute Bus Driver – Matthias Ellis
Permanent Appointment – Teacher Aide – Collette Dodson (Eff. 3/25/23)
Occasional Driver – Peter Spence
Substitute Teacher Aide – Ashley Yerdon
Additional 2022-2023 Spring Sport Coach/Advisor &
Volunteer Appointments

Softball

JV – Rebecca Velasco
Volunteer – Amy Phillips

Baseball

JV – Matthias Ellis Sr.
Permanent Appointment – Teacher Aide –
Deborah Amador (Eff. 3/25/23)

Miscellaneous Matters

Child of Employee Danielle Carson (Jacob Carson) to Attend BBCS
Tuition Free 2023-2024 School Year
Field Trip – FFA – SUNY Cobleskill – 4/20/23-4/21/23
Field Trip – FFA – State FFA Convention – 5/18/23-5/19/23

CSE Review

CSE cases as presented

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

Reports:	Transportation Report – Transportation Coordinator J. Vindigni went through the process of obtaining a CDL B license and school bus endorsement. This is a very rigorous process and there is required testing and training annually. The Board also took a tour around the facility and buses.
Policy Committee Update:	Met on 3/9/23 and there is a policy up for first reading under New Business.
Facilities Committee Update:	Meeting will be set for May/June 2023.
Budget Committee Update:	Met 3/9/23 at 4:15 p.m.
Audit Committee Update:	None
SOAR Update:	None

Positive Recognition:	Recognition will be given during the Buzzin' Bistro on May 16, 2023.
Approval – First Reading of Policy # 8540 – Home, Hospital, or Institutional Instruction (Homebound Instruction)	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the First Reading of Policy # 8540 – Home, Hospital, or Institutional Instruction (Homebound Instruction). 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 J. VanValkenburg and seconded by H. Ball to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.
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