

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, March 17, 2022
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

Tour of Bus Garage at 5:00 p.m.

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, Y. Ace-Wagoner, K. Carlson (left at 5:54 p.m.), W. Forsyth, T. Menzie, A. Phillips (arrived at 5:27 p.m.), J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: None
- Executive Session: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by K. Carlson to enter executive session at 5:28 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 and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.
- Return to Public Session: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner to return to public session at 5:55 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.
- Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, R. Stevens, A. Grillo, B. Brown, and 19 members of the audience.
- President's Report: D. List welcomed all of families who came out to the Board meeting. She stated that the Board toured the Bus Garage and it was in acceptable condition.
- Academic Focus: None
- Student Council Report: Several students from the Elementary Student Council explained how Byron-Bergen Elementary School was certified as a Kindness Certified School through Kids for Peace. The Elementary Student Council decided to extend the week long Kindness Challenge to a full month. On Valentine's Day, student council members put red hearts on all vehicles in the faculty parking lots.
- Principals' Comments: A. Grillo reported:
- The Professional Development Room was recently updated and school colors were incorporated.

- With the nice weather, physical education classes have been able to go outdoors.
- Spring sports started on Monday.
- March is Women's History Month; everyday in March, a different woman in history is highlighted on the morning announcements. The highlight includes name, accomplishments, and background.
- "Learning with STEAM," the annual Tech Wars returned and was held at GCC. Several students from Byron-Bergen competed in the competition; Caleb Carlson was recognized as the Tech Wars Scholarship Award winner.

B. Brown reported:

- Two teams of eight students from C. Schroth's class also competed in the "Learning with STEAM" Tech Wars at GCC.
- Elementary students are having their own March Madness in a Tournament of Books. They are reading through a book bracket and voting for their favorite book.
- New York State assessments are coming up in the next few weeks.
- Elementary Open House is scheduled for April 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Director Of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

B. Brown reported tomorrow is the last Superintendent's Conference Day; K-12 science teachers will all be collaborating together to work on the new curriculum guidelines. Training will be held on the new Ed Law 2-D. Annual reviews are being held for Special Education.

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz stated that the architect contract will be up for approval at the next meeting. Both the Senate and Assembly endorsed the Governor's State Aid increase of 3% for school budgets. There is a proposal to increase capital outlay project thresholds from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and a proposal to increase money given for UPK programs. By 2035 all vehicles would need to be zero emission.

Superintendent's
Comments:

P. McGee reported Happy St. Patrick's Day and he's hoping for spring to stay. There are three new items for approval under New Business 12.2 Approval of Appointment of Independent Hearing Officer (IHO) – Jeanne Keefe, 12.3 Approval of Impartial Hearing Officer Compensation Rates, and 12.4 Approval of LTS Category II (Grade 6) – Rebecca Kinsey (Eff. 3/21/22).

Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes

March 3, 2022

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-57, Ck. # 21886-21887, \$20,669.76

Warrant A-58, Ck. # 21888-21893, \$11,488.40

Warrant A-60, Ck. # 21894-21940, \$545,946.56
School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-15, Ck. # 200858-200862, \$22,181.79
Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-15, Ck. # 400381-400382, \$754.79
Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-18, Wire # 1473-1477,
Ck. # 300986-300995, \$437,672.87
Warrant TA-19, Wire # 1478-1481,
Ck. # 300996-301003, \$430,670.98

Monthly Treasurer's Report – February 2022

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:

Retirement – Elementary Teacher – Kelly Heilemann (Eff. 6/30/22)

Approvals:

Substitute Teacher (Grades 6-12) – Lindsey Lovett

Cleaner – Noah Wallner (Eff. 3/18/22)

Part-Time Cleaner – Laurie Hopf (Eff. 3/18/22)

2021-2022 Spring Sport Coach/Advisor Recommendation

Track & Field

JV – Lindsey Lovett

Miscellaneous Matters

Field Trip – FFA – NYS FFA Convention, Syracuse, NY –
5/12-14/22

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE

Case # 3271, # 4795

CPSE

Case # 4771, # 4776

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

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| Reports: | Transportation Update – Transportation Coordinator J. Vindigni and J. Bridge toured the Bus Garage with the Board. They discussed the plan proposed by the State for electric buses, the new Federal guidelines for CDL licenses, Transfinder, and Byron-Bergen's current bus fleet, and bus driver/aide shortages. |
| Policy Committee Update: | None |
| Facilities Committee Update: | None |
| Budget Committee Update: | L. Prinz presented the first draft of the 2022-2023 Budget. The Budget Hearing is on May 10 th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium. The Budget Vote is May 17 th from 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Fitness Room. |

Audit Committee
Update: None

SOAR Update: P. McGee met with R. Molisani on March 16th to discuss current SOAR agreements and the possibility of extra-curricular SOAR agreements. A meeting will be scheduled in April/May to discuss these in more depth.

Positive
Recognition: None

Approval –
2022-2023
Instructional
Calendar Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to approve the 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Appointment of
Independent
Hearing Officer
(IHO) – Jeanne
Keefe Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Y. Ace-Wagoner and seconded by A. Phillips to approve the Appointment of Independent Hearing Officer (IHO) – Jeanne Keefe. She was contacted utilizing the New York State Education Department IHO Rotational List and has submitted a Statement of IHO Availability.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Impartial
Hearing
Officer
Compensation
Rates Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to approve the Impartial Hearing Officer Compensation Rates.
A Resolution of the
Byron-Bergen Central School District
Board of Education
March 17, 2022

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, shall compensate Impartial Hearing Officers who have been certified by the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York to serve as Impartial Hearing Officers in accordance with Education Law Section 4404(l) and 8 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 200.1(x), at the following rates for services and expenses:

[1] Certified Impartial Hearing Officers shall be compensated at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100) per hour for time spent in pre-hearing, hearing, and post-hearing activities of researching and writing a decision. The District does not and will not pay for hearing dates which are adjourned or cancelled, regardless of the reason, when the adjournment or cancellation is on two or more business day's notice.

- [2] Certified Impartial Hearing Officers will be reimbursed for reasonable and customary office expenses of photocopying, postage and facsimiles incurred, and for travel time to and from the hearing at the rate of forty (\$40) per hour.
- [3] Automobile travel shall be reimbursed at the then-current per mile rate which is established from time-to-time for travel by District employees and representatives.
- [4] Airline or train travel shall be reimbursed at the actual reasonable costs incurred by the Impartial Hearing Officer.
- [5] The District will reimburse Impartial Hearing Officers for the cost of their lodging up to eighty (\$80) per night with receipt submitted or fifty-five dollars (\$55) per night without receipt submitted for hearing dates that fall on consecutive days.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
LTS Category
II (Gr. 6) –
Rebecca Kinsey
(Eff. 3/21/22)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. VanValkenburg and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner to approve the Long-Term Substitute Category II (Grade 6) – Rebecca Kinsey (Eff. 3/21/22).

Rebecca Kinsey, who is eligible for initial certification in Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6) and Students with Disabilities (Gr. 1 6) (pending) in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the temporary position of (Category II) Long-Term Substitute Elementary Education Teacher (Gr. 6) commencing March 21, 2022 through June 24, 2022 (for M. Wahl). 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.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Public Comment: None

Information/Announcements/Reports:
None

Requests Requiring Board Consideration:

D. List will not be at the April 7th meeting and Y. Ace-Wagoner will act on her behalf.

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 T. Menzie to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.