

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, March 18, 2021
5:00 p.m. – Jr./Sr. High Cafeteria**

- 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 (via Zoom), W. Forsyth, T. Menzie, A. Phillips, J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: None
- Also Present: S. Bischooping, B. Brown, R. Manfreda, P. McGee, B. Meister, L. Prinz (via Zoom), P. Gunio, and 1 member of the audience (via Zoom)
- Draft 2021-2022
Budget Presentation: L. Prinz presented the Draft 2021-2022 Budget Presentation. The numbers on her presentation reflect the financial aid numbers that Governor Cuomo provided in January. We will be putting up 2 proposals, the approval of budget expenditures and school bus purchases (2 – 66 passenger busses, and 1 – 7 passenger van). The Budget hearing will take place on May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium. The Budget Vote will be held on May 18, 2021 from noon to 9:00 p.m. There are two Board of Education seats that will be up for election. There are proposals in the House and the Assembly that would increase the level of fund balance carry over (up to 6-8%). Both Houses propose to increase transportation aid given to schools. With the increased State Aid proposal, S. Bischooping stated that there could be “some strings attached” on how the money needs to be spent.
- President’s Report: D. List received a request from Karen Sapienza-Hall to set up a memorial fund in memory of her daughter Kara Hall. The initial amount of the fund is \$10,500 to be used to purchase a track scoreboard with a plaque stating “in memory of Kara,” and to add a track athlete name every year. She gave the request to S. Bischooping. She thanked everyone on the Board for their participation in the Superintendent Search. They will be meeting on March 23rd and 24th to do the preliminary interviews.
- Principals’
Comments: P. McGee, B. Brown, and B. Meister reported:
- They wanted to express they have gotten a lot of feedback from staff, students, and parents regarding moving 6th grade back to the Jr./Sr. High School. For the past 2 years, the 6th grade has been in the Jr./Sr. High due to space issues in the Elementary School (initially due to Capital Project construction, and then due to COVID social distancing). They intend to maintain the 5/6 Band. In addition, there

will be more extracurricular opportunities and “specials” (e.g., FACS, Technology) for the 6th graders in the Jr./Sr. High School. B. Brown stated the new 6th grade science teacher is working on the IDL curriculum. B. Meister stated that the curriculum benefits (6-8) was a better natural fit.

P. McGee reported:

- The letter regarding students returning to in-school instruction 5 days per week went out this week. Grades 6-8, 11, and 12 are anticipated to return on April 6, 2021, with grades 9 and 10 returning April 19th.
- 80% of these classes have 19 or less students.
- They want to move the Class of 2021 graduation to Friday, June 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. on the soccer field.

B. Meister reported:

- Reported that fully remote students in the Elementary School were 10% in September, 13% in December, and as of March 15th, only 7% of the Elementary students were fully remote.
- March is Music in our Schools Month. They are trying to celebrate what makes each student special.
- Mid-year assessments are being done. They are trying to increase interventions for the youngest learners to help them improve their skills.

B. Brown reported:

- B. Brown and D. Carson are the Wellness Champions for our District. Excellus BC/BS donated \$500 which went towards prizes (e.g., gift cards to spas, Tops, Wegmans, etc.) staff could win during the month of March by participating in several contests promoting health and wellness.

Director of
Instructional Svcs.
Comments:

R. Manfreda reported:

- A ParentSquare survey was done and 86% of those participating were in favor of all students returning to school for full-time in person instruction. There were 14% of those responding stating that they wanted school to continue with the hybrid model.
- NYSED has not issued a waiver for ELA and math assessments. They are discussing it and more information will be forthcoming.
- Currently, the ELA, Living Environment, and Earth Science Regents will be given.

Business Administrator Comments: L. Prinz reported:
- Bus Driver negotiations will be held April 7, 2021.
- The BOE Facilities Committee met last week and discussed moving forward with the RFP. L. Prinz mailed out RFPs to 8 construction management firms.

Academic Focus: None

Student Council Report: None

Superintendent's Comments: S. Bischooping stated that we would be adding item 12.4 to New Business and that there was a Policy Number correction (should be Policy #5635 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms). All staff who wanted the COVID-19 vaccine have at least received the first dose. Completion of the 2nd doses should be complete shortly after spring break. He continues to work with L. Prinz on the budget.

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

Approval of Previous Minutes

February 11, 2021

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-48, Wire # 99142, \$9,595.59
Warrant A-49, Ck. # 20385-20386, \$12,080.00
Warrant A-50, Ck. # 20387-20416, \$529,776.36
Warrant A-52, Ck. # 20417-20420, \$9,424.94
Warrant A-53, Ck. # 20421-20423, \$12,809.09
Warrant A-55, Ck. # 20424-20490, \$139,314.24
School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-14, Ck. # 200659-200670, \$22,729.03
Warrant C-15, Ck. # 200671-200675, \$6,989.39
Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-13, Ck. # 400305-400306, \$167.23
Warrant F-14, Ck. # 400307-400311, \$50,848.17
Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-11, Ck # 2618, \$2,608.50
Warrant H-12, Ck. # 2619, \$3,300.00
Warrant H-13, Ck. # 2620, \$3,300.00
Trust and Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-22, Wire # 1338-1341,
Ck. # 300774-300782, \$384,209.95
Warrant TA-24, Wire # 1342-1347,
Ck. # 300783-300793, \$394,309.24

Personnel Matters

Resignation/Retirement:

Resignation – School Bus Dispatcher – Christine Lang (Eff. 3/5/21)

Retirement – Teacher Aide – Deborah Best (Eff. 6/26/21)

Approvals:

2020-2021 Coach/Advisor Appointments

Volleyball

Varsity – Rene' Vurraro

Varsity Assistant – Madison Farnsworth

JV – Erin Casey

Modified – Gina Gray

Modified #2 (pending numbers) – Mariah LaSpina

Volunteer – Jason Blom

Cheerleading

.5 FTE – Ashley Hill

.5 FTE – Kristie Holler

Track and Field

Girls Varsity – Ken Rogoyski

Varsity Assistant – Ashley Hill

Boys Varsity – Nicholas Muhlenkamp

Varsity Assistant – David Bateman

Modified – Gina Gray

Softball

Varsity – Mariah LaSpina

JV – Jay Wolcott

Modified – Jessica Golino-Smith

Baseball

Varsity – Matthias Ellis

Modified – Chris Chapman

Tennis

Varsity – Jason Blom

Modified – Mike Conine

Golf

Varsity – Rich Hannan

CSE

CSE Recommendations – Case # 2673, # 2730, # 2777, # 2847, # 2907, # 3271, # 3400, # 3414, # 3524, # 3706, # 3892, # 3895, # 3910, # 3973, # 3974, # 4080, # 4212, # 4225

CPSE Recommendations – Case # 4513, # 4648, # 4658

The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

Policy Committee Update: Meeting date needs to be set once more policy recommendations are received.

Facilities Committee Update: Met this week to discuss RFP.

Budget Committee Update: Meeting date to be set up.

Audit Committee Update: None

SOAR Update: None

Positive Recognition: None

Review of Public Input: This item was tabled at the last Board meeting regarding Zoom Board meetings being opened up to public input/comment. We need procedures to follow. S. Bischooping requested R. Manfreda to put the link to the form to request to speak at the Board meeting under the Zoom link on the agenda and webpage.

Approval – Changing Date of Juneteenth Holiday from June 21, 2021 to June 18, 2021 Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, it was moved by Y. Ace-Wagoner and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to approve Changing the Date of the Juneteenth Holiday on the 2020-2021 Instructional Calendar from June 21, 2021 to June 18, 2021. The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – First Reading – Policy #3240 – Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment of The District Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the First Reading of Policy #3240 (Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment of the District) was approved. K. Carlson requested the changes in this policy be outlined for her.

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| Approval – First Reading – Policy #5635 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms | Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the First reading of Policy #5635 (Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms) was approved. |
| Approval – 2021-2022 Instructional Calendar | Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, it was moved by T. Menzie and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to approve the 2021-2022 Instructional Calendar. The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No. |
| Approval – Appointment of Sub Cleaner – William Reinagel | Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips to approve the Appointment of Substitute Cleaner William Reinagel effective March 22, 2021. The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No. |
| Information/ Announcements/ Reports: | Parental Leave of Absence – M. Follaco (eff. May 28, 2021) |
| Requests Requiring Board Consideration: | Possible change for the next packet review. Scott will discuss with D. List and Y. Ace-Wagoner. |
| Review of Next Meeting’s Agenda: | March 29 – April 5, 2021 - Spring Recess (No School) Board Reports – Remove 11.7 April 8, 2021 – Board of Education Meeting (5:00 p.m.) |
| Executive Session | It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to enter executive session at 6:18 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. There will not be any new business transacted after executive session. 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 6:51 p.m. The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No. |

Adjournment: It was moved by J. Van Valkenburg and seconded by T. Menzie to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.