

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Thursday, May 26, 2022  
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

**Top 10 Student Recognition**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, Y. Ace-Wagoner (arrived at 5:33 p.m.), K. Carlson, W. Forsyth (arrived at 5:32 p.m.), A. Phillips, T. Menzie, J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: None
- Executive Session: It was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by K. Carlson to enter executive session at 5:31 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 5 Yes, 0 No.
- Return to Public Session: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to return to public session at 5:58 p.m.  
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.
- Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, R. Stevens, A. Grillo, B. Brown, M. Marcello and 41 members of the audience.
- President’s Report: D. List said this is her favorite time of the year when we get to acknowledge students; she congratulated the spring sports teams, academics, and clubs for all their hard work this year. Last night was the Spring GVSBA Meeting which featured David Little; he spoke about “Save harmless for all? Beyond full funding, what’s next?”. She is looking forward to graduation. She congratulated the incoming Board of Education members and thanked Y. Ace-Wagoner and J. VanValkenburg for their hard work and dedication to the Board. She also thanked the community for a positive vote result.
- Academic Focus: Recognition of Top 10 Students – A. Grillo announced the Top 10 Students of the 2021-2022 school year.
10. Grace Shepard
  9. Alayna Streeter
  8. Sasha Schramm
  7. Kaitlyn Windhauser
  6. Elli Schelemanow
  5. Madison Burke

4. Madelyn Pimm
3. Ella VanValkenburg
2. Brooke Jarkiewicz (Salutatorian)
1. Corden Zimmerman (Valedictorian)

Student Council  
Report:

Elementary and Jr./Sr. High

Elementary School – The Elementary Student Council highlighted the 2021-2022 school year events. Students did the morning announcements every day and had two dress up days (Red Ribbon Week and Holiday Spirit Week). In November, students read stories about being grateful and made a bulletin board of what they were thankful for. Students also collected food for the less fortunate and donated it to the Bergen Presbyterian Church and Community Action Food Pantry. Games and activities were purchased for students to use during their lunch time and rules and guidelines were established. STEP Boosters held a movie night and Student Council members selected three movies for students to choose from; *Luca* was chosen and raffled off at the end of the night. They joined with the nationwide Great Kindness Challenge and challenged every student to do one kind thing each day. Byron-Bergen Elementary School was awarded a Kindness Certified School certificate for all their efforts. Black History Month was celebrated with a visit from musician Herb Smith. Several members presented to the Board throughout the school year. For Teacher Appreciation Day students were asked to write their favorite thing about their teacher and then flowers were made and hung in the hallway with the messages. Rocks were also painted for teachers to use as paper weights. Student Council elections will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> for the next school year.

Jr./Sr. High School – Last Friday the Jr./Sr. High held their first Field Day and it was a huge success. The final spirit week was last week and they had great participation from students. They selected a teacher for the Golden Bee Award and it will be given out at the next faculty meeting. Elections for next year’s Student Council are coming up and students have been hanging flyers throughout the building.

Principals’  
Comments:

A. Grillo reported:

- A staff committee of 20 plus faculty members plus Student Council members discussed the updates for the Code of Conduct.
- The New York State US History Regents Exam was cancelled.
- Final exams start June 15<sup>th</sup>.

B. Brown reported:

- On May 24, author Leslie Youngblood visited the Elementary School.
- Field trips will be in full swing over the next few weeks.
- Kindergarten screening is wrapped up this week and 51 students were screened.

- The Elementary School master schedule is being revised. The new master schedule would be going from a 6 day cycle to a 4 day cycle.

Director Of  
Instructional  
Services  
Comments:

B. Brown stated that the TOSA's, made possible from Federal ARP grant money, are on the Consent Agenda for approval. The final benchmarks will be given in June. The school received several applications for the Coordinator of Student Services which have been narrowed down to four possible candidates.

Business  
Administrator  
Comments:

L. Prinz stated the budget and all of the propositions passed. Both she and P. McGee presented the budget to two of the senior classes and the students asked very good questions. The election inspectors commented on how this year there were more seniors who voted than in previous years. Jon Thompson was awarded the 2022 Rochester Area Transportation Supervisors Association's Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year for Byron-Bergen. The District's 2021-2022 Reserve Plan will be up for approval at the June meeting.

Superintendent's  
Comments:

P. McGee thanked the Board, Budget Committee, L. Prinz, and the community for a successful budget vote. He wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend. There is one new item for approval under New Business 12.1 Appointment of English Teacher (7-12) – Janet Williams (Eff. 9/6/22).

Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes

May 10, 2022

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-74, Ck. # 22128-22131, \$3,266.80

Warrant A-76, Ck. # 22132-22190, \$562,131.23

School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-20, Ck. # 200890-200897, \$20,918.77

Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-20, Ck. # 400402-400406, \$27,035.68

Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-22, Wire # 1491-1494,

Ck. # 301025-301033, \$429,065.13

Warrant TA-23, Wire # 1495-1499,

Ck. # 301034-301044, \$417,441.13

Warrant TA-24, Wire # 1500-1503,

Ck. # 301045-301052, \$427,663.87

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

None

Approvals:

Substitute Teacher – Aiden Flaherty (UPK-12)



Elementary Education Teacher (1-6) – Savannah Vascukynas (Eff. 9/6/22)  
Savannah Vascukynas, who holds Emergency COVID-19 New York State certificates in the Childhood Education (1-6) and Students with Disabilities (1-6) certification areas in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the position of Elementary Education Teacher in the Elementary Education (1-6) tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence on September 6, 2022 and to end at the end of the day on the first day of the school year in September, 2026. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement between the Byron-Bergen Faculty Association (BBFA) and the Board of Education, and will be based upon Step 2 (due to contiguous service as a long-term substitute Elementary Education Teacher (Gr. 3) for the 2021-2022 school year).

Reading Teacher – Katlin Blackburn (Eff. 9/6/22)

Katlin Blackburn, who holds Initial New York State certificates in the Literacy (B-6), Literacy (5-12), Childhood Education (1-6), and Students with Disabilities (1-6) certification areas in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the position of Reading Teacher in the Literacy tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence on September 6, 2022 and to end at the end of the day on the first day of the school year in September, 2026. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement between the Byron-Bergen Faculty Association (BBFA) and the Board of Education, and will be based upon Step 2 of the 2022-2023 BBFA Contract (due to contiguous service as a long-term substitute Elementary Education Teacher (Gr. 3) for the 2021-2022 school year). She has been hired as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Permanent Appointment – Kristina Bird (Eff. 4/26/22)

Permanent Appointment – James Baldwin, Jr. (Eff. 5/27/21)

Miscellaneous Matters

Field Trip – World Languages Department – Spain/Portugal –  
Spring Break 2023

Field Trip – FFA – Camp Oswegatchie – 10/15-17/22

Field Trip – FFA – National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN –  
10/23-30/22

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE

Case # 2993, # 3185, # 3355, # 3587, # 4237, # 4336, # 4739

CPSE

Case # 4787

The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No

Reports: Public Hearing – 2022-2023 Code of Conduct  
 A. Grillo talked about the few changes to the 2022-2023 Code of Conduct specifically Section V. Student Dress Code. Language was changed to make it more gender neutral, appropriate footwear is to be worn in school and on Elementary playground, head coverings are allowed but teachers have the right to have them removed in their classrooms, and students are not to wear winter or heavy coats or blankets during the school day.

Policy Committee Meeting 6/9/22 at 4:00 p.m.  
 Update:

Facilities Meeting 6/15/22 at 5:00 p.m.  
 Committee  
 Update:

Budget Committee  
 Update:

Audit Committee None  
 Update:

SOAR Update:

Positive None  
 Recognition:

Approval – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by  
 English Teacher J. VanValkenburg and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the English  
 (7-12) – Janet Teacher (7-12) – Janet Williams (Eff. 9/6/22).  
 Williams Janet Williams, who holds an Initial New York State certificate in the  
 (Eff. 9/6/22) English Language Arts (7-12) and an Emergency COVID 19 certification in  
 the Students with Disabilities (7-12) certification areas in the public  
 schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the position of English  
 Teacher in the English Language Arts (7-12) tenure area for a  
 probationary period of four (4) years to commence on September 6, 2022  
 and to end at the end of the day on the first day of the school year in  
 September, 2026. The salary during the first year of this appointment  
 will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the  
 collective bargaining agreement between the Byron-Bergen Faculty  
 Association (BBFA) and the Board of Education, and will be based upon  
 Step 1 of the 2022-2023 BBFA Contract. She has been hired as part of the  
 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.  
 The motion passed 7 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

Executive Session: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to re-enter executive session at 7:36 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 be not be any new business transacted after executive session.  
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

Return to Public Session: It was moved by T. Menzie and seconded by W. Forsyth to return to public session at 8:59 p.m.  
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

Adjournment: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.  
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.