

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, September 19, 2024
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

New Employee Reception

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by President D. List.

Members Present: D. List, H. Ball, K. Carlson, J. Cook, L. Forsyth, C. Matthews (left at 7:18 p.m.), L. Smith (arrived at 6:13 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, K. Loftus, R. Stevens, B. Brown, J. Back, P. Hazard, K. Grattan, K. Kaercher, and 8 members of the audience.

Executive Session: It was moved by H. Ball and seconded by K. Carlson to enter executive session at 5:30 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 J. Cook and seconded by C. Matthews all to return to public session at 5:44 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

President's Report: D. List welcomed the new employees and was thankful for a great start to the school year. She attended the GVSBA meeting on Tuesday and they had a great turnout from districts. The resolution packets for the NYSSBA conference have been released; the Board will meet on October 7th to go over the proposed resolutions and how J. Cook will vote on October 10th. She also loved the article that was posted about the capital project and how it tied into local businesses and alumni. The Board also is also working the concession stand on October 2nd and they can either choose the 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. shift.

Academic Focus: None

Student Council Report: None

Principals'
Comments:

K. Loftus reported:

- She and K. Kaercher have had Core Value meetings with all classes.
- Compost assembly was today with Impact Earth.
- Expectations for assemblies were gone over.
- The grand reopening for the library was last week. The library received a makeover this past summer.
- Math and ELA assessment results have been received and will be sent out soon.

P. Hazard reported:

- He has been having fun with the seniors and helping them be creative with their senior parking spots. He thanked R. Caldwell for his help with this as well.
- He and K. Grattan have been holding Town Hall meetings going over the Core Values.
- He and K. Grattan sent out a video to talk about the cell phone policy for students and parents.
- Homecoming is October 7-10 and the dance will be October 5th.
- He started principal lunches again this year and will be having lunch with different students from different grades.
- There will be an all-day Content Leader meeting on September 27th.

Director of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

B. Brown reported the PD team met and received a lot of great feedback and they are using it for the October Superintendent Conference Day Opening Day went well, expectations for staff members were reviewed A half day substitute training was held in August for teacher aides and teachers.

Director of
Technology &
Assessment
Comments:

J. Back said the District was upgraded to Windows 11 which caused a lot of issues and things to "break." She thanked Deb and Daniel for getting most of the issues fixed before the first day of school. A big thank you to Buildings & Grounds for installing the ViewSonic boards, there are even two on carts that are portable for gym classes. There is a District Technology meeting next week. So far this school year there have been 69 new students registered in the district.

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz stated that by now everyone should have received their 2024-2025 school tax bill as they were mailed in August. There is an e-check option for an additional \$1.50. The Audit Committee met and the financial statements will be up for approval for the next meeting. There will be three items on the Corrective Action Plan.

Superintendent's
Comments:

P. McGee stated he has a meeting with Project Adventure about the ropes course. At the October board meeting there will be a Safety Symposium about School Safety. The Scholarship Committee is meeting in October. There was an email sent out the other day from Rural Schools about a Winter Conference that he would like to attend because

there will be a session about the Rockefeller Institute and the Board agreed that he should attend. There are two new additions to New Business: 13.3 Approval of Resignation – Medical Director – Amy Stevens (Eff. 9/16/24) and 13.4 Approval of Permanent Appointment – Head Custodial Worker – Rebecca Montgomery (Eff. 9/20/24).

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

Approval of Minutes

August 22, 2024

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-1, Wire # 99185 \$6,000.00

Warrant A-7, Ck. # 25496-25500, \$4,927.58

Warrant A-9, Ck. # 25501-25504, \$17,755.61

Warrant A-10, Ck. # 25505-25506, \$6,327.92

Warrant A-12, Ck. # 25507-25572, \$826,645.21

Warrant A-13, Ck. # 25573, \$1,000.00

Warrant A-15, Ck. # 25574-25604, \$139,705.36

School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-2, Ck. # 201276-201280, \$45,431.05

Warrant C-3, Ck. # 201281-201283, \$235.68

Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-1, Ck. # 400578-400579, \$230.63

Warrant F-2, Ck. # 400580, \$3,250.00

Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-1, Ck. # 2812-2818, \$102,791.23

Warrant H-2, Ck. # 2819-2824, \$337,539.77

Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-3, Wire # 1762-1765,

Ck. # 301494-301495, \$108,416.87

Warrant TA-4, Wire # 1766-1769,

Ck. # 301496-301497, \$112,982.15

Warrant TA-5, Wire # 1770-1774,

Ck. # 301498, \$115,516.66

Expendable Trust Fund Bills: Warrant TE-1,

Ck. # 500294-500296, \$1,250.00

Monthly Treasurer's Report – July 2024 and August 2024

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

Resignation – Cleaner – Nancy Smith (Eff. 8/30/24)

Approvals:

LTS Category II – Madison Farnsworth (Eff. 8/28/24)

Madison Farnsworth is hereby appointed to the temporary position of (Category II) Long-Term Substitute Elementary School Teacher (5th Grade) commencing August 28, 2024 through January 9, 2025 (for M. Gallo). The salary during 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 1/200th of Step 1. This is not a benefits eligible position.

Summer Hours – Teacher Aides

Robyn Gunther	Karen Langer
Elizabeth Wilson	Michelle Wood
Rebecca Cummings	Kristina Feldman
Ashley Yerdon	

Summer Hours – Jonathan DiCristo

Summer Hours – Nick Muhlenkamp

Occasional Driver for the 2024-2025 School Year – Jeffrey Parnapy

Additional 2024-2025 Mentor Appointments

Nicholas Muhlenkamp	Megan Wahl
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Substitute Teacher – Meredith Lewis

2024-2025 Jr./Sr. High Content Leaders and Coordinator Appointments

Peter Spence – Science

Nicholas Muhlenkamp/Ken Gropp – Social Studies

Kerri Smith – Coordinator Special Education

Diana Walther – ELA

Tiffany Luksch – Math

Sandy Auer/Rozanne Green-Wood – Specials

2024-2025 Jr./Sr. High Extra-Curricular Advisors

Alliance for Equality Club	Nichole Whiteford
Alliance for Equality Club	Heather Painting
Art Club - Jr. High School (6- 8)	Sandy Auer
Art Club - Sr. High School (9-12)	Justine Fritz
Class Advisor - Grade 6	Ken Rogoyski
Class Advisor - Grade 7	Ken Gropp
Class Advisor - Grade 7	Kerri Smith
Class Advisor - Grade 8	Aaron Clark
Class Advisor - Grade 9	Evelyn Hunt
Class Advisor - Grade 10	Briana DelVecchio
Class Advisor - Grade 11	Jessica Golino-Smith
Class Advisor - Grade 11	Amy Knell
Class Advisor - Grade 12	Tiffany Luksch
Class Advisor - Grade 12	Nick Muhlenkamp
Color Guard Advisor	Alyson Tardy
Drama Club (6-12)	Alyson Tardy
Future Farmers of America (FFA)	Jeff Parnapy
Intramural Coach	Ken Rogoyski
Intramural Coach	Jessica Golino-Smith
Intramural Coach	Sara MacKenzie (January-June)
Intramural Coordinator	Ken Rogoyski
Marching Band	Kevin Bleiler
Math League - Jr. High School (7 & 8)	Rebecca Logan
Math League - Sr. High School (9-12)	Jon DiLaura
Mock Trial - Elementary School (K-6)	Ken Rogoyski
Mock Trial - Jr. High School (7/8)	Aaron Clark
Mock Trial - Jr. High School (7/8)	Ken Gropp

Mock Trial - Sr. High School (9-12)	Evelyn Hunt
Mock Trial - Sr. High School (9-12)	Andrew McNeil
National Honor Society - Junior High (7-9)	Ken Gropp
National Honor Society - Junior High (7-9)	Kerri Smith
National Honor Society - Senior High (10-12)	Justine Fritz
National Honor Society - Senior High (10-12)	Laurie Penepent
Outdoor Adventure Club	Peter Spence
PageTurners (9-12) (Advanced Level)	Laurie Penepent
S.A.D.D./Reality Check	Alana Penna
Science Olympiad	Shari Dressler
Science Olympiad	Ken Rogoyski
Science Olympiad	Terry Vick
Singing Silhouettes	Joseph Paris
Ski Club (per person)	Ken Rogoyski
Spanish Club - Jr. High School (7 & 8)	Jeanne Rivera
Spanish Club - Sr. High School (9-12)	Jeanne Rivera
Steppin Up (Builder's Club) - (6-8)	Heather Painting
Steppin Up (Key Club) - (9-12)	Kelly Lovell
Strategic Games - Sr. High School (9-12)	Nick Muhlenkamp
Student Council - Jr./Sr. High School (6-12)	Alana Penna
Student Council - Jr./Sr. High School (6-12)	Sara MacKenzie (January-June)
Talent Show - Jr./Sr. High School (6-12)	Joseph Paris
Technology Club - Jr. High School (6-8)	Chris Wood
TESA/Robotics	Marc Palmer
Varsity Club	Tiffany Luksch
Varsity Club	Nick Muhlenkamp
Yearbook - Jr./Sr. High School (6-12)	Briana DelVecchio
Yearbook - Jr./Sr. High School (6-12)	Tiffany Luksch
Academic Challenge Bowl	Megan Wahl
Academic Challenge Bowl	Ken Rogoyski
Solo Festival - GWMEA	Joseph Paris
Solo Festival - GWMEA	Kevin Bleiler
Solo Festival - NYSSMA - Band	Kevin Bleiler
Solo Festival - NYSSMA - Band (Gr. 5 & 6)	Bob Lancia
Solo Festival - NYSSMA - Chorus	Joseph Paris
Solo Festival - NYSSMA - Chorus (Gr. 5 & 6)	Karen Tischer
All County Band (7 & 8)	Kevin Bleiler
All County Band (9-12)	Kevin Bleiler
All County Chorus (5 & 6)	Karen Tischer
All County Chorus (7 & 8)	Joseph Paris
All County Chorus (9-12)	Joseph Paris
All State - Instrumental	Kevin Bleiler
All State - Vocal	Joseph Paris
Musical Staff	Alyson Tardy
PageTurners (6-8) (Upper Level)	Krissy Bird (September-December)

Permanent Appointment – Secretary – Ashley Orologio (Eff. 9/20/24)
Summer Hours – 6th Grade Orientation

Miscellaneous Matters

Field Trip – FFA – FFA Poultry Evaluation at the Eastern States
Exposition, Springfield, MA – 9/12-15/24

Field Trip – FFA – 2024 NY Youth Agriculture Leadership
Conference, Albany, NY – 11/13-14/24

Field Trip – Cross Country – Vernon Verona High School – 10/11-12/24

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE cases as presented

The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

Policy Committee Update: Met to discuss two policies and they are being rewritten for first readings. One policy may have a first and final reading at the October meeting.

Facilities Committee Update: Meeting to be set in the next month or so. The District is currently in the middle of a Building Conditions Survey.

Budget Committee Update: None

Audit Committee Update: Met earlier to discuss the audited financial statements.

SOAR Update: Will meet in November/December to discuss how the football season went.

Positive Recognition: P. McGee will get a list sent out and will recognize during the holiday season.

Approval – 2024-2025 Electric Bid Results Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by L. Smith and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the 2024-2025 Electric Bid Results and agree to purchase electricity through Energy Coop of America for the period of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025. Energy Enterprises, Inc. recommends Byron-Bergen accept Option 1 and award the purchase of electricity to Energy Coop of America at the indexed adder rate of \$0.01976 per kwh used. The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Contract with
Anastasi Trucking
For 2021 Capital
Project Work on
Bus Parking Lot

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by J. Cook to approve the Contract with Anastasi Trucking for the 2021 Capital Project Work on the Bus Parking Lot.

BID AWARD RESOLUTION
2021 Capital Project – Phase 1 (Remaining Bus Lot)
September 19, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for the furnishing of material and labor necessary for the District’s capital construction project, 2021 Capital Improvement Project Phase 1 (Remaining Bus Lot) which bids were opened publicly on August 27, 2024; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines that the following bidder is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the project identified herein and as per such award in the total contract price:

Contract #/Name	Company	Base Bid	Alternates	Total Proposed Amount
#301 – Site Work	Anastasi Trucking	\$ 550,500	#1 \$ 116,000 #2 \$ 54,250 #3 \$ 6,320 #6 \$ 161,100	\$ 888,170

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the one (1) prime contract to the bidder specified herein for the portions of the capital improvement project as set forth above, for the prices specified and in accordance with the plans and specifications for such public works project, said contracts to be executed by Patrick McGee, Superintendent of Schools, and to provide for the furnishing of the required security for the performance of said contracts (e.g., performance bond and labor and materials payment bond) in the amount of the individual contract prices and in the form specified in the bid documents.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Resignation –
Medical Director –
Amy Stevens
(Eff. 9/16/24)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by L. Forsyth to approve the Resignation – Medical Director – Amy Stevens (Eff. 9/16/24).

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – Permanent Appointment – Head Custodial Worker – Rebecca Montgomery (Eff. 9/20/24) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by L. Forsyth and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the Permanent Appointment – Head Custodial Worker – Rebecca Montgomery (Eff. 9/20/24).
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 L. Smith and seconded by H. Ball to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.