

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, October 8, 2020
5:00 p.m. – Jr./Sr. High Cafeteria**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Y. Ace-Wagoner.
- Members Present: Y. Ace-Wagoner, K. Carlson, W. Forsyth, T. Menzie, A. Phillips, J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: D. List
- Also Present: M. Edwards, L. Prinz, R. Stevens, B. Meister, B. Brown, R. Manfreda (arrived at 5:08 p.m.)
- President's Report: Y. Ace-Wagoner stated she is still filling in for D. List while she is at home healing; thoughts and prayers are with her for a speedy recovery. She said that it is nice to have the sports season up and going and the kids seem to like that they can have some "normalcy." She said school is in full swing now and everyone seems to be getting into a nice routine.
- Principals' Comments: B. Brown reported:
- Faculty and students are settling into the hybrid model and things are running more smoothly now that we are a few weeks in.
 - The five week marking period is coming up.
 - They are working on setting up sign-ups for parent-teacher conferences because this year they will have to be done virtually.
 - Some of the fall sports are back and games have started.
 - The Jr./Sr. High Building Goals are very similar to last year's due to the inability to fully implement/complete the because of COVID-19. They are as follows:
 - o Goal – RTI: By June 2021, we will implement a formalized Response to Intervention (RTI) plan for students in grades 7-12.
 - o Goal – ESSA – ELA and Math: By June 2021, we will increase proficiency of economically disadvantaged 7th and 8th grade students on the NYS Math and ELA assessments by 20%.
 - o Goal – Algebra: By June 2021, 100% of students will take the Algebra 1 common assessments for each unit as evidenced by building results document. Teachers will use a data analysis protocol to determine interventions.

B. Meister reported:

- Things are moving more smoothly now that the new remote learning plan is in place.
- IXL and i-Ready are up and running this week.
- He has already had some parents reach out to him about next semester and the possibility of their kids wanting to come back to in-person learning.
- The Elementary Building Goals are very similar to last year's due to the inability to fully implement/complete them because of COVID-19. They are as follows:

- Goal – RTI: By June 2020, the Elementary School staff and administration will develop and implement a comprehensive Response to Intervention Plan for grades K-6 as evidenced by weekly meetings that result in a data driven written plan and scheduled follow-up meetings for individual students.
- Goal – Common Assessments: By June 2021, 100% of classroom teachers in grades K-2 will administer ELA common assessments for sight words and Power Standards as evidenced by a building-wide results document.
- Goal – ESSA for Reading Growth for SWD: By June 2021, 80% of students with disabilities will increase their reading level by one grade level or reach grade level as measured by Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment from fall to spring.
- Goal – ESSA for Math Achievement for Economically Disadvantaged Students: By June 2021, students who are economically disadvantaged will make one year's growth on the i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment for Math.

Director Of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

B. Manfreda stated that the health screenings that have been done on paper are now going to be done on an app the school purchased called ParentSquare; this will start on Tuesday, October 13th. BEDS day was this week. The goal of the District's special education program is to maximize the academic and functional achievement of all students with disabilities. Many objectives are being put into place to help guide the program's practices such as:

1. To ensure the establishment of procedures to implement the provisions of the Part 200 Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.
2. To maintain the Committee on Preschool Special Education and the Committee on Special Education to ensure the evaluation of students suspected of having a disability, to recommend appropriate educational supports and programs, and to monitor student progress.
3. To provide a free appropriate education in the least restrictive

environment for students with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 or until a high school diploma has been awarded.

4. To ensure that students with disabilities have the opportunity to be involved in and progress in the general education curriculum to the maximum extent appropriate.
5. To provide the resources necessary for the implementation of a continuum of programs and services to meet the academic, social, physical, and management needs of students with disabilities.
6. To ensure the confidentiality of personally identifiable data, Information, or records pertaining to a student with a disability.
7. To ensure that adequate and appropriate space is made available to meet the needs of students with disabilities.

Since 2017, the number of students with disabilities has gone down from 110 to 88. Of the 88 students with disabilities, 51 of them spend at least 80% or more of their day in a regular classroom.

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz stated that the Audit Committee met before the meeting to go over the financial statements and the auditors gave us an unqualified opinion, which means they found no material misstatements. The auditors stated that many schools including us, had significant savings in costs last year due to COVID-19 and as a result they have more Fund Balance and/or reserves than normal. This caused us to be over the 4 percent allowed for the Fund Balance. With the budget cuts from the State possibly being 20% this year, the extra in the Fund Balance may help alleviate some cuts. The refunding is going well and we found out on Tuesday that we got locked into a rate that will save us \$397,000 for the rest of the life of the loan. We are now in the penalty phase of tax collection and even with COVID-19 we are on track with the amount collected last year at this time. The Free & Reduced Meals Application deadline is this month and many people have not refiled them, this could pose an issue come the beginning of the year when the free meals end; the State is talking about rolling over last year's applications which would help us and families who rely on this. Meal numbers are down in the Jr./Sr. High due to the fact of the hybrid learning model and totally virtual day on Wednesday.

Academic Focus:

None

Student Council

None

Superintendent's Comments: M. Edwards stated he has been talking with the Genesee County Health Department about proximity contact for students and staff because our district falls in both Genesee and Monroe counties. Both counties have different views on how they are handling proximity contact which could cause some issues with having people return to school or work. He and Gretchen will be working on a "State of the District" video to keep our community up to date on what is going on in the district in the next week. As of now both, the Regents exams and grades 3-8 testing are still scheduled to take place. He and L. Prinz had a meeting about an update for the Solar Project.

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

Approval of Minutes
September 24, 2020

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-17, Ck. # 19939-19943, \$4,692.58
Warrant A-19, Ck. # 19944-19985, \$96,338.63
School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-5, Ck. # 200603-200606, \$1,792.83

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:

None

Approvals:

Jr./Sr. High Extra-Curricular Recommendations

Terry Vick – Co-Adviser Jr./Sr. High Yearbook

Nick Muhlenkamp/Tiffany Luksch – 12th Grade Adviser

Ashley Hill/Alana Penna – Jr./Sr. High Student Council Adviser

Jeff Parnapy – FFA Adviser

Food Service Department Consultant – Rozanne Klycek (Eff. 10/1/20)

Miscellaneous Matters

None

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE: Case # 2840

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

Policy Committee Update: None

Facilities Committee Update: R. Caldwell, C. Drazan, and J. Benfante will be doing the final tour and walk through on October 22nd at 4:30 p.m. for the Capital Project.

Budget Committee Update: Still waiting to hear back from the financial advisor on a template he is preparing for the District and then a meeting will be set up.

Audit Committee Update: Meeting was at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom in the computer lab.

SOAR Update: None

Positive Recognition: None

Comments from the Audience: None

Information/Announcements/Reports: None

Requests Requiring Board Consideration:

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 A. Phillips and seconded by W. Forsyth to enter executive session at 6:00 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. VanValkenburg and seconded by W. Forsyth to return to public session at 6:52 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Adjournment: It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by J. VanValkenburg to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.