

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Thursday, November 17, 2022  
6:00 p.m. – Professional Development Room  
Tour of Jr./Sr. High School**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:28 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, T. Menzie, K. Carlson, J. Cook, A. Phillips
- Members Absent: H. Ball, W. Forsyth
- Executive Session: It was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by T. Menzie 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.  
The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.
- Return to Public Session: It was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by K. Carlson to return to public session at 5:42 p.m.  
The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.
- Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, C. Stehm, R. Stevens, A. Grillo, B. Brown, K. Grattan, and 23 members of the audience.
- President's Report: D. List stated that the NYSSBA conference was exceptional and the topics discussed were very well presented. She thanked everyone for all their hard work. The tour of the Jr./Sr. High building is acceptable.
- Academic Focus: The Jr. High science team (K. Rogoyski, E. Flint, and T. Vick) presented on Lab-aids, the new curriculum they are using to meet the Next Generation Standards for Science. This is a hands-on approach to learning and can be customizable to fit the lesson plans. Students are taught to work through problems. Two students from K. Rogoyski's class came in to talk about the current unit they are on, weather. Everyday students are asked two questions:  
1. What is the weather like in Bergen?  
2. What is the weather going to be like in Bergen?  
Students use an interactive module to help make their predictions. Equipment is on the roof so students are getting live data to help answer these questions.

Student Council Report: Four members of the Elementary Student Council came to report on the happenings in the Elementary School. Student Council members organized and restocked items for the activity shelves in the cafeteria and a reminder video was sent out to go through the rules and expectations of these items. In October, students participated in Red Ribbon Week and student council members voted on the dress up days. In November, student council members read books to classrooms about being thankful and kind. For their next big project they are working with the Jr./Sr. High Student Council to help collect items for the Holiday Food Drive.

Principals' Comments: A. Grillo/K. Grattan reported:

- The Career Day that was scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed until spring.
- The Winter Sports season has begun.
- The Fall Sports teams won many sectional titles and had a successful season.

C. Stehm reported:

- In the month of November students focused on gratitude.
- Second grade participated in a statewide "Guess Who" game where they had to disguise a turkey and write a short essay about it.

Director of Instructional Services Comments: B. Brown reported curriculum work continues throughout the District. Sixth Grade is focusing on Math and ELA and Global teachers are working on common assessment curriculum documents. The elementary had their first learning walk of the school year and it went great.

Business Administrator Comments: L. Prinz reported the school tax collection period ended, and the school collected over 96% of the taxes due. There were over \$80,000 of payments made by e-checks and credit cards. Budget season is fast approaching, the Budget Committee met earlier to start talking about the 2023-2024 school budget plan.

Superintendent's Comments: P. McGee wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Leadership Genesee will be hosting their orientation in January 2023 at Byron-Bergen. The fall sport teams had a great season and the winter sports are just starting. The musical *Hairspray* is underway with about 50 students participating. In December, a cyber-security audit will be conducted by Edutech. There are several new additions to New Business: 12.3 Approval of Cleaner – Karen Heap (Eff. 11/18/22), 12.4 Approval of Substitute Cleaner – Christina Leister, 12.5 Approval of Incomplete Team – Winter Track at Batavia High School, 12.6 Approval of Elementary School Principal – Kristin Loftus (Eff. 1/3/23), and 12.7 Approval of Substitute Temporary Secretary – Mary Hughes (Eff. 11/21/22). As superintendents, we have identified the three most critical issues facing our rural school districts and school communities. These include:

- Fiscal stability and education funding,

- Teacher and staff shortages, and
- The failure of state leaders to consider the unique issues facing rural school districts.
  - The Genesee Valley region superintendents are deeply concerned about the short- and long-term fiscal stability of our school districts. We are approaching a fiscal cliff with the potential for devastating cuts in programs and services to children and families.
  - For the past two years, our schools have benefitted from an infusion of federal funds. Emergency federal dollars made available through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were directed to schools to help address learning and developmental gaps experienced by children and teens due to interrupted instruction throughout the pandemic. In truth, much of this money was used to help poor districts simply maintain academic interventions and mental-emotional supports that were already in place. Some districts with access to a greater labor pool expanded services. However, for many districts, these basic supports were under threat prior to the pandemic due to inadequate and inequitable state aid to rural school districts.
  - As Albany touts “fully funding Foundation Aid” to the media, the Governor fails to acknowledge that full Foundation Aid is not enough to ensure fiscal stability and the delivery of basic education services in rural schools. Modest 3% increases in Foundation Aid to most rural districts fail to help make ends meet when coupled with escalating costs for fuel, electricity, materials and supplies, contract services, salaries, health insurance, legal fees, retiree benefits, mental health services, security and family resources. These expense increases will far exceed 3% Foundation Aid increases and the limited capacities of rural districts to raise additional funds locally is problematic on many levels. The truth is that Foundation Aid has failed too many rural school communities and an educational calamity approaches with no word on solutions from NYS.

Consent Agenda: It was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by A. Phillips that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Minutes  
October 19, 2022

### Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-22, Ck. # 22752-22811, \$536,563.50  
Warrant A-23, Ck. # 22750-22751, \$1,867.44  
Warrant A-26, Ck. # 22875, (\$2,654.36)  
Warrant A-27, Ck. # 22812-22909, \$719,173.05  
School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-6, Ck. # 200955-200965, \$25,666.32  
Warrant C-7, Ck. # 200966-200976, \$23,813.12  
Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-4, Ck. # 400437-400439, \$24,077.74  
Warrant F-5, Ck. # 400440-400441, \$94.24  
Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-7, Wire # 1544-1548,  
Ck. # 301109-301117, \$451,891.72  
Warrant TA- 9, Wire # 1549-1552,  
Ck. # 301118-301125, \$434,261.48  
Warrant TA-10, Wire # 1553-1557,  
Ck. # 301126-301135, \$439,874.42

Monthly Treasurer's Report – September 2022 and October 2022

### Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

Retirement – Bus Driver – Sonya Durkee (Eff. 6/27/23)  
Resignation – Cleaner – Eric Holderle (Eff. 10/15/22)  
Resignation – Substitute Bus Driver – Rodney Bickham (Eff. 10/18/22)  
Resignation – Secretary – Brittany Kessler (Eff. 11/19/22)

Approvals:

Part-Time Food Service Worker – Jacqueline Cassidy (Eff. 12/1/22)  
Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Kristine Wolcott Klos  
Substitute Food Service Worker – Tammy Taromino  
LTS (Category II) – Hannah Wagner (Eff. 11/28/22)

Additional 2022-2023 Winter Sport Coaches/Advisors and Volunteers

#### Cheerleading

Varsity – Rachel Lambert (.5)  
Kristina Bird (.5)

Volunteer – Amanda Wannike

2022-2023 Curriculum Writing Hours

Ken Rogoyski  
Terry Vick  
Elliott Flint

2022-2023 Special Education Related Service Provider Additional Hours

Jodi Gilbert  
Dianne Crea-Powers

Cleaner – Amy Louis-Stringer (Eff. 11/18/22)

Student Lifeguard – Annabelle Erion (Eff. 11/14/22)

Student Lifeguard – Haylee Gartz (Eff. 11/14/22)

### Miscellaneous Matters

Field Trip – Close Up – Washington D.C. – 3/5/23-3/10/23

Field Trip – Adventure Club – Belize/Costa Rica – Spring Break 2024

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE

Case # 4614, # 4883, # 4891

CPSE

Case # 4811, # 4815, # 4868, # 4881, # 4884

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No

Reports: None

Policy Committee  
Update: None

Facilities  
Committee  
Update: None

Budget Committee  
Update: Met to discuss the 2023-2024 budget proposal.

Audit Committee  
Update: None

SOAR Update: None

Positive  
Recognition: Possible recognition at one of the upcoming winter concerts.

Approval –  
Policy # 1510 –  
Regular Board  
Meetings and  
Rules (Quorum  
and Parliamentary  
Procedure)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by K. Carlson to approve Policy # 1510 – Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure).

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Policy # 7110 –  
Comprehensive  
Student Attendance

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by A. Phillips to approve Policy # 7110 – Comprehensive Student Attendance.

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Policy # 7540 –  
Suicide

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by T. Menzie and seconded by A. Phillips to approve Policy # 7510 – Suicide.

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Change to  
March 2023

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by A. Phillips to approve the Change to the March 2023 Board of Education Meeting Date.

Board of  
Education  
Meeting Date

The Byron-Bergen Board of Education is hereby cancelling the March 23, 2023 meeting. The meeting in March will be rescheduled for March 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., to be held in the Professional Development Room.

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Changes to  
“Schedule A”  
On Reorganization  
Meeting

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by A. Phillips to approve the Changes to “Schedule A” on the Reorganization Meeting.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Revised Schedule A designations be approved effective October 3, 2022 through the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

Schedule A

Officers

School District Clerk

Deputy Board Clerk

District Treasurer

Deputy District Treasurer

Tax Collector

Recommendation by Superintendent

Rebekah Ireland

Rebekah Ireland

Victoria Shallenberger

Lori Prinz

Rachel Stevens

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Cleaner –  
Karen Heap  
(Eff. 11/18/22)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Cook and seconded by T. Menzie to approve Cleaner – Karen Heap (Eff. 11/18/22).

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Substitute  
Cleaner –  
Christina Leister

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by A. Phillips to approve Substitute Cleaner – Christina Leister.

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Incomplete  
Team – Winter  
Track at Batavia  
High School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by K. Carlson to approve the Incomplete Team – Winter Track at Batavia High School.

The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Elementary  
School Principal –  
Kristin Loftus  
(Eff. 1/3/23)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by A. Phillips to approve Elementary School Principal – Kristin Loftus (Eff. 1/3/23).  
Kristin Loftus, who holds an Initial New York State certificate in the School Building Leader certification area in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed to the 12-month, full-time position of Elementary School Principal in the Elementary School Principal tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years to commence on January 3, 2023

and to end on January 3, 2027. The salary during the 2022-23 school year is as presented to the Board of Education. All other terms and conditions of employment are as stated in the Byron-Bergen Administrators and Supervisors Association Agreement.  
The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –  
Substitute  
Temporary  
Secretary –  
Mary Hughes  
(Eff. 11/21/22)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by T. Menzie and seconded by J. Cook to approve Substitute Temporary Secretary – Mary Hughes (Eff. 11/21/22).  
The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.

Public Comment:  
None

Information/Announcements/Reports:  
None

Requests Requiring Board Consideration:  
W. Forsyth will be resigning in December from his position.  
J. VanValkenburg has agreed to take over his position until June 30, 2023.  
Action on this will take place at the next Board of Education meeting.

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 J. Cook and seconded by A. Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.  
The motion passed 5 Yes, 0 No.