

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, December 10, 2020
6:00 p.m. – Jr./Sr. High Cafeteria**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:57 p.m. by D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, Y. Ace-Wagoner, K. Carlson, W. Forsyth, T. Menzie,
J. VanValkenburg
- Members Absent: A. Phillips
- Also Present: M. Edwards, L. Prinz, R. Stevens, P. McGee, B. Brown, B. Meister
R. Manfreda (arrived at 6:01 p.m.), R. Hannan
- President's Report: D. List stated she misses having the students here to report on what they have been up to around the school. She hopes by the end of the school year they will be able to start reporting again. She wished everyone happy holidays and a healthy, better 2021.
- Principals' Comments:
- P. McGee reported:
- Congratulated the Math League on winning their competition. There was a total of 14 teams competing.
 - The Jr./Sr. High Student Council is pairing up with STEP Boosters for their Drive-Thru Winter Wonderland on Thursday, December 17th in the Jr./Sr. High bus loop. They are asking the community to donate a non-perishable food item.
- B. Brown reported:
- The 8th grade class was able to come in all together on Wednesday and have a fun day filled with activities and reconnecting.
 - The Jr./Sr. High is trying something new this year and have created "12 Days before Christmas Break" themed days to keep the spirit alive for faculty and staff.
 - The Jr./Sr. High administrators are still working on connecting with the remote learners and they are about half way through all the students; they will be done by winter recess.
- B. Meister reported:
- There are a lot of emotions running through the Elementary and it is exhausting, but he thanks all the faculty and staff for putting forth their best face. The holiday cheer is alive and well in the Elementary.
 - STEP Boosters could not do Cookies & Milk with Santa this year due to COVID-19 so on December 17th from 6:00 - 7:00 in the Elementary bus

loop they are doing a Drive-Thru Winter Wonderland. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be making an appearance.

- The Elementary is trying to make the transition to remote learning smoother for students who have to be out temporarily. The challenge is making sure Chromebooks get to the students in a timely fashion. Our SRO has been helping to deliver Chromebooks if parents/guardians can't pick them up.

Director Of
Instructional
Services
Comments:

R. Manfreda reported work is being done with the 4th grade team as they are remote for a few weeks. They are still working on getting in consent forms for COVID-19 testing from parents. Special Education is working on a plan to put in place if the school was to go remote to make sure everyone is getting their required services.

Business
Administrator
Comments:

L. Prinz stated the final tax collection report was added to the agenda and someone contested their assessment and won so they were owed a refund of \$327 which changed the total amount collected by that much. The 2021-2022 Budget Calendar was handed out and is based on a normal school year, with a budget vote in May. All the capital project financial reports have been turned over to the financial advisors for the preparation of the final cost report which is due to SED by December 31, 2020 so aid payments will start this school year. The Corrective Action Plan for the auditors' findings is also under New Business; this needs to be approved and filed with the New York State Comptroller's Office.

Academic Focus:

None

Student Council

None

Superintendent's
Comments:

M. Edwards stated there is a rise in COVID-19 numbers in our region and commended the Administration Team for doing a fantastic job and being so flexible with all that is going on with all the changes. The numbers seem to be hitting the adults, not the student population. The Administration Team has been making sure they have a plan in place if and when we have to go remote. There is one new addition to New Business: 12.2 Approval of 2020-2021 Property Tax Collection Report.

Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes
November 19, 2020

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-26, Wire # 99134, \$315,909.00
Warrant A-29, Ck. # 20162-20168, \$7,281.60
Warrant A-31, Ck. # 20169-20213, \$84,026.58
School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-9, Ck. # 200634-200642, \$14,727.35
Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-9, Ck. # 2591-2596, \$108,596.96

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement:
Resignation – Teacher Aide – Debra Pangrazio (Eff. 11/22/20)

Approvals:

Additional 2020-2021 Winter Coach Appointments

Swimming

JV – Erik Fix

Additional 2020-2021 Jr./Sr. High Advisor Recommendations

Jr. High (7/8) Math League – Sara MacKenzie

Jr. High (7/8) Page Turners – Sara MacKenzie

Academic Challenge Bowl – Sara MacKenzie

Miscellaneous Matters

None

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE: Case # 2673, # 2847, # 3435, # 3858, # 3926

CPSE: Case # 4558

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

Reports: Fall Athletic Report – Rich Hannan
R. Hannan stated that the kids who played a fall sport did a great job this season and they handled the many changes very well. They adjusted to the new rules so they were able to play. Girls' soccer and cross-country had a great season; boys' soccer had a rough start but finished strong. All the fall sports teams made Scholar Athletes. This is the second year that Byron-Bergen was awarded with the School of Excellence Award. He stated that the Hall family reached out to him and would like to do something in memory of their daughter Kara who passed away.

Policy Committee Update: Need to set a date for a meeting due to some policies that need to be discussed.

Facilities Committee Update: None

Budget Committee Update: None

Audit Committee Update: None

SOAR Update: None

Positive Recognition: None

Approval – 2019-2020 Corrective Action Plan
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. VanValkenburg and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner to approve the 2019-2020 Corrective Action Plan.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – 2020-2021 Property Tax Collection Report
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to approve the 2020-2021 Property Tax Collection Report.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Comments from the Audience:
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 W. Forsyth and seconded by Y. Ace-Wagoner to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.