

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, December 15, 2022
6:00 p.m. – Elementary Cafetorium**

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President D. List.
- Members Present: D. List, T. Menzie, H. Ball, J. Cook, W. Forsyth, A. Phillips
- Members Absent: K. Carlson
- Also Present: P. McGee, L. Prinz, C. Stehm, R. Stevens, A. Grillo, B. Brown, K. Grattan, K. Kaercher and 41 members of the audience.
- President’s Report: D. List welcomed the students and families and thanked them for coming to the meeting. The GVSBA Legislative Breakfast is January 21, 2023 and will be held in York. T. Menzie and D. List met with Members Voice and everything is going well. D. List thanked C. Stehm for filling in until a new principal was chosen and for helping keep the Elementary going forward.
- Academic Focus: C. Schroth and several of his 5th grade students presented on what they have been working on in IBL (Inquiry-Based Learning). This is the 8th year Craig has been able to do this program for students in grades K-5. Students discussed the Engineering Design Process and then they talked about “Design Thinking” where designing and creating something with the user in mind. They ask themselves questions like:
Does it work well?
Does it meet their needs?
Cost?
- 3D printing allows students to bring their ideas to life, helps improve problem-solving skills, introduces students to prototyping and modeling ideas, introduces concepts of computer-aided design, and builds confidence in STEM fields. Several 5th grade students were selected to make an ornament on the 3D printer for a Board member or administrator. Each student presented their design on the screen and handed out the final product.
- K. Phillips presented that she has been pushing into the Elementary school because BOCES does not currently have an Elementary Education Program. When she goes to the Elementary she helps with ELA stations, crafts, attends and participates in specials and helps with student behaviors. She has also taken on the “Leader Bee” recognition of students. The way the old program ran was students that were chosen would get a pencil and their picture taken. Now, on Fridays, the students who were chosen get to go down to the cafetorium during their specified times to participate in different activities and have chances to win prizes.

Student Council Report: Students from the Jr./Sr. High Student Council handed out Christmas cards to the Board. They partnered with the BBFA to “Fill the Sleigh” and collect non-perishable food items. They also received \$1,700.00 in monetary donations to purchase gift cards to hand out to community members in need. They are working on finalizing a Google form so that students can submit feedback and input to the members of Student Council. To get in the holiday spirit students and staff are participating in the “Nine Days of Christmas.” Plans are in the works for a winter pep rally.

Principals’ Comments: A. Grillo reported:

- Winter Concert season has begun. 5th and 6th grade and 7th and 8th grade had concerts this week. The senior high will perform next Tuesday.
- Zoey Shepard’s drawing was selected for the STOP DWI Poster Contest. Her drawing will be featured on a billboard in Genesee County.
- Benchmark assessments will be given after winter break.
- The Principal Cabinet had their second meeting of the school year last week.

C. Stehm reported:

- The 5th and 6th grade concert was earlier this week and next week the elementary students will be participating in a sing-along.
- Mrs. Gardner’s class did their annual cookie exchange.
- The elementary students also participated in the “Fill the Sleigh” food drive.
- Benchmark assessments will be given after the break.

Director of Instructional Services Comments: B. Brown said that D. Slocum was selected to present on a national panel for Swivl, the camera that is used to help with instructional coaching. D. Taylor spent three days working with all of the elementary school teachers to work on math progressions. Information about the seal of Civic Readiness is available on the schools website under the Students & Families tab.

Business Administrator Comments: L. Prinz provided the 2022-2023 Budget Calendar. Included in New Business, is a refund to a property owner for a missed exemption. A Multi-Year Purchasing Agreement (MYPA) to allow the school to purchase 25 ViewSonic Interactive Boards for instruction. The school received approval for the 2021 Capital Project plans from New York State. Bid packets were prepared and sent out for the bid opening on January 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Four contracts were able to be taken out of the bid process and be awarded separately as the companies are on New York State Contract. This allows the school to contract with them Directly if the Boards authorizes. These four contracts are up for approval under New Business.

Superintendent's
Comments:

P. McGee stated that the Strategic Plan video will be ready for release after the winter break. NYSSBA is taking action to help support a statewide, permanent free school meals for all program. He read a statement on the teacher and staff shortages in New York State and the concern he has with that at Byron-Bergen. This continues to be an issue that New York State fails to address. The shortage of highly qualified job candidates poses a serious threat to our ability to remain academically competitive. This shortage was due in large part to the public relations efforts of the former administration to discredit the teaching profession and public schools in general. In addition, the policies of the former administration unfairly tied teacher evaluation to student performance on statewide exams without regard to schools' geographic region or socio-economic demographics. These influences dissuaded counselors, teachers and parents from encouraging young people to seriously consider the teaching profession. Further complicating the shortage are bureaucratic hurdles to teacher certification, comparatively low salaries, shrinking benefits, costs of college tuition and obstacles to certification reciprocity with other states. With educators and education under attack, a complex education bureaucracy and little hope of prosperity for new teachers, the teacher shortage is no surprise.

Critical support staff, the lifelines of our day-to-day operations, are becoming increasingly scarce. There is a national shortage of school bus drivers that rural schools in New York experience acutely. The process required for earning a CDL in New York is especially cumbersome. Increased student needs and special education services require more teacher aides and assistants. Food service workers can earn more at fast food restaurants. Cleaners, maintenance workers and other staff can do better at big-box stores. There are fewer individuals available to do this important work and local capacities to compete with the private sector will be more challenging in the absence of increased aid to schools. We need some help from our government to help us with these shortages. He thanked both Carol Stehm and Bill Forsyth for all they have done for the school and wished them luck in their future endeavors. There are three additions to New Business: 12.10 Approval of Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Tricia Wolff, 12.11 Approval of Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Megan Frisbee, and 12.12 Approval of Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Cynthia Offermann.

Consent Agenda:

It was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips that the following consent agenda be approved:

Approval of Minutes

November 17, 2022

Financial Matters

General Fund Bills: Warrant A-16, Wire # 99163, \$1,250.00

Warrant A-28, Ck. # 22910, \$1,082.18

Warrant A-29 Wire # 99165, \$244,112.00

Warrant A-31, Ck. # 22911-22963, \$113,051.16
Warrant A-33, Ck. # 22964, \$75.98
Warrant A-35, Ck. # 22965-23006, \$80,115.49
School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-8, Ck. # 200977-200985, \$13,864.81
Warrant C-9, Ck. # 200986-200988, \$4,259.78
Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-6, Ck. # 400442-400444, \$11,233.87
Warrant F-7, Ck. # 400445-400447, \$8,943.00
Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-4, Ck. # 2654-2655, \$176,168.08
Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-11, Wire # 1558-1561,
Ck. # 301136-301144, \$434,059.43
Warrant TA- 12, Wire # 1562-1566,
Ck. # 301145-301155, \$444,333.34

Monthly Treasurer's Report – November 2022

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

Resignation – Cleaner – Amy Louis-Stringer (Eff. 11/30/22)

Resignation – Board of Education Member – William Forsyth (Eff. 1/1/23)

Approvals:

Substitute Teacher Aide (UPK-12) – Danyel Nowatchik

Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Danyel Nowatchik

Substitute Teacher (6-12) – Katherine Werner

Substitute Teacher (6-12) – Thomas Flynn

Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Sarah Bleiler

Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Samantha Ilacqua

Additional Member of Incomplete Team – Winter Track at
Batavia High School

Additional 2022-2023 Winter Sport Volunteers

Volunteers

Zach Hannan – Wrestling

Julianna Amesbury – Girls Basketball

Confidential Secretary – Schools – Probationary –
Rachel Stevens (Eff. 12/16/22)

Secretary – Probationary – Michelle Clare (Eff. 12/16/22)

Secretary – Probationary – Karen Brown (Eff. 12/16/22)

Occasional Driver – Rich Hannan

It is recommended that Richard Hannan be appointed as an occasional driver to drive passengers (utilizing a school van) to and from extracurricular activities sponsored by the school for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, when a Byron-Bergen bus driver is not available.

Substitute Temporary Secretary – Laura Brodie (Eff. 12/5/22)

Miscellaneous Matters

None

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE and CPSE cases as presented

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

Reports: Fall Athletic Report – R. Hannan
 R. Hannan thanked the Board for allowing the athletic trainer from Rochester Regional go from part-time to full-time this school year. Eric makes a huge difference at our school and he has formed great connections with both the coaches and students. Several students from the fall sport teams came to talk about how their season went. Cross-Country hosted GR/LCAA Cross-Country Championships at Byron-Bergen, both the boys and girls won the League Championship for Division 3. At sectionals the boys won their first Section V title since 2005. Girls soccer finished their regular season undefeated at 16-0 and won the GR League title. Boys soccer finished 10-2 in the league and got second place in the GR League. Volleyball had a great season and an overall 93.00 team GPA. Football had a good season and finished 3-5 and was the number 6 seed in the Section V bracket.

Policy Committee Update: None

Facilities Committee Update: None

Budget Committee Update: None

Audit Committee Update: None

SOAR Update: None

Positive Recognition: Will be presented next Tuesday at the Senior High Winter Concert.

Approval – 2022-2023 Property Tax Collection Report
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by J. Cook and seconded by H. Ball to approve the 2022-2023 Property Tax Collection Report.
 The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – 2022-2023 Multi Year Purchasing Agreement (MYPA) – MYPA SAA # 43564
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips to approve the 2022-2023 Multi Year Purchasing Agreement (MYPA) – MYPA SAA # 43564 not to exceed \$89,587.68.
 MYPA SAA # 43564 The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Application for
Corrected Tax
Roll, 9.-1-15.2,
North Bergen Rd,
Bergen, NY 14416

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by A. Phillips to approve the Application for Corrected Tax Roll, 9.-1-15.2, North Bergen Rd, Bergen, NY 14416.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Award of
Contracts and
Processing of
Change Orders
for the 2021
Capital Project

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by T. Menzie and seconded by W. Forsyth to approve the Award of Contracts and Processing of Change Orders for the 2021 Capital Project. **Be It Resolved**, the Byron Bergen Central School District’s Board of Education, after review of bid results and recommendation for award from Campus C.M.G., authorizes the Superintendent, Mr. Patrick McGee, to sign contracts on behalf of the District.

Be It Resolved, the Byron Bergen Central School District’s Board of Education, authorizes the Superintendent, Mr. Patrick McGee, to sign change orders to the contracts on behalf of the District, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, consistent with NYS General Municipal law.

Be It Resolved, the Byron Bergen Central School District’s Board of Education, authorizes the Superintendent, Mr. Patrick McGee, to poll the Board in the case where a change order may exceed \$35,000. The said change order will be addressed at the next regularly scheduled BOE meeting.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Contract with
Elmer W. Davis
Inc. for Roofing
for the 2021
Capital Project

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by H. Ball to approve the Contract with Elmer W. Davis Inc. for Roofing for the 2021 Capital Project.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval –
Contract with
Toth’s Sports
for the
Scoreboard for
the 2021 Capital
Project

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by H. Ball to approve the Contract with Toth’s Sports for the Scoreboard for the 2021 Capital Project.

The motion passed Yes, 0 No.

Approval – Contract with Musco Sports Lighting for the Field Lighting Work for the 2021 Capital Project

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by T. Menzie to approve the Contract with Musco Sports Lighting for the Field Lighting Work for the 2021 Capital Project.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – Contract with Astro Turf Corporation for the Track Resurfacing Work for the 2021 Capital Project

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by W. Forsyth to approve the Contract with Astro Turf Corporation for the Track Resurfacing Work for the 2021 Capital Project.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – Additional 2022-2023 Winter Sport Coaches/Advisors

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by A. Phillips to approve the Additional 2022-2023 Winter Sport Coaches/Advisors.

Modified Basketball
Girls – Jessica Golino-Smith
Boys – Elliott Flint

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Tricia Wolff

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by T. Menzie to approve Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Tricia Wolff.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

Approval – Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Megan Frisbee

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by W. Forsyth and seconded by H. Ball to approve Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Megan Frisbee.

The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No

Approval – Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Cynthia Offermann

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by A. Phillips and seconded by H. Ball to approve Substitute Teacher (UPK-12) – Cynthia Offermann.

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 W. Forsyth and seconded by A. Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.
The motion passed 6 Yes, 0 No.