

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, December 17, 2024
5:30 p.m. – Professional Development Room**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President D. List.

Members Present: D. List, H. Ball, K. Carlson, J. Cook, L. Forsyth, C. Matthews, L. Smith (arrived at 5:53 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, R. Caldwell and 1 member of the audience.

President's Report: D. List said the Al Hawk Awards dinner is this Thursday. She congratulated the girls' soccer team on winning States.

Academic Focus: The Elementary is using Expeditionary Learning (EL) for ELA in grades 2 through 5 which emphasizes project-based, learner-centered instruction. Students learn through "learning expeditions" rather than traditional classroom teaching. The approach focuses on character growth, teamwork, reflection, and literacy connecting academic learning to adventure, service and character development. This allows for more consistent practices and vertical alignment. For each grade level there are three units and four modules.

Student Council Report: None

Principals' Comments:

K. Loftus reported:

- This month's school wide fluency challenge focused on Math.
- This Friday is the Holiday Sing-Along for UPK- Grade 5 in the cafeteria.
- Report cards went out last week.
- Last week was the 5/6 grade band and chorus concert.
- Tomorrow is the Kindergarten concert at 2:00 p.m.

P. Hazard reported:

- Winter concert season is underway in the Jr./Sr. High.
- A pep rally was held for the girls' soccer team before Thanksgiving breaks for winning States.
- ELA benchmarks are complete.
- Howard Behar, retired president of Starbucks, will be speaking, "It's not about the coffee," via zoom with students and staff on January 17th.

Director of Instructional Services Comments:	B. Brown reported that on January 21 st there will be a parent night that will focus on technology in the home, this will be tied in with the 8 th grade parent night. Before the Thanksgiving break teacher aides attended a training. IEP writing and projections for next school year are starting soon.
Director of Technology & Assessment Comments:	J. Back stated that under New Business there is a resolution she is asking the Board to approve that allows New York Education Law 2-d contracting and negotiating easier for school districts. An intermunicipal collaborative was created to improve vendor management, data security, and data privacy for school districts and BOCES statewide and is known as the RIC one Risk Operations Center (ROC). The resolution authorizes the ROC to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors on behalf of our school district.
Business Administrator Comments:	L. Prinz reported that the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar has been finalized and went over some key dates. The Budget Committee met earlier and started to review some budget information for the 2025-2026 school year. The fourth and final FEMA application, which was filed in 2021-2022 has been approved which brings the total reimbursements to the school to be over \$106,000.
Superintendent's Comments:	P. McGee stated that the mandatory Child Abuse Training for the Board will be done at the January meeting. He shared with the Board the Rockefeller Institute State Aid Study and the pros and cons of it. The Governor signed a bill setting maximum temperature for classrooms in New York schools; the range of temperatures where action would have to be taken is between 82-88 degrees. The Legislative Breakfast will be held at Elba on January 18, 2025. There are several additions to New Business: 13.2 Approval of RIC ROC Resolution, 13.3 Approval Substitute School Monitor – Daniel Stevens, 13.4 Approval Substitute Teacher Aide – Bobbie Jo Klycek, 13.5 Approval of Cleaner – Kaidance Kimble (Eff. 12/13/24), and 13.6 Approval of Additional 2024-2025 Winter Sport Coach/Advisor.
Consent Agenda:	<p>It was moved by C. Matthews and seconded by L. Forsyth that the following consent agenda be approved:</p> <p><u>Approval of Minutes</u> November 14, 2024 November 21, 2024</p> <p><u>Financial Matters</u> General Fund Bills: Warrant A-22, Wire # 99189 \$26,000.00 Warrant A-28, Ck. # 25879-25940, \$636,519.40 Warrant A-29, Ck. # 25941-25945, \$6,799.24 Warrant A-30, Wire # 99190, \$340,173.00 Warrant A-32, Ck. # 25946-26016, \$125,093.89</p>

School Lunch Fund Bills: Warrant C-8, Ck. # 201324-201335, \$38,465.76
Warrant C-9, Ck. # 201336-201344, \$17,040.46
Federal Fund Bills: Warrant F-5, Ck. # 400583-400587, \$10,987.35
Warrant F-6, Ck. # 400588, \$4,529.64
Capital Fund Bills: Warrant H-7, Ck. # 2869-2870, \$5,614.75
Trust & Agency Fund Bills: Warrant TA-11, Wire # 1794-1797,
Ck. # 301532-301539, \$456,966.50
Warrant TA-12, Wire # 1798-1803,
Ck. # 301540-301549, \$468,276.04
Warrant TA-13, Wire # 1804-1807
Ck. # 301550-301557, \$522,155.68

Monthly Treasurer's Report – October 2024

Personnel Matters

Resignations/Retirement/Termination:

Resignation –Bus Driver – Rodney Bickham (Eff 12/2/24)

Resignation – Mock Trial Advisor – Evelyn Hunt (Eff. 12/2/24)

Approvals:

Summer Hours – Evelyn Hunt

Substitute Cleaner – Melanie Balduf

Substitute Cleaner – Annie Sheard

Substitute School Monitor – Kaitlyn Zastrocky

Substitute Bus Driver – Rodney Bickham

Substitute Teacher Aide – Lydia Zaffrann

Additional 2024-2025 Jr./Sr. High Extra-Curricular Advisor

Mock Trial – Sr. High School (9-12)

Kelly Lovell

Miscellaneous Matters

None

CSE/CPSE Review

CSE cases as presented

CPSE cases as presented

The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

Reports:

Maintenance Report

The maintenance department is currently still looking for people to fill positons. The cleaning software the department has implemented to determine on a level 3 clean of how many people are needed to clean the school is between 13.5-14.5 people. We currently are at 12.5 people, so we are almost fully staffed in the cleaner department. In the buildings and grounds department there were five employees and today there are only three. Some applications have been received but applicants are not meeting the minimum required experience per Genesee County Civil Service.

Capital Project Final Report

The 2021 Capital Improvement Project is coming to an end. Voters approved the \$17,107,802 project three years ago.

Phase 1 of the project included:

Elementary School Mechanical Room:

- 3 New Boilers/ 2 Pumps
- 2 New Hot Water Tanks

Sitework:

- Soccer Field Replacement/Drainage/Field Lights
- Water Main Expansion/Sanitary Pipe Replacement
- Scoreboards
- Bus Parking Concrete

Natatorium Renovations:

- New Gutter/Lined Main Drain
- Pool Shell Resurface
- Pool Deck Tile Replacement

High School HVAC System Upgrade:

- 7 New Roof Top Units with A/C
- Ductwork and Ceiling Replacement, Corridors/Classrooms

Window Replacement:

- 40 Rooms – 114 Window Openings

Phase 1 closeout with SED was November 1, 2024.

Phase 2 of the project included:

High School Gym:

- New Gym Floor
- New Bleachers
- New Backboards/Scoreboards/Sound System
- New Divider Curtain/Wall Pads

High School Locker Room:

- Full Remodel
- New Team Room
- New Gym Equipment Storage Room
- 2 Coaches Offices
- Single ADA Accessible Bath/Changing Rooms within Locker Rooms
- 2 New Single Bathrooms from the Corridors

Natatorium Mezzanine Equipment:

- 2 New Boilers
- 2 New Hot Water Tanks/Pool Heater
- New Exhaust Systems

Bus Garage Paving:

- Full Depth Parking Lot Reconstruction
- Rework of Drainage/Storm Water Dispersion

Phase 2 closeout with SED was December 15, 2024.

Policy Committee Update:	None
Facilities Committee Update:	None
Budget Committee Update:	Met December 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Audit Committee Update:	None
SOAR Update:	Needed to be rescheduled, new date to come
Positive Recognition:	None
Approval – 2024-2025 Property Tax Collection Report	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by H. Ball to approve the 2024-2025 Property Tax Collection Report. The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.
Approval – RIC ROC Resolution	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by H. Ball and seconded by J. Cook to approve the RIC ROC Resolution. RIC ROC RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the “ROC”);

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, “Ed Law 2d”) related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;"

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Byron-Bergen Central School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Byron-Bergen Central School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.

Approval – Substitute School Monitor – Daniel Stevens	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by L. Forsyth to approve Substitute School Monitor – Daniel Stevens. The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.
Approval – Substitute Teacher Aide – Bobbie Jo Klycek	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by L. Smith and seconded by C. Matthews to approve Substitute Teacher Aide – Bobbie Jo Klycek. The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.
Approval – Cleaner – Kaidance Kimble (Eff. 12/13/24)	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by K. Carlson and seconded by H. Ball to approve Cleaner – Kaidance Kimble (Eff. 12/13/24). The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.
Approval – Additional 2024-2025 Winter Sport Coach/Advisor	Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by L. Forsyth and seconded by H. Ball to approve the Additional 2024-2025 Winter Sport Coach/Advisor: <u>Boys Basketball</u> Modified – Miriam Tardy The motion passed 7 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 C. Matthews and seconded by K. Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.
The motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No.