

Regular Meeting – Board of Education

Monday, April 18, 2016

6 p.m. – Jr-Sr High School Large Group Instruction Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jeremy Putorti, James Brooks, Frank Barber, Amy Austin
Samantha Kingsley, Michael Rocque, Tony Scrimo

ABSENT: Virginia Rivette & Patricia Norton

ALSO PRESENT: William F. Scott, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Jodi Birch, School Business Manager
Mark Doody, Interim Jr-Sr High School Principal
Richard Trowbridge, Elementary Principal
Gregg Chappell, Coordinator of Special Ed. Services

Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by

Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to

Adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for the purpose of

Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

7 yes

The Board returned to public session.

Mr. Putorti announced the candidates that are running for 2 seats on the Board of Education. The voting on the budget and the candidates will take place on May 17, 2016 from noon to 9 p.m. in the Jr-Sr High School LGI.

The candidates are:

Jeremy Putorti, Virginia Rivette, Harold Nicholson, Jr., Joseph Swahn, Jade Martel, Hope Gordon and Anda Stipins-Gang

Mr. Putorti also informed the Board that the District Clerk was presented with 2 petitions that morning for propositions to appear on the upcoming ballot. One will ask the residents to vote on reducing the Board size from 9 members to 7 members. The other petition calls for a proposition to reduce the terms from 5 years to 3 years. The district attorneys have been contacted for an interpretation and on the official verbiage for the ballot.

It was clearly noted by Mr. Putorti and other members of the Board that this was not a Board initiative. After much discussion the majority of the Board indicated that they were surprised by the two petitions as no one had come forth to discuss the idea or reasoning of the proposals. It is also noted that the vast majority of the Board is not in favor of this; however, the propositions must appear on the ballot.

Mr. Robert Hemsing and Mrs. Heather Ernenwein introduced 2 students to speak about the recent trip to Washington DC. The students were excited and highlighted the places they visited and hope that future students will get a chance to experience this trip.

There was a discussion regarding the recognition of retirees. The Board wants express their thanks to retirees for their years of service through some sort of memento, whether it is a plaque, a book or some sort of object reminding them of Whitehall Central School District.

The AASBA Community Service Award Program at the Queensbury Hotel will be held on May 5, 2016. This year's recipient is Beoncia Chaplin.

BOARD & STAFF REPORTS

Moved by James Brooks seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to Approve the bank reconciliations for the General Fund, School Lunch fund, Special Aid Fund, Capital Project fund and the Debt Service Fund
7 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to Approve the bills for payment for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Special Aid Fund & Capital Project Fund
7 yes

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Approve the budget status reports for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Capital Project Fund
7 yes

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to Approve the general fund budget transfers as presented.
7 yes

The Revenue Status report was noted for Informational purposes

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to Approve the extracurricular report.
7 yes

Mrs. Birch presented the Audit Finance Committee report. She explained the proposed budget was going to be in the amount of \$15,354,437.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Anthony Scrimo and Carried unanimously to adopt the proposed annual budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$15,354,437 which equals a 2.06% increase in appropriations and .83% to the tax levy.
7 yes

Mrs. Birch also informed the Board that she sent out bids for independent auditors and that Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel were the lowest bid so we will continue to use their firm.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Frank Barber and carried unanimously to approve the Board of Education minutes of 3/21/2016
7 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Michael Rocque and stopped to accept the CSE minutes.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Michael Rocque and carried unanimously to Rescind the motion regarding the CSE minutes
7 yes

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by Amy Austin and carried unanimously to Table the acceptance of the CSE/CPSE minutes for Further information
7 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to accept The resignation for the purposes of retirement of James Frasier, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds effective May 9, 2016.
7 yes

Moved by Anthony Scrimo, seconded by Frank Barber and carried unanimously to Accept the resignation of Mrs. Deborah Putorti as Head Cook in the Food Service department. Mrs. Putorti Has been with us since 1988. Her effective date of retirement is

June 23, 2016.

7 yes

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement Of April Bigelow, Cleaner. Mrs. Bigelow has been with us Since 1996. Her effective date of retirement is June 30, 2016

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by Frank Barber and carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Alfred Aubin to the position of Groundskeeper Effective 4/19/2016. Mr. Aubin will be compensated at The rate of \$10.00 per hour and the position is effective On an as needed basis from April to October.

7 yes

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Adopt the 2016-2017 school calendar.

7 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to Approve the request for transportation to Truthville Christian Academy the following students.

Daniel Ellis
Mikeala Woodruff
Laurel Douglas
Lydia Douglas
Lindsay Douglas
Abigail Lane

7 yes

Moved by Anthony Scrimo, seconded by Frank Barber and carried unanimously to Appoint Angelo Ross as substitute Cleaner

7 yes

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Approve to re-establish the Elementary and Jr-Sr high School Principal Secretary positions to 12 months. They are currently 11 month positions

7 yes

APPOINTMENTS

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Anthony Scrimo and carried unanimously to
Approve to create a part-time cleaner position effective upon
The retirement of the Assistant Superintendent of Grounds retirement.
7 yes

There were no items for discussion

Mr. Barber asked for updates on probationary teachers and department chairs.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Amy Austin and carried unanimously to
Adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
7 yes

Martha Bascue
School District Clerk