

Regular Meeting (Tuesday, January 10, 2017)

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Approved by the Board of Education on February 1, 2017

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Mr. David Apkarian, Mr. Jack Calareso, Ms. Nicky Foley, Mr. David Koes, Ms. Patricia Lanotte, Ms. Rosemarie Perez Jaquith, Dr. Howard Schlossberg

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Ambreen Aslam, Cassidy Beauchemin

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Dr. Cosimo Tangorra, Jr., Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Lauren Gemmill, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Ms. Carrie Nyc-Chevrier, Director of Business and Finance; Mark Treanor, Director of Student and Staff Support Services

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT: None

ALSO ATTENDING: Matt Leon, Ron Frank, John Rickert, Marie Digirolamo, Ellen Diviero, Laurie Farina, Suzanne Wixom, Casey Horner, Aubrey Salisbury, Jim Aldous, Bill Anders, Bill Wales, Zachary Matson, Jackie Carrese, Shelley Baldwin-Nye, Jeanne Sosnow, Joseph Dicaprio, Eva Jones and other faculty and community members.

1. Call to Order

A. President Perez-Jaquith called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Iroquois Middle School Library.

B. Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Lanotte moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the 1.10.2017 meeting. Mr. Koes seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Students First Presentation - Principal Vicki Wyld introduced Dee Steeley, Iroquois music teacher who presented the compositions of three Iroquois middle school 8th grade students, using Noteflight. This web-based program allows students to learn about music and technology, enabling them to compose music both as a class project and in some cases, for submission to NYSSMA for competition.

D. Student Representative Report - Cassidy Beauchemin and Ambreen Aslam addressed the Board about the new student email system and the NCAP youth behavior survey.

E. Privilege of the Floor - There were no comments from the community.

2. Presentations

A. Middle School Budget Presentation: Iroquois Principal Vicki Wyld, Van Antwerp Principal Luke Rakoczy, and Middle School Assistant Principal Jessica Sanderson presented the Board with information on the middle schools for budget development purposes. Discussion included enrollment and the role of shared Assistant Principal Jessica Sanderson. Increase in enrollment has encouraged the District to examine the possibility of Middle School Flex Zones.

B. Nisky Nutrition Committee - Community Members Ellen Daviero, Kiersten Spain, and Aline Stabler-Gianfagna, along with Director of Food Services Suzanne Wixom and Rosendale Principal Joe Dicaprio updated the Board on the Niskayuna Nutrition Committee. Discussion targeted the nutritional value of current snack selections and suggested "snack swaps" in order to offer choices that would promote better health. Next steps will include a cost comparison on recommended healthy vs. current snacks and a potential survey of elementary families. Members of the Nisky Nutrition Committee requested that a Board member attend meetings if possible as well.

3. Reports and Recommendations**A. Superintendent's Report**

i. Enrollment Projection/Pupil Capacity Study - Dr. Tangorra and Director of Business and Finance Carrie Nyc-Chevrier have met with supervisors or planners from the towns involved in the school district to understand potential enrollment changes. To plan further, Dr. Tangorra shared a particular projection enrollment report and pupil capacity study with the Board. The board discussed the particular study in terms of scope,

accuracy and margin of error, and will communicate with the community once a process is established. The study is meant to help inform future capital projects and program planning in the district. Although

building reconfiguration is not a goal, it may also be considered if necessary to proposed initiatives.

ii. Wisdom Visit - Jeff Wieqian from Widsom Internation Group will be visiting the District on January 24th. The Board is invited to join teacher and staff meetings with Mr. Wieqian during the day.

iii. Strategic Plan - On January 12, 2016, Dr. Tangorra rolled out the Strategic Plan for the District, including the three pillars of Curriculum & Programs; Environment and Culture; and Partnerships. The goals behind each of these pillars were outlined in three generations. The superintendent and Board will meet in a workshop format to look at these goals and objectives, determine which have been met, and review target dates for those that have not. When this framework was put into place, it was expected to be a "living document" with an expectation of reevaluation and reflection. An additional column of information will be added - that of accomplishment. The workshop date will be set for February 4 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room at District Offices. Each subcommittee should review their goals and be ready to update the group.

iv. NCAP Report - Dr. Tangorra and Lauren Gemmill will be meeting with Allison Nunez (Social Worker) and Kristen Sweeter (NCAP) regarding the recent NCAP Needs Assessment Survey results. During a conversation

at the student forum, it was recommended to narrow the focus while considering what may be done to address the identified needs. Although the substance abuse numbers are concerning, of possible greater concern are the mental health issues. Initial focus on those will automatically relate to drug and alcohol issues as well. As a part of addressing concerns, the Environment and Culture group will also be brought into the process. The first goal will concern how to best share the information with the larger school community.

B. Approve Bond Resolution

Mr. Calareso moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopt the attached resolution for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of capital construction in accordance with the attached resolution as per ASM 3B. Mr. Koes seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Transfinder Agreement

Mr. Apkarian moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the attached mutual non-disclosure agreement with Transfinder Corporation as per ASM 3C. Mrs. Foley seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Policy Review

Draft Policy 7110 *Comprehensive Student Attendance* was provided to the Board as a second read. Due to the complexity of this policy, further review is required before recommendation to the Board.

E. Policy Review

Mrs. Foley moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools adopt Policy 7131 *Education of Homeless Children and Youth* for inclusion in the Niskayuna Board of Education Policy Manual, and repeal current Policy 4343 *Education of Homeless Children and Youth* as obsolete. Mr. Koes seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Policy Review

The Board of Education received Policy 7360 *Weapons in the School and the Gun-Free Schools Act* as a first

read.

G. Policy Review

The Board of Education received Policy 6110 *Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel* as a first read.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Apkarian moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Items (B-G) in the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Lanotte seconded. Motion carried 7-0 .

B. . . . **approve the amended minutes** from the November 15, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

C. . . . **approve the minutes** from the December 13, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

D. . . . **approve the actions of the CSE, CPSE and 504 committees** per ASM 4D.

E. . . . **approve the Regular Personnel Actions with additions** per ASM 4E dated January 10, 2016.

	a. Instructional – Leave of Absence – Unpaid		
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	DeSimony, Amber	Eng/NHS	2017-2018 school year
	Seymour, Eteannette	ENL/GLE	approx. 5/1/17 - 6/23/17
	MacNaughton, Katie	FACS/IRO	1/20/17 - 6/23/17
	b. Instructional - Adjustment		
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
<u>Date</u>	Panza, Kate	Sped /ROS from .2 FTE to .4 FTE	1/10/17
	c. Instructional - Appointment -Temporary		
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>Salary</u>	O'Dea, Margaret	Teaching Assistant/ROS,29.2 hrs/wk	11/29/16 - 6/23/17
\$14.61/hour			
	d. Non-Instructional - Appointment - Probationary		
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>Salary</u>	Cary, Neil	Sr. Groundworker, 40 hours/week/District	12/8/16
\$42,610.00			
	e. Non-Instructional - Appointment -Temporary		
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	Chillrud, Jean	Clerical Assistant/ROS, 20 hrs/wk
\$10.58/hour			9/27/16 - 6/23/17
		Rush, Katrine	Educational Assistant/ROS, 29.5 hrs/wk
\$13.97/hour			9/27/16 - 6/23/17
	f. Non-Instructional - Adjustment - Adjustment		
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>

Rush, Katrine	Clerical Assistant/ROS, Leave of absence	9/27/16 - 6/23/17
Brzac, Loretta	School Nurse/HIL, 35 hours/week	1/3/17

g. Non-Instructional - Appointment - Provisional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<u>Salary</u> \$16.92/hour	Kollias, Chris	Security Monitor/25 hrs/week, 10 mos. 1/17/17

h. Coaches - Fall 2017

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Grastorf, Brian	Varsity Head Football	\$5,386

i. Appointment of Approved Staff - These staff have received fingerprint clearance from SED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Banks, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Bartholomew, Andee	Substitute Teacher
Bisht, Seema	Substitute Teacher
Boone, Robin	Substitute Teacher
Colon Barbara	Substitute Teacher
Dalrymple, Lori	Substitute Teacher
Dehaarte, Kevin	Substitute Teacher
Fournier, Erika	Substitute Teacher
Hughson, Tara	Substitute Teacher
Lavelle, Elisabeth	Substitute Teacher
Lieberman, Jill	Substitute Teacher
Tew, Jeffrey	Substitute Teacher
Vendetti, Jennifer	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Delano, Jacob	Substitute Food Service Helper, Cleaner
Oshinloye, Oladipo Daniel	Substitute School Bus Driver
Moran, Francine	Substitute Teacher
Davis, Shaquella	Substitute School Bus Driver
Girardi, Frank	Substitute CA, EA, S/CA
Zarrelli, Sarah	NCAP employee

j. Resignation - Non-Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bohlke, Ralph	School Bus Driver/TRANS	1/1/17
Edwards, Jr., Jaimz	Head School Bus Driver/Driver Trainer	1/6/17

F. . . . **approve the contract with PowerSchool LLC** for Student Registration software as per ASM 4F.

G. . . . **accept the Monthly Enrollment Report**

5. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

6. Board Forum

There was no President's of Board member report.

7. Executive Session**A. Convene to Executive Session**

Mrs. Lanotte moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to discuss specific legal and personnel issues. Mr. Apkarian seconded. Motion

carried 7-0.

B. Reconvene in Open Session

Mrs. Lanotte moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, reconvene to Public Session. Mr. Apkarian seconded.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Koes moved that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:47. Mr. Apkarian seconded. Motion carried 7-0.