

School Board Meeting Notes

April 19, 2022

RECOGNITION

The Board and Dr. Brown-Hall recognized Dodge Elementary School – Kindness Challenge and Heim Elementary School – R.I.S.E. Program as the spotlight schools. Other members of the Board acknowledged and commended the high school musical performances, spirit week in all three high schools, student driven initiatives, mentoring programs, the Painted Bird performance, and wished Happy New Year to the Southeast Asian community.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

No one addressed the Board during public expression.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

President's Report, District Facilities and Support Services, and Other:

- Held the Code of Conduct Review and Forum – No one addressed the Board at that time.
- Approved consent agenda items for personnel - certified and classified staff, business reports, donations, bid awards, special needs and student activities reports.
- Approved the minutes from the March 8th and 22nd Board Meetings.
- Reviewed upcoming ECASB and NYSBBA meeting dates, Board Retreat, After School with Staff, School/Building visits and other information.
- Policy Review: Approved addition to policy #3281 to include Girls Scouts and approved committee members for the 4000 policy committee.
- Reviewed the draft Board of Education meeting calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved and authorized the District Clerk to hire election personnel to facilitate the Annual District Vote which will be held on May 17, 2022.
- Reviewed the candidate selection, completed by a lottery draw earlier in the day, and information - 1A Stuart Bulan, 2A Teresa Anne Leatherbarrow, 3A Matthew Riggi, 4A Christina Bleckinger, 5A Jessica Foscolo
- Reviewed the Annual District Vote information - The Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election will take place on Tuesday, May 17 from 7:00 AM-9:00 PM at Williamsville North HS, 1595 Hopkins Rd. The ballot will include the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget (Proposition No. 1); 2022 Capital Reserve Fund Proposition (No. 2); School Building Air Conditioning Bond Resolution Proposition (No. 3); and the School Board Election Proposition (No. 4).
- Reviewed the ballot application information for absentee voters. Voters who will be voting absentee, please contact the District Clerk, Lynn Carey at 716.626.8092 and/or LCarey@williamsvillek12.org for the application for an absentee ballot. (If emailing – please include "Application" in the subject line.)
- Resolved and approved the Erie 1 BOCES administrative budget for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$3,746,643.
- Resolved to cast votes for two candidates for the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education: Mr. Eric Borenstein and Mr. Mark Mecca from the Williamsville Central School District.
- Under Liaison Reports – Mrs. Kaczmarek-Bogner noted availability of Chromebooks from school libraries has been a topic of discussion at recent PTA/PTSA meetings. Dr. Brown-Hall acknowledged the request for awareness and will include the option for use of Chromebooks in the weekly community update.

Superintendent's Community Update:

Dr. Brown-Hall updated the community regarding the proposed budget, the Air Conditioning 2022 Capital Project, Board of Education Elections, Strategic Planning, Qrishing and Cyber Security, technology integration, regents exams, PTA/PTSA involvement, and the Superintendent's Inter-High Advisory Council.

- The Board received the annual report with information regarding the status of the District's informational technology program that supports instruction which included a summary of information pertaining to infrastructure, student/staff device deployment, New York State Education Department three-year technology plan, and ongoing initiatives. The Board also received the informational report regarding Federal COVID-19 related grants.

In other business, the Board:

- Under Finance, approved and adopted the proposed 2022-2023 Budget for the Budget Vote, the Budget Notice and Property Tax Report card.
- Approved the Internal Audit Risk Assessment Report and the integrated District correction action plan.
- Resolved and approved the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement for Jewish Affordable Senior Housing Project at 275 Essjay Road in the Town of Amherst.
- Under Personnel – approved Home Instructors pay rate increase and funding for the negotiated agreement between the Superintendent and the Williamsville Coordinators' Association, the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Management Services and the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

- Under District Facilities and Support Services, received information regarding the Security Improvement and Infrastructure Capital Project which included roof work and security vestibule and main office renovation. The work will continue through the summer with the projected completion date being the end of August 2022.

The Board accepted the resignations for the purpose of retirement from the following employees; **Jane Lorenz**, Transit MS, Teacher, effective October 10, 2022, after 32 years of service; **Judith Castine**, Transit MS, Teacher Aide, effective June 24, 2022, after 20 years of service; **Ronald Evans**, South HS, Laborer, effective July 29, 2022, after 30 years of service; **Marybeth Guenter**, Dodge ES, Laborer, effective July 15, 2022, after 31 years of service; **Diane Pecoraro**, Casey MS, Teacher Aide, effective June 23, 2022, after 23 years of service; **Kelly Simmons**, Transit MS, Teacher Aide, effective June 23, 2022, after 29 years of service; and **Gail Sterling**, Country Parkway ES, effective June 23, 2022, after 34 years of service.

Committee of the Whole: Mrs. Bieger requested the District look into the new development and housing projects throughout the District and review possible impact on future enrollment. Dr. Brown-Hall responded the District requested updated information from the Town of Amherst and from other resources for a more accurate future enrollment picture.

Board of Education Meeting Information

LCTV Channel 1302 will televise the Board of Education meetings on Saturday 9:00 AM, Sunday 1:00 PM, Tuesday 1:00 PM, Thursday 9:00 AM, and Friday 5:00 PM, following the Tuesday night meeting, and on-demand at www.lctv.net. Meeting videos are available to view online the day following the public meeting on the BoardDocs webpage and on the WCSD YouTube Channel.

Upcoming Meetings

Special Board Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM Special Board Meeting and Budget Hearing

Annual District Vote

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 North High School Gymnasium 7:00 AM-9:00 PM

Your Vote Counts!

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Annual District Vote and School Board Election



On The Ballot:

- #1 - 2022-2023 Proposed Budget**
- #2 - Capital Reserve Fund Proposition**
- #3 - Bond Proposition**
- #4 - Vote for Any Three Board Members**
 - 1A Stuart Bulan**
 - 2A Teresa Anne Leatherbarrow(i)**
 - 3A Matthew Riggi**
 - 4A Christina Bleckinger**
 - 5A Jessica Foscolo**

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM Regular Board Meeting

Organizational Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 2022 - Organizational Meeting for 2022-2023