

School Board Meeting Notes

January 11, 2022

RECOGNITION

The Board and Dr. Brown-Hall recognized South HS as the spotlight school. Other members of the Board acknowledged all those involved with the COVID test distribution on Sunday, January 2nd.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

A parent approached the Board with comments regarding appreciation to WCSD, particularly faculty and staff for following CDC guidelines and thanked them for going above and beyond meeting students' needs.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

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

- The Board reviewed the report presented by the District Shared Decision-Making Team and approved the Biennial Review and Plan for Participation.
- Approved consent agenda items for personnel-certified and classified staff, special needs and student activities reports, business reports, donations, grants, and bid awards.
- The Board discussed postponing the *Conversations With Staff* on January 27, 2022 and will reschedule.
- Approved the minutes from the December 14, 2021 Regular Board meeting.
- Mrs. Leatherbarrow will be attending the Erie county Association of School Boards (ECASB) advocacy training event on January 29, 2022. The Rick Timbs Forum on February 3, 2022 will be attended by Dr. McClary, Dr. Singh, and Mrs. Leatherbarrow.
- The Board discussed the details of the retreat for 2022.
- The Board reviewed the District goals and implementation plans and measures for 2021-2022.
- There was an update regarding diversity, inclusion and equity efforts in the District.
- The Board took from the table the resolution determining open enrollment schools and approved Dodge ES, Forest ES, Casey MS, East HS, North HS, and South HS as open enrollment schools.
- Policy committee meetings were discussed and several policies from the 1000 series meetings had the second reading and were adopted. Several more policies had the first reading; the second reading and adoption will be at the February 8, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

Superintendent's Community Update:

Dr. Brown-Hall updated the community regarding quarantine and isolation, test to stay, at-home test kit distribution, strategic planning, diversity equity, and inclusion (DEI), district goals, athletics and music, NYSED graduation measures, proposed budget and Board of Education elections.

In other business, the Board:

- Under Finance, the Board reviewed the 2022-2023 Budget Development-January Program Continuation Report and Supplemental Budget Information.
- Approved the District's Medicaid Compliance Program.
- Approved tax settlements and transfer amounts for two properties in the District.
- Approved architect contract applicable to the District-wide school building air conditioning capital project, the second capital project bid package related to the district-wide security improvement project, and the change order for North HS auditorium spotlight relocation.
- Adopted and approved the repair reserve funding as presented.
- Correspondence was received regarding academic and social emotional supports when students miss school due to COVID and COVID protocols.

The Board accepted the resignations for the purpose of retirement from the following employees:

Thomas Bird, District Office-Instruction, Instructional Specialist, effective July 16, 2022, after 17 years of service;
Gail Militello, District Office-Instruction, Instructional Specialist, effective July 6, 2022, after 23 years of service;
Michael Russo, District Office-Instruction, Instructional Specialist, effective July 20, 2022, after 31 years of service;
Susan Campanella, North HS, Nurse, effective April 22, 2022, after 11 years of service;
Nancy Key, Transit MS, Cleaner, effective January 19, 2022, after 4 years of service; and
Dorinda Sonnefeld, North HS, Cook Manager, effective December 31, 2021, after 2 years of service.

Board of Education Meeting Information

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Upcoming Tuesday Board Meetings

Regular Board Meeting – February 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM
 Regular Board Meeting-Repair Reserve Hearing-Budget Forum - March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM