

School Board Meeting Notes

March 14, 2023

RECOGNITION

The Board and Dr. Brown-Hall recognized Heim Middle-Positivity Project, Gretchen Dolan-South HS Basketball, and Cam Catrabone-North HS Wrestling. Other members of the Board acknowledged Saheb Sarkar, student at Mill MS-won the Regional Spelling Bee to advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and all students and staff for the High School Musical productions.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Parents and community members approached the Board with comments regarding curriculum, words in memory of Board Member Leatherbarrow, communication, and board vacancy.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

President's Report and Notices:

- Approval of Board resignation and amendment for the vacant Board seat to remain vacant until the May 16, 2023 Annual Vote.
- Approved consent agenda items for personnel-certified and classified staff, business reports, donations, grants, bid award, sale and disposal of obsolete District property, and special needs and student activities reports.
- Approved the minutes from the February 7, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.
- Reviewed upcoming dates for community forum, Board retreat, WCSD Faculty and Staff-Conversations with the Board and Superintendent, building visits, ECASB and NYSBBA meetings and other information.
- Approved the Fire Departments in the Town of Amherst tax exemption assessment.
- The District Clerk reviewed information regarding Board candidate packets and voter information for the May 16th Annual Vote.
- ECASB will be hosting Prospective School Board Member Workshop on March 25, 2023 at Erie 1 BOCES from 8:00-10:30 AM.
- Approved nominations for the Erie 1 BOCES Annual Meeting and Vote on April 18, 2023.
- Approved the date, time, place, and resolutions of public notices, for the May 16, 2023 Annual District Vote.

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

Cynthia Delamere, Transit MS, for 19 years of service; and **Debra Heim**, Transit MS, for 22 years of service.

Superintendent's Community Update:

Dr. Brown-Hall updated the community regarding Board of Education elections, logo vote and rebranding cost, speaker series, January 2023 data update-student achievement presentation, after-school buses, Women's History Month, postponed-game day with APD, community forum, and the draft DEI plan.

- Approved and adopted the 2023-2024 Student Calendar.
- Reviewed the extension of the District Safety Plan comment period.
- Second reading and adoption of policies: #1510 Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure), #5220 District Investments, #5250 Sale and Disposal of School District Property, Retire #5260 Corporate Sponsorships, #5530 Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings, #5550 Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (Title I Programs), #5551 Allocation of Title I, Part A Funds in the District, #5570 Financial Accountability, #5572 District Audit Committee, and #8290 Community Service Component of the Participatory Government Course.

Finance and District Facilities and Support Services:

- Approved and authorized budget transfer of funds between accounts.
- Reviewed the third report on the 2023-2024 Budget Development.
- Held a Budget Work Session and Public Forum - No one addressed the Board at this time.
- Reviewed information regarding the issuance of a request for proposal for school bus transportation.

Personnel:

- Approved the employment contract for the Executive Director of Public Relations.

Correspondence:

- Correspondence was received regarding – WCSD Logo, WCSD Library Books, Exchange Student Program, Busing Policy, DEI.

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 Budget Work Session and Tuesday Board Meeting

Budget Work Session - March 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM (after Budget Work Session – Community Forum, Casey MS Library)
Regular Board Meeting - April 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM