

School Board Meeting Notes

March 8, 2022

RECOGNITION

The Board and Dr. Brown-Hall recognized Forest Elementary School as the spotlight school. Other members of the Board acknowledged Ed Greenway for receiving the John Faller Memorial Award, for positively impacting youth lacrosse in Western New York, and the High School Musical performances.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Principal Smilinich, on behalf of the Williamsville Administrators Association, approached the Board and Dr. Brown-Hall with appreciation regarding the fair process with contract negotiations.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

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

- 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 February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.
- Community Forum will be held in-person at District Office on March 22nd, after the Budget Work Session Meeting.
- Reviewed upcoming ECASB and NYSBBA meeting dates and other information.
- ECASB will be hosting a Prospective School Board Member Workshop on March 26, 2022 at Erie 1 BOCES from 8:00-10:30 AM.
- Adopted date, time, place, and approved resolutions for the 2022 Annual District Vote and authorized public notices. 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).
- Candidate packets are available at the District Office, online at www.williamsvillek12.org, and on the BoardDocs featured page <https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/williams/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>.
- Nominated two candidates for the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education: Mr. Eric Borenstein and Mr. Mark Mecca from the Williamsville Central School District. Three seats are open on the Erie 1 Board. The E1B annual meeting is April 13th and all 19 component school districts will vote on the budget and board candidates on Tuesday, April 19th.
- Approved repair reserve bids and the amended State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) resolution for the 2022 Elementary School Air Conditioning Capital Project.

Superintendent's Community Update:

Dr. Brown-Hall updated the community regarding the mask mandate, NYSDOH guidance, at-home test kit distribution, volunteering, BOE elections, community forum, Sabres portraits, virtual art show, and the Williamsville Education Foundation.

- The Board adopted the 2022-2023 Student Calendar. The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Wednesday October 5th is designated as a Fall Recess Day. The winter recess runs one week, from December 26, 2022 through January 2, 2023 with students returning to class Tuesday, January 3, 2023. The mid-winter recess is aligned with Presidents' Day, February 20-24, 2023 and the spring recess is scheduled from April 3-10, 2023. The last student day will be June 22, 2023. The adopted 2022-2023 calendar is available on the District website at www.williamsvillek12.org.

In other business, the Board:

- Appointed Heidie Buffomante, as principal and Katherine Wendling, as assistant principal of the Elementary/Middle summer school programs. The Elementary/Middle summer school programs will be at Transit Middle School.
- Appointed at the February Board meeting was Courtney Charleson-Smith, as the high school summer school principal and Nicholas Suchyna, as the assistant high school principal. The summer school program for high school will be at East High School.
- Approved the tenure recommendation for Danielle Sunshine, Teacher at Maple East ES.
- Approved budget transfers and property tax settlement and transfer amounts from tax reserves.
- Under Curriculum – reviewed the Student Achievement Outcomes Presentation.
- Under Personnel – approved funding for the negotiated agreement between the Superintendent and the Williamsville Supervisors' and Computer Technicians' Association and the Williamsville Administrators' Association.
- Under Finance, the Board approved the budget transfers, property tax settlement and transfer amount, and the Erie 1 BOCES installment purchase agreement for phone equipment.
- Reviewed the 2022-2023 Budget Development Preliminary Budget Presentation information.
- Held the Budget Work Session and Public Forum – No one addressed the Board at that time.

The Board accepted the resignations for the purpose of retirement from the following employees, effective July 1, 2022: **Mary Bennett**, Mill MS Science Teacher, after 30 years of service; **John Burns**, North HS Social Studies Teacher, after 29 years of service; **Susan Butenschoen**, Heim ES Elementary Teacher, after 37 years of service; **Holly Cannon**, Casey MS Social Studies Teacher, after 29 years of service; **Debra Carlin**, Country Parkway ES Elementary Teacher, after 17 years of service; **Jill Dolan**, Transit MS Elementary Teacher, after 32 years of service; **Laura Ferguson**, Dodge ES Elementary Teacher, after 32 years of service; **Diana Grande**, Casey MS Special Education Teacher, after 34 years of service; **Thomas Harsch**, East HS Technology Teacher, after 27 years of service; **Beverly Heinen**, Heim ES Elementary Teacher, after 29 years of service; **Patricia Johnston**, Maple East ES Elementary Teacher, after 21 years of service; **Andrea La Vere**, Mill MS Elementary Teacher, after 19 years of service; **Rachael Lucas**, Transit MS Special Education Teacher, after 29 years of service; **Maureen McGloin**, Heim ES Elementary Teacher, after 35 years of service; **Katherine Meyer**, Maple West ES Elementary Teacher, after 21 years of service; **Patrick Murray**, Transit MS Technology Teacher, after 32 years of service; **Marie Nogowski**, Mill MS Elementary Teacher, after 31 years of service; **Paul Nogowski**, East HS Social Studies Teacher, after 28 years of service; **Nancy Reeds**, Heim ES Elementary Teacher, after 37 years of service; **Karen Reichert**, Mill MS Elementary Teacher, after 32 years of service; **Karen Ryan**, Mill MS Elementary Teacher, after 15 years of service; **Samuel Scaduto**, Transit MS Elementary Teacher, after 29 years of service; **Mary Scalzi**, Casey MS English Teacher, after 29 years of service; **Randal Schreiber**, Transit MS Music Teacher, after 30 years of service; and **Sally Tripi**, Heim ES Elementary Teacher, after 33 years of service.

Effective August 17, 2022, **Stacy Quinlan**, Mill MS Elementary Teacher, after 30 years of service; effective June 10, 2022, **Sharon Glass**, Food Service Helper South HS, after 25 years of service; effective June 23, 2022, **Sharon Hall**, Teacher Aide Heim ES, after 28 years of service; effective February 25, 2022, **Joseph Lang**, Motor Equipment Operator Facilities, after 18 years of service; effective June 10, 2022, **Betsy Utnik**, Teacher Aide North HS, after 21 years of service; and effective July 29, 2022, **Rosa Wiertel**, Nurse Heim MS, after 23 years of service.

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 Tuesday Budget Work Session

Budget Work Session - March 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM (Community Forum - after Budget Work Session)

Community Forum will start after the Budget Work Session

Regular Board Meeting - Budget Adoption and Erie 1 BOCES Annual Vote - April 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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