

Board of Education Meeting
CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAZENOVIA, NY 13035-1098

MEETING MINUTES
via Zoom on District Website
March 30, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Special Meeting - Budget Work Session

Board Members Present: Dr. Jan Woodworth, JoAnne Race, Ronald Luteran, Katherine Hahn, David Mehlbaum, Leigh Baldwin and Jennifer Parmalee

Board Members Absent:

Administrators Present: Matthew Reilly, Thomas Finnerty

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jan Woodworth at 6:33 pm. She asked for a moment of silence and then all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

II. BUDGET WORK SESSION:

Matt Reilly, Superintendent of Schools, reported that the Budget Vote and Board elections have been postponed until at least June 1, 2020.

Governor Cuomo has announced that the State budget will be released this week but the projected aid for school districts will be updated quarterly depending on the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic on the State Budget. Matt projects that this will not bode well for school districts.

Matt reported that the principal searches for Burton Street and Green Street Schools were conducted last week by Video interviews. 25 candidates were interviewed.

Tom Finnerty, Assistant Superintendent, gave an in depth presentation on the budget work he has accomplished so far. The Board will need to schedule another Budget Work Session after the Governor's final Budget is announced.

Tom presented a slide show of the work he has completed so far. He discussed the ways to make the budget work.

Both Tom and Matt communicated that the CUE Union approved a 3T7 Drug Card plan. This will save the District next year \$97,000. Kudos go out to the CUE and Support Staff Unions and the non-union employees. In the meantime, the district needs to cease all unnecessary spending as of right now.

Matt stated that the District is fortunate that we have been able to accumulate reserve funds in the past years. He also communicated that shifting teachers between grades to fulfill the needs of our students has

been the strategy of the District. He also warned that if the State Budget comes back to us very low, the possibility of staff reductions may be a possibility.

Questions were asked and answered. Discussion ensued.

Matt continued that another Board of Education Work Session will need to be scheduled after the District receives the numbers from the Governor. A meeting notice will be sent out to Board members at that time.

Matt announced that the Governor's Order relating to the 180-day school year waiver was misleading and interpreted incorrectly. Now, the scheduled April Break will continue to be school instruction time. The District needs to comply with the law even though the CUE Contract states that teachers do not have to work beyond 186 school days. Matt will send out communication on Tuesday that school is still in session during April Break and meal distribution will continue during that time.

Questions were asked and answered.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Ron Luteran to adjourn the meeting at **7:27 pm.**

VOTE: IN FAVOR 7 OPPOSED 0

Janet Goris, District Clerk