

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

MEETING MINUTES
via Zoom on District Website
April 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

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 and Thomas Finnerty

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jan Woodworth at 6:34 pm. She asked for a moment of silence and then all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

II. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

Matt Reilly reported that he has received communication from parents praising the virtual learning work of our teachers. He has also responded to questions from parents.

III. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: The District Clerk did not receive any public comments.

V. INFORMATION AND REPORTS:

Board Committees:

None of our Board Committees met since the last Board of Education meeting.

Board President - Dr. Jan Woodworth:

Jan has had several teleconference meetings with Matt. She has been reading State Education articles and New York State Budget articles to keep updated on the latest information.

Superintendent of Schools - Matthew Reilly:

Matt reported that the District's Virtual Learning Plan was shared with faculty and staff last week. The plan does a nice job of providing guidance to students and teachers. It also informs parents what can be expected. The feedback on the plan has been positive.

Ron Luteran added that he has heard great things about the plan. Ron has received nothing but positive feedback.

Dave Mehlbaum commented that as a parent in the District, he is very appreciative of what his children's teachers are doing. He favorably compared our District to an out of State District that has just begun the virtual learning process for their students.

Matt announced that the Governor has ordered a school closure extension through May 15, 2020.

Matt communicated that New York State testing, including the Regents Exams, have been cancelled for this year.

Matt presented a District wide update on what is being accomplished.

Questions were asked and answered.

Matt gave an update on the principals search. A second round of interviews will take place this Wednesday and Thursday with five candidates each for both positions. The two hiring committees will give feedback on the candidates. Two or three candidates will then be interviewed by the Administrative Team.

Assistant Superintendent, Thomas Finnerty:

Tom gave a brief update on his budget calculations. He is waiting for the measurement period to end on April 30th. After this date, Tom should know what the District will be receiving as State Aid. He can then present a budget for the Board to discuss.

Matt Reilly added that during a news conference Monday, Governor Cuomo stated that State Aid could be cut by 20% if the state does not receive aid from the Federal Government. Matt warned that the District needs to prepare for this loss of revenue.

Questions were asked and answered. Discussion ensued.

Tom reported that he has heard that the Budget Vote and Elections could take place on June 1st or June 9th. The official date has yet to be reported.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the Budget Vote and Elections.

Tom presented an update on the District's building projects which includes the 10K Project and the EPC.

Tom reported the many steps he had to take in order to prove that the building projects were considered essential business and therefore, the construction could move forward.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the Budget Vote and Elections.

Tom continued that Asbestos Abatement is taking place now which will be followed by demolition since the buildings are closed to students. The roofing portion of the project is out for bid now and will close on April 28, 2020. The District will open the bids on April 30, 2020.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

**Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2020 and March 30, 2020
Committee on Special Education Report**

Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by David Mehlbaum to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: **IN FAVOR** 7 **OPPOSED** 0

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the 2020-2021 BOCES Tentative Administrative Budget

Motion made by David Mehlbaum, seconded by Kathy Hahn to approve the 2020-2021 BOCES Tentative Administrative Budget.

Matt gave an explanation of the OCM BOCES Budget.

Questions were asked and answered. Discussion ensued.

VOTE: IN FAVOR 7 OPPOSED 0

Matt introduced the ballot for the BOCES Administrative Board that was attached to the Tentative Budget. He read the ballot and explained the procedure. The Board needs to approve three candidates along with the Budget.

Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Kathy Hahn to approve the three candidates on the BOCES Administrative Board ballot.

VOTE: IN FAVOR 7 OPPOSED 0

B. Approval to Facilitate Change Management Process

Motion made by Ron Luteran, seconded by Jennifer Parmalee to approve the Change Management Process.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: IN FAVOR 6 OPPOSED 1

C. Approval of Commissioning Services

Motion made by Kathy Hahn and seconded by Ron Luteran to approve the Commissioning Services.

Tom explained the purpose of Commissioning Services.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: IN FAVOR 7 OPPOSED 0

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT:

Motion made by Jennifer Parmalee and seconded by Kathy Hahn to approve the Personnel Report.

VOTE: IN FAVOR 7 OPPOSED 0

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ron posed a question regarding 4th quarter grades.

Discussion ensued. Research will need to be completed in the Policy Manual and Student Handbook in order to answer the question.

X. ADVANCE PLANNING:

Items for Future Agendas: Budget Update.

Future Meeting Dates: A budget work session will need to be scheduled as soon as the District receives more information regarding State Aid.

XI. WHAT DID WE DO FOR KIDS?

Talked about grades.

Supported the Learning Plan.

Facilitated the building projects to move forward when changes need to be made.

XII. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Ron Luteran to adjourn the meeting at **7:33 pm.**

Janet Goris, District Clerk