

WEST GENESEE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF EDUCATION held FEBRUARY 1, 2017 at the West Genesee High School Library.

Members present: Eric Bacon
Karen Fruscello
Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli
Roberta Herron
Shawn Mitchell
Kimberly Sacco
Joseph Simon
James Soper
Neil Widrick

Others present: Christopher Brown
Paul Pelton
Brian Kesel
William Roberge
Sean Fahey
Bonnie Russell
Tracy Klefbeck
Shannon Coholan
Brent Suddaby
Joe Pulaski
Justin Baca
Steve Dunham
Michael McGrath
Bill Davern
Lisa Craig
Darlene Chapin
Susan Murray
Susan Gifford
Beth Lozier
Kara Lux
Lori Keevil
Jeannette Clark
Beth Stewart
Approximately 8 other staff and/or residents

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Roberta Herron at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Herron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent opened his report by congratulating Peter Bowman for breaking the pool diving record held since 1997. He then commented on the work that the performers and crew have been doing to prepare for Mary Poppins. The Superintendent also complimented the Athletic Department for their current athletic success, as well as for being a lead in the Unified Sports Program for students with disabilities. He concluded by speaking to the Board about upcoming strategic planning sessions.

OPEN FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion: James Soper

It is recommended that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2017, be approved.

Second: Kimberly Sacco

Approved 9-0

STUDY SESSION TOPIC

Counseling Update

Geoffrey Morton and Mark Grier reviewed the changes to the 6-12 Counseling Services to meet the Strategic Planning Focus.

Policies - Presentation (1st Vote 2/15/17 and 2nd Vote 3/1/17)

Neil Widrick gave a brief overview of the recommended change to the Board of Education Policy #4730 – Academic Achievement/Homework to accurately reflect the purpose of homework. He also suggested an edit to the language of the Board of Education Policy #5314 – Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions to incorporate crisis interventions to support children. The modifications will be completed prior to the first vote on February 15, 2017.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

B. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the Board of Education hold a Public Hearing to review the budget for the ensuing school year in the West Genesee High School Library on May 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. (E.D.S.T.).

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 9-0

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

C. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the Annual Meeting and Election be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, for the purpose of electing Board of Education members and voting upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet estimated expenditures, by machine ballot. The voting is to be held in the West Genesee High School Auditorium lobby on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. (E.D.S.T.).

Nominating petitions for Board of Education candidates with at least 34 signatures of qualified voters of the district must be filed no later than April 17, 2017. The Board of Education seats to be elected this year are three (3) three-year term positions due to the expiration of the terms of Shawn J. Mitchell, James M. Soper, and Neil B. Widrick.

Second: Joseph Simon

Approved 9-0

D. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the following propositions be approved and that voting on the same, by machine ballot, will be held in the West Genesee High School Auditorium lobby on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.:

1. Shall the Board of Education purchase and, at the option of the Board, finance nine (9) school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,110,305, and one (1) 2018 International Snow Plow at an estimated cost not to exceed \$195,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other necessary costs incidental thereto, and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$1,305,305 which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax which is hereby voted for the foregoing in the amount of \$1,305,305, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds, notes or installment purchase contracts are hereby authorized to be issued or executed at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,305,305 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

D. Propositions continued

2. Shall the West Genesee Central School District levy and collect a tax, pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, in the sum of \$580,079 (which is an increase of \$89,000 from the combined levies in effect from 2016-2017 in the sum of \$491,079) for the continuing support and maintenance of the free library services offered to district residents by the public libraries historically supported by the West Genesee Central School District, with said monies to be apportioned as follows:

- \$291,000 to Fairmount Community Library (an increase of \$33,000)
- \$289,079 to Maxwell Memorial Library (an increase of \$56,000)

Second: James Soper Approved 9-0

E. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the School District Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of the Annual District Meeting and vote in accordance with the Education Law.

Second: James Soper Approved 9-0

F. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following property tax exemptions, for the qualifying individuals of the West Genesee Central School District be approved for the 2017-18 school year, as stipulated.

Persons with Disabilities whose incomes are limited by such reason of such disability, pursuant to Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law.

Over Age 65, pursuant to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Second: James Soper Approved 9-0

G. Motion: Eric Bacon

It is recommended that the property tax exemptions for members of volunteer fire departments and ambulance services be approved for the 2017-18 school year, as stipulated.

Second: Karen Fruscello Approved 9-0

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

H. Motion: Eric Bacon

It is recommended that the Alternative Veterans' Exemption from real property taxation for the qualifying individuals of the West Genesee Central School District be approved for the 2017-18 school year, as stipulated.

Second: Kimberly Sacco Approved 9-0

I. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the stipulated supplies and materials be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with New York State Education Law.

Second: Kimberly Sacco Approved 9-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

J. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following resignation be approved:

Mary Kay Cross, Food Service Worker 1, West Genesee High School – Effective 2/3/17 – To accept another position within the district

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 9-0

K. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following termination be approved:

Vaghram Galstian, Bus Driver, Transportation – Effective 2/2/17

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

L. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following unpaid leaves of absence be approved:

Jennifer Cammarata, Special Education Teacher, Split Rock Elementary School - Effective 2/17/17 – Personal Reason

Nanette Szczesny, Teaching Assistant/Special Education, Holy Family School – Effective 1/19/17 through 1/20/17 and 5/19/17 – Personal Reason

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

L. Unpaid Leaves of Absence continued

Christy Rotunno, Typist 1, Onondaga Road Elementary School –
Effective 2/17/17 – Personal Reason

Sarah Hart, Teaching Assistant/Special Education, Stonehedge-Gold –
Effective 5/22/17 through 5/23/17 – Personal Reason

Second: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli Approved 9-0

M. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following paid short term leave of absence be approved:

Margaret Mercer, Music Teacher, West Genesee High/Split Rock
Elementary/East Hill Elementary Schools –
Effective 1/11/17 through on or about 2/17/17 – Personal Reason

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

N. Motion: Eric Bacon

It is recommended that the following child rearing leave be approved:

Stephanie Murphy, English Teacher, Camillus Middle School –
Effective 2/27/17 through 6/23/17

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

O. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following administrative position be created effective 7/1/17:

One Full-time (1.0) Coordinator of Instructional Technology Training –
- Tech

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 9-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

P. Motion: James Soper

It is recommended that the following reassignment be approved effective 1/25/17:

Theresa Deane from Teaching Assistant/Special Education 1.0 FTE
– WGMS
to Teaching Assistant/Special Education 1.0 FTE – HS

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

Q. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

Kathleen Severson
Fourth Grade Teacher
Onondaga Road Elementary School
Regular Substitute Appointment
Certification: Permanent, PreK-6, Effective 9/1/03
Tenure Area: Elementary
Step 6 M + 6
Effective on or about 2/16/17 through on or about 3/30/17
Salary: \$60,036 prorated
Replaces Claire Schulz, Maternity

Daniel Miller
English Teacher
West Genesee Middle School
Regular Substitute Appointment
Certification: Professional, English 7-12, Effective 5/6/16
Tenure Area: English
Step 17 M
Effective on or about 2/8/17 through on or about 3/22/17
Salary: \$65,173 prorated
Replaces Karen Trapasso, Maternity

Margaret Pesci
ADA-PEP Counselor
Stonehedge Elementary School/Gold
Regular Substitute Part-time (.40) Appointment
Certification: Permanent, School Counselor, Effective 2/1/2006
Tenure Area: Guidance Counselor
Step 22 M + 24
Effective 2/3/17 through on or about 6/22/17
Salary: \$72,419 x .40 prorated
Replaces Mary Clancy, Medical

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Q. Appointments continued

Elizabeth Miller
ADA-PEP Counselor
Stonehedge Elementary School/Gold
Regular Substitute Appointment
Certification: Permanent, Health, Effective 2/1/91
Tenure Area: Health
Step 32 M
Effective 1/2/17 through 2/3/17
Salary: \$77,168 prorated
Replaces Mary Clancy, Medical

Elizabeth Miller
ADA-PEP Counselor
Stonehedge Elementary School/Gold
Regular Substitute Part-time (.50) Appointment
Certification: Permanent, Health, Effective 2/1/91
Tenure Area: Health
Step 32 M
Effective 2/6/17 through on or about 6/30/17
Salary: \$77,168 x .50 prorated
Replaces Mary Clancy, medical

Mykhailo Vasylevskyi
LAN Technician
Technology Office
Permanent (12 month) appointment – subject to a 52-week probationary
period
Effective 2/8/17
Salary: \$41,500 prorated
New position approved 12/7/16

Joseph Radus
LAN Technician
Technology Office
Permanent (12 month) appointment – subject to a 52-week probationary
period
Effective 7/1/17
Salary: \$46,000
New position approved 1/4/17

Takako Capria
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
Onondaga Road Elementary School
Part-time (.90) Appointment
Effective 2/2/17 through 6/30/17
Salary: \$20,550 x .90 prorated
New position approved 12/21/16

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Q. Appointments continued

Julie Farrell
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
Onondaga Road Elementary School
Part-time (.90) Appointment
Effective 2/27/17 through 6/30/17
Salary: \$20,200 x .90 prorated
Replaces Kate Korzeniewski, Resignation approved 1/18/17

Thomas Hewitt
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
Onondaga Road Elementary School
Part-time (.90) Appointment
Effective 2/6/17 through 6/30/17
Salary: \$20,550 x .90 prorated
New position approved 12/21/16

Mary Kay Cross
Custodial Helper 1
East Hill Elementary School
Part-time Appointment – Subject to a 52-week probationary period
3.5 hours per day
Effective 2/6/17
Salary: \$9,783 prorated
Replaces Aleksandr Gonchar, Resignation approved 8/3/16

Joshua Eassa
English Teacher
Camillus Middle School
Regular Substitute Appointment
Certification: Initial, English 7-12, English Ext. 5-6, Effective 5/27/16
Tenure Area: English
Step 1 B
Effective 2/17/17 through 6/23/17
Salary: \$47,912.00 prorated
Replaces Stephanie Murphy, Child Rearing Leave approved 2/1/17

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 9-0

R. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following change in hours for bus attendants be approved effective 2/2/17:

Julie Luna - from 20.85 to 22.50 hours per week

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

S. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

It is recommended that the substitute lists for the 2016-17 school year be approved as stipulated.

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

T. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the West Genesee Administrators' Memorandum of Agreement regarding Sick Bank dated 1/25/17 be approved as stipulated.

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

U. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the Memorandum of Understanding with the West Genesee Transportation Union regarding Field Trips, dated 1/26/17 be approved as stipulated.

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 9-0

V. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, President Trump has nominated Betsy DeVos for the position of United States Secretary of Education; and

WHEREAS, Betsy DeVos has historically attempted to dismantle public school education by utilizing a variety of mechanisms, including but not limited to school of choice and private school vouchers; and

WHEREAS, said practice would drain resources that currently support the public school system; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Genesee School District Board of Education desires to communicate with area elected officials for the purposes of asking them to reject, in any way they can, the appointment of Betsy DeVos for United States Secretary of Education.

Second: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli Approved 8-1 (Bacon)

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

W. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following permit for Use of Facilities be approved:

Midland Park High School
Marching Band
Sunday, October 29, 2017, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M.
West Genesee High School Athletic Field
Per Fee Schedule

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 9-0

CURRICULUM ACTION ITEMS

X. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the Board of Education of the West Genesee Central School District accept the recommendations of the CPSE Review Meeting Dates of January 4, 11 and 18, 2017; CSE Review Meeting dates of December 20, 2016, and January 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2017; and Building Level Review meeting dates of January 10, 18, 23 and 24, 2017; thereby agreeing to make necessary arrangements for program implementation.

Second: Vladimir Hart-Zavoli

Approved 9-0

OPEN FORUM

Roberta Herron noted that the mini Board of Education retreat was an outstanding collaborative effort. She indicated that there were many topics discussed.

Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli mentioned the possibility of having a Board of Education forum where students can come ask questions.

Kimberly Sacco discussed different opportunities for students to interact with the Administration and the Board of Education.

Shawn Mitchell shared that the Academic Decathlon won Regionals and will be heading to States.

Michael Perkins thanked the Board of Education for the support of a resolution regarding the nomination of Betsy DeVos and expressed appreciation for the leadership of the Board of Education.

Shannon Coholan announced that the Camillus Community Coalition on Substance Abuse will be sponsoring a community resource night on Monday, February 27, 2017, from 6:30-8:30 at West Genesee High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Y. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the Regular Session of the Board of Education be adjourned. (8:13 P.M.)

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 9-0

Respectfully submitted,



Paul E. Pelton, District Clerk