

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

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

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

Member Absent: Karen Fruscello

Others present: Christopher Brown
Paul Pelton
Brian Kesel
Todd Freeman
William Roberge
Sean Fahey
Deb Miller
Michael McGrath
TJ Vaughan
Bonnie Russell
Ava Propper
Jon Propper
Elsa Propper
Greta Propper
Martha Propper
Michele Gipe
Lisa Craig
Lori Keevil
Jeannette Clark
Katrina Harter
Katie Halko
Heather Tanzella
Annie Rubel
Lauren Jones
Emily Cox
Jess Smith
Beth Stewart
Joe Pulaski
Mike Burns
Brent Suddaby
Beth Lozier
Danielle Cox
Approximately 25 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 giving a recap of the West Genesee High School Hockey game, the Boys and Girls Basketball games, and the Academic Decathlon Championship from the previous weekend. He ended by speaking about the Substance Abuse Resource Night and the upcoming Culture Fair.

OPEN FORUM

Bill Davern spoke of the twenty years Gail Glagola served as a full-time employee with the West Genesee School District. Gail began her career in 1989 as a short and long term sub. She was the proverbial mother hen to many children. Her impact can still be seen in many places. She always brought out the best in her students and worked tirelessly in many co-curricular events. Gail will be surely missed.

Dr. Brown recognized the hard work and efforts of Dr. Barry Copeland. He reflected on Barry's path to the principalship at West Genesee High School and all he has accomplished during his career. Dr. Brown thanked Barry for his service and wished him well for his retirement.

Paul Pelton spoke of Robert Tolone, who has worked for the West Genesee School District for eleven years, and how he will be best remembered for his pride in knowing each student's name on the Dinosaur bus out of Stonehedge Elementary School. He was very much about getting the job done to the best of his ability, and his co-workers will miss his positive attitude. Bob is looking forward to spending more time with his granddaughter and getting in a few extra rounds of golf. We wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

Eric Bacon mentioned Dr. Copeland's retirement and noted Brian Donahue as a great selection of a new staff member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

It is recommended that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2017, be approved.

Second: Kimberly Sacco

Approved 8-0

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Strategic Planning for Education

Todd Freeman updated the Board of Education on recommendations from the Strategic Planning for Educational Improvement Team.

Strategic Planning for 2017-2018

The updated plan has been recommended for adoption by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

2017-2018 Budget Presentation

Dr. Brown presented the 2017-2018 proposed school budget to the Board of Education. He highlighted the Strategic Planning funding initiatives being supported and that all programming would be maintained. The proposal falls within the tax cap of 2.15%.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

B. Motion: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$108.00 from the East Hill Elementary PTA for supplies, and it is further recommended that the 2016-17 general fund budget be amended as follows to reflect said donation:

A510 - Estimated Revenues

A2705 – Gifts and Donations \$108.00

A960 - Appropriations

A2110-501-05-0000 – General Supplies – EH \$108.00

Second: James Soper Approved 8-0

C. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

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

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 8-0

D. Motion: James Soper

It is recommended that the 2016-17 general fund budget transfers be approved, as stipulated.

Second: Shawn Mitchell Approved 8-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

E. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following retirements be approved:

Barry Copeland, Administrator, West Genesee High School –
Effective 6/30/17

Note: Barry Copeland has been employed with the West Genesee
School District for eighteen years.

Gail Glagola, Fine Arts Teacher, West Genesee High School –
Effective 6/23/17

Note: Gail Glagola has been employed with the West Genesee School
District for twenty years.

Robert Tolone, School Bus Driver, Transportation –
Effective 3/1/17

Note: Robert Tolone has been employed with the West Genesee School
District for eleven years.

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 8-0

F. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following resignations be approved:

Sarah Elmer, Teaching Assistant/Special Education, East Hill
Elementary School – Effective 3/3/17 – Personal Reason

Jonah Fugo, Teaching Assistant/Special Education, East Hill
Elementary School – Effective 3/10/17 – Personal Reason

Amy Sims, Teacher Aide, East Hill Elementary School
Effective 3/10/17 – Personal Reason

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 8-0

G. Motion: James Soper

It is recommended that the following termination be approved:

Linda Burns, Dispatcher, Transportation –
Effective 3/10/17

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 8-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

H. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

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

Kris Hart, Teaching Assistant/Early Literacy, Onondaga Road Elementary School – Effective 3/22/17 through 3/29/17 – Personal Reason

Colleen Vislosky, AIS Teacher, Stonehedge Elementary School/Blue – Effective 3/17/17 and 3/20/17 – Personal Reason

Lisa Wirth, Teacher Aide, West Genesee High School – Effective 3/21/17 through 3/24/17 – Personal Reason

Theresa Corso, Teacher Aide, West Genesee High School – Effective 3/13/17 and 3/14/17 – Personal Reason

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 8-0

I. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

Brian Donahue
Earth Science Teacher
West Genesee High School
Regular Substitute Appointment
Certification: Initial, Earth Science 7-12, Effective 9/1/12
Tenure Area: Science
Step 3 M
Effective 3/2/17 through on or about 6/23/17
Salary: \$54,940 prorated
Replaces Marjorie Thiele, Medical

Danielle Macholl
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
West Genesee Middle School
Probationary Appointment
Effective 3/20/17 through 3/19/21
Salary: \$20,550 prorated
Replaces Theresa Deane, Reassignment approved 2/1/17

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

I. Appointments continued:

Phillip Hudson
School Bus Dispatcher
Transportation
Full-time 12-month Appointment – Subject to a 52-week
probationary period
Effective 3/13/17
Salary: \$42,500 prorated
Replaces Linda Burns, Termination approved 3/1/17

Second: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli Approved 8-0

J Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the following changes in hours for bus drivers be approved effective 3/2/17:

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| James Dunn | - from 20.00 to 22.50 hours per week |
| Eric Neimeier | - from 22.10 to 23.75 hours per week |
| Leland Vogelsang | - from 37.50 to 38.35 hours per week |

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 8-0

K. Motion: James Soper

It is recommended that the following changes in hours for bus attendants be approved effective 3/2/17:

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| Carole Abbott | - from 30.00 to 30.85 hours per week |
| Ann MacArthur | - from 22.10 to 24.60 hours per week |

Second: Kimberly Sacco Approved 8-0

L. Motion: Neil Widrick

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

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 8-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

M. Motion: James Soper

It is recommended that the following Board of Education Policies be approved (2nd vote consideration):

INSTRUCTION #4730
ACADEMIC ACHEIVEMENT
Homework

STUDENT POLICIES #5314
STUDENT CONDUCT
Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions

Second: Kimberly Sacco Approved 8-0

N. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the calendar for the 2017-2018 school year be approved, as stipulated.

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 8-0

O. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the appointment of Chief Election Inspectors, Voting System Specialist, Voting System Technician, and Poll Workers for the May 16, 2017, Annual Budget Vote and Election of Board of Education Candidates be approved, as stipulated.

Second: James Soper Approved 8-0

CURRICULUM ACTION ITEMS

P. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

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 February 8, and 15, 2017; CSE Review Meeting dates of January 24, 31, February 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2017; and Building Level Review meeting dates of January 31, February 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, and 16, 2017; thereby agreeing to make necessary arrangements for program implementation.

Second: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli Approved 8-0

OPEN FORUM

Shawn Mitchell shared that he will be attending the Every Student Succeeds Act meeting on March 8, 2017 and the Central New York School Board Round Table on March 29, 2017. Shawn also reported that the Academic Decathlon was outstanding.

Eric Bacon reported that he attended the Community Coalition on Substance Abuse and thanked Dr. Brown and Shannon Coholan for their leadership.

Neil Widrick applauded the District for the drug education programs it sponsors.

Mike McGrath spoke of Dr. Copeland and thanked him for his friendship and professional guidance.

Bill Davern informed everyone that March is Music In Our Schools month.

Dave Paczkowski announced the BOCES Annual Meeting is on April 2, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Q. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the Board of Education go into Executive Session.
(8:44 p.m.)

Second: James Soper

Approved 8-0

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

R. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

It is recommended that the Board of Education return to Regular Session.
(9:19 p.m.)

Second: James Soper

Approved 8-0

S. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

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

Margret Mercer, Music Teacher, West Genesee High/Split Rock
Elementary/East Hill Elementary Schools –
Effective 2/27/17 through on or about 4/13/17 – Personal Reason

Second: James Soper

Approved 8-0

ADJOURNMENT

T. Motion: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli

It is recommended that the Regular Session of the Board of Education be adjourned. (9:21 p.m.)

Second: Joseph Simon

Approved 8-0

Respectfully submitted,



Paul E. Pelton, District Clerk