

WEST GENESEE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF EDUCATION held APRIL 5, 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
Todd Freeman
Deb Miller
Gene Bobey
Bonnie Russell
Susan Murray
Michele Gipe
Lisa Craig
Lori Keevil
Jeannette Clark
Mary Weaver
Beth Stewart
Beth Lozier
Andrew Murray
Luke Graser
Tyler Troch-Stirpe
Dylan Casolave
Ryan Hagadorn
Samantha Druce
Cheyenne Lapan
Mike Burns
Avery Ryan
Sarah Channels
Pam Mitchell
Meghan Channels
Gabby Mitchell
Melodie Cunningham
Jim Cunningham
Cindy Smith
Robert Smith
Mary Legnetto
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 remarks by commending the Fine Arts Department and the students for once again receiving the Best Communities for Music Education Award. He then gave a brief overview of 25 and 30-year pin celebrations, followed by an update on the budget and some changes being lodged by Onondaga Community College. He finished with a tribute to David Vermilya.

OPEN FORUM

Dr. Brown and the Board of Education recognized the Girls' Basketball team for their accomplishments both on and off the court.

Dr. Brown and the Board of Education recognized Gabrielle Mitchell for her artwork that was selected to be displayed at the Everson Museum. She was also a Silver Key winner at the Scholastic Art Competition.

Paul Pelton acknowledged Ron Tarolli's service to the District, noting that Ron is the type of worker that completed what was asked of him without question. He was always ready and willing to do whatever came his way. Ron always came in early to share coffee and lunch with his co-workers, and his friendly smile each morning will be missed. In retirement, Ron will be spending more time with his family and friends.

Lori Keevil spoke of when Diane Perkins began her career with the West Genesee School District as an early literacy Teaching Assistant at Stonehedge Elementary. She later became a Teaching Assistant in Kindergarten where she remained for 9 years. Diane then switched her position and began to serve as a Special Education Teaching Assistant working with children in 1st and 2nd grades. Diane has a wonderful sense of humor and a positive attitude which benefits both children and staff. She will be missed by all.

Beth Lozier highlighted Dan Wilson's 20-year career at Camillus Middle School. Dan taught 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Technology. He was responsible for starting both the Photography Club and Technology Club, where he worked with countless students. Dan was also responsible for the creation of the District's Energy Efficiency Program, which received many accolades for its effectiveness. We wish him well in his retirement.

OPEN FORUM

Steve Dunham recognized Sandy Smith-Caldwell's 40 year teaching career, of which 17 years was at West Genesee Middle School as a Home & Careers Teacher – otherwise known as “Family and Consumer Science”. Over the years Sandy has been involved in putting together our Career Fair for 8th grade students and in working to bridge connections between our special area subjects and core classes. She has no official plans for retirement, so she is going to take whatever comes her way.

Steve Dunham spoke of Jennifer Dee who has taught English for 31 years, 30 of those at West Genesee School District, starting at the HS and eventually ending up at WGMS. Of her years at the Middle School she reflects, every single day you laugh and smile, and you develop such deep connections with your colleagues and your students. Once retired, she says she will miss the people but is looking forward to slow starts to the day.

Steve Dunham noted the retirement of Laurie Gallagher and her 29 years as a Special Education teacher at West Genesee Middle School, working with 7th and 8th graders. Laurie's love of figuring out who kids are, how they learn, what motivates them, and what it will take to make them successful has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. Laurie looks forward to and feels fortunate to be able to help out with her grandson in retirement.

Steve Dunham shared his honor to recognize Beth Stewart, who will always be Mrs. Stewart to him –they go way back. Steve noted that Mrs. Stewart has been a Teaching Assistant at the West Genesee School District for 30 years. Steve reflected on the support she has given to our students, student-athletes, coaches and programs. She is loved by students, parents, and staff. She may be missed in the building every day, but can still be found leading the Sports Booster Club and attending Board of Education meetings in her retirement.

Lisa Craig spoke of Ginny Wolbert, who will be retiring in June after working 17 years in the District, all of those in the same 2nd grade classroom at East Hill. Ginny says she will miss the staff, without a question. She looks forward to the quiet, the absolute quietness, and the lack of deadlines. In retirement, Ginny will help her ill sister. Ginny will be missed at East Hill for sure.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

It is recommended that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2017, be approved.

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 9-0

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

K-5 Report Cards

Michele Gipe and John Lawrence shared the work of the Grading Reporting Committee as they have studied standards-based grading. The committee has also developed new K-5 Report Cards that align to State and District Standards.

STUDY SESSION TOPICS

Update of High School Goals

Geoffrey Morton gave the Board a written update on his goals related to attendance, discipline, student achievement, 504 coordination, and communication. Tracy Klefbeck shared the results of the Post-Graduate College Course Participation Survey.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

B. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2017-18 school district budget, in the amount of \$85,216,870, to be presented to the residents for voter consideration on May 16, 2017.

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

C. Motion: James Soper

It is recommended that the Real Property Tax Report Card for the proposed 2017-18 budget be approved as stipulated.

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 9-0

D. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following school buses be purchased, pending approval of the District Vehicle Proposition to be placed before the voters on May 16, 2017:

Leonard Bus Sales, Inc., 4 Leonard Way, Deposit, New York 13754

Six (6) 70-Passenger School Buses at a total cost not to exceed \$714,573.78 per NYS Contract # PC67615, Award 23000/2016.

Two (2) 70-Passenger School Buses with luggage compartments at a total cost not to exceed \$244,066.22 per NYS Contract # PC67615, Award 23000/2016.

One (1) 56-Passenger School Bus with three (3) wheelchair stations and a lift, at a cost not to exceed \$139,913.99 per NYS Contract # PC67615, Award 23000/2016.

Second: James Soper Approved 9-0

E. 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: Joseph Simon Approved 9-0

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Fund Balance Management – Update

Dr. Brown noted that Fund Balance management has been a critical component of our budget planning. Paul Pelton reviewed the 6/30/16 Fund Balance position and the change from the fiscal year ended 6/30/15.

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

F. Motion: Karen Fruscello

It is recommended that the following retirements be approved:

Ronald Tarolli, School Bus Driver, Transportation –
Effective 3/31/17

Note: Ronald Tarolli has been employed with the West Genesee Central School District for six years.

Diane Perkins, Teaching Assistant/Special Education, Stonehedge Elementary School/Blue – Effective 6/24/17

Note: Diane Perkins has worked for the West Genesee Central School District for seventeen years.

Daniel Wilson, Technology Teacher, Camillus Middle School –
Effective 6/24/17

Note: Daniel Wilson has worked for the West Genesee Central School District for twenty years.

Second: James Soper Approved 9-0

G. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the following resignations be approved:

Penny Hourihan, Food Service Worker 1, West Genesee High School –
Effective 4/10/17 – Personal Reason

Jody Kensey, Typist I, East Hill Elementary School –
Effective 4/6/17 – To accept another position within the district

John Michael Tierney, School Bus Driver, Transportation –
Effective 4/21/17 – Personal Reason

Second: Kimberly Sacco Approved 9-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

H. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

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

Kathleen Garcia, Teaching Assistant/Special Education, Stonehedge Elementary School/Gold – Effective 3/31/17 and 4/3/17 – Personal Reason

Michelle Colagiovanni, Teaching Assistant/Special Education, Split Rock Elementary School – Effective 5/10/17 through 5/12/17 – Personal Reason

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

I. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following non-instructional position be created effective 4/6/17:

One Full-time Asst. Director of Facilities III - B&G

Second: James Soper Approved 9-0

J. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

James Pontello
Auto Mechanic
Transportation
Full-time Temporary Appointment
Effective 4/6/17
Salary: \$52,315 prorated
Replaces Kenneth Gillette, Medical

Jody Kensey
Teaching Assistant
East Hill Elementary School
Part-time (.69) Appointment
Effective 4/7/17 through 6/30/17
Replaces Rebecca Babcock, Resignation approved 3/22/17

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

K. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the following change in hours be approved effective 4/6/17:

John Grabowski	Teacher Aide from EH to EH	1.75 hours per day 2.0 hours per day
Dawn Kerchner	Teacher Aide from EH to EH	2 hours per day 2.25 hours per day

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

L. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following change in hours for bus drivers be approved effective 4/6/17:

Patrick Anderson	- from 25.00 to 26.25 hours per week
James Dunn	- from 22.50 to 23.42 hours per week
Jennifer LaRowe	- from 20.00 to 22.50 hours per week
Tyler LaRowe	- from 23.42 to 27.50 hours per week
Kevin Saleem	- from 21.32 to 28.30 hours per week

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 9-0

M. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the following change in hours for bus attendants be approved effective 4/6/17:

Odessa Lively-Terry	- from 20.00 to 22.50 hours per week
Traci Radley	- from 25.00 to 26.25 hours per week
Angelo Testa	- from 22.50 to 26.65 hours per week

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

N. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following ten-month custodial helpers be approved as summer help for the District's Custodial Department:

Kyle Krueger Custodial Helper Effective 7/1/17 through 8/31/17 Eight hours per day at a rate of \$14.01 per hour	Angela Fabrizio Custodial Helper Effective 7/1/17 through 8/31/17 Eight hours per day at a rate of \$14.52 per hour
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Second: Joseph Simon Approved 9-0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

O. Motion: Eric Bacon

It is recommended that the following individuals be approved as summer help for the District's Custodial/Maintenance Department from on or about 4/6/17 through on or about 8/31/17 at a rate of \$9.70 per hour:

William Krueger	100 Peterson Drive	Camillus, NY 13031
Alex Scicchitano	138 Feldspar Drive	Syracuse, NY 13219
Christopher Waters	103 Kathleen Terrace	Camillus, NY 13031
James Pelton	4902 Sherwood Drive	Camillus, NY 13031
Andrew Francisco	107 West Way	Camillus, NY 13031
Alexander Johnston	5402 Brisbane Trail	Clay, NY 13041

Second: James Soper Approved 9-0

P. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the West Genesee Teachers' Memorandum of Agreement regarding a sixth grade pilot program dated 3/25/17 be approved as stipulated.

Second: Shawn Mitchell Approved 9-0

Q. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

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

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

R. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that Roberta M. Herron be appointed permanent chairperson of the Public Hearing to be held on May 3, 2017, in lieu of the Annual Meeting, as well as the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Election of Board Candidates to be held on May 16, 2017.

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 9-0

S. Motion: James Soper

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLVED, that the West Genesee Central School District recognizes and appreciates the efforts of the district's staff; and

WHEREAS, the staff provide an important service for the West Genesee Schools; and

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

S. Resolution continued:

WHEREAS, there is ample evidence that the staff are deserving of the acknowledgement of their contribution to the learning environment in the schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the West Genesee Central School District is desirous that said acknowledgment be conveyed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges that April 26, 2017 is declared the official recognition day for the district's staff, and requests that everyone express their personal thank you with a friendly smile, handshake, or word of appreciation.

Second: Kimberly Sacco

Approved 9-0

CURRICULUM ACTION ITEMS

T. Motion: Joseph Simon

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 March 3, 8, 10, 13, 16, 22, and 23, 2017; CSE Review Meeting dates of February 15, March 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2017; and Building Level Review meeting dates of March 7, 9, 13, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, and 27, 2017; thereby agreeing to make necessary arrangements for program implementation.

Second: Kimberly Sacco

Approved 9-0

OPEN FORUM

Roberta Herron noted that she, Kimberly Sacco, and Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli attended the National School Boards Association conference in Denver, Colorado. They were very pleased that our District is doing very well on national topics.

Shawn Mitchell thanked Dr. Brown for using Board of Education meetings to publicly recognize student achievements.

James Soper followed up on the importance of continuing to recognize student accomplishments.

Eric Bacon wanted to speak publicly of David Vermilya and the invaluable services he provided to the District.

Dr. Brown thanked Shannon Coholan and Anthony Gucciardi, our School Resource Officer. Today, they assisted with the apprehension of a potential child perpetrator.

OPEN FORUM

Bill Davern gave a brief description of the displayed art walk. Bill also noted that Michael Davis' "Swing in Concert" is coming up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

U. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the Board of Education go into Executive Session.
(8:42 p.m.)

Second: Shawn Mitchell

Approved 9-0

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

V. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the Board of Education return to Regular Session.
(9:05 p.m.)

Second: Joseph Simon

Approved 9-0

W. Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the following termination be approved:

Daniel Prell, School Bus Driver, Transportation –
Effective 4/6/17

Second: Joseph Simon

Approved 9-0

ADJOURNMENT

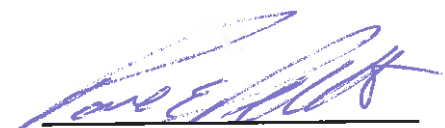
X. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the Regular Session of the Board of Education be adjourned. (9:06 p.m.)

Second: James Soper

Approved 9-0

Respectfully submitted,



Paul E. Pelton, District Clerk