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Board of Education

Thursday, May 7, 2020
May 7, 2020 - Board of Education Agenda - Regular Meeting

REVISED, were approved at the June 25, 2020 meeting.
REVISION: Added line 11. A. reconvene and adjournment.

Board members present via video conference: Michael Tuttle, Christian Olsen, Michael Charsky, Michael Hiser, Shelley Palmer, Sherri Gibson, Daniel Grandinetti and Charles Peter (6:04)

Also present via video conference: Jason Chevrier, Michael Bennett, Brian Carey, James Derby, Keri Rosher, Jodi Sullivan, Jacqueline Hill and Michele Reickert

Meeting Location:

Video Conference via Google Meet for Board Members

Time:

6:00 p.m.

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1. MEETING OPENING

- A. President Michael Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
- B. President Michael Tuttle asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. Shelley Palmer moved to approve the Present Agenda, Christian Olsen seconded, all present in favor.

2. REPORTS

- A. Budget Update

Jason Chevrier gave an update about the school closure and where the school budget stands. The district continues to provide virtual instruction, breakfast and lunches about 100 per day and Friday's pickup includes meals for the weekend, and partnering with the YMCA for childcare continues. He shared that plans and conversations have taken place almost daily about the planning of graduation. An announcement will go out soon to parents. Plans are being made for the other grades moving up from 6th grade and 8th grade, as well as kindergarten orientation. School staff will be reaching out to parents of incoming kindergarten students. Virtual orientations are being planned for the different orientations.

The governor announced on May 1, the new date for the budget vote would be June 9th, but absentee ballot only. If there are candidates interested in running for the board, they do not need to collect 25 signatures; they can fill in the petition and send it to Shelli or reach out to her as the clerk. There is a

new requirement for a postcard mailing with information about the vote. A timeline of the budget vote was shared. The budget will be adopted at the May 19, 2020 board meeting with any changes from the information shared by the governor on May 15th. Mr. Chevrier talked about the time that has gone into working with legal counsel on the regulation changes for the vote.

Schools in NY are facing the governor's potential plan to reimagine schools and make significant reform to the system of education as we know it. Educators are hopeful that he will engage people that live it every day involved as stakeholders. SED announced that they will be developing a K-12 taskforce to look at the reopening of schools in the fall. School in the fall may not look like school as we know it, transportation, personal protection equipment, what is a public school going to be required to provide, what will athletics look like, assemblies, field trips, it is our turn to host all county music competition this fall that has to be planned, will we be able to do concerts, guest readers and visitors to the schools. How will we social distance 500 kids at the elementary school, will we have to bring half the population in one day and the other half the next day. A group will be put together locally to start to take a look at the impacts and considerations in reopening schools. We are budgeting for school as we know it but we do not know if it will ever be that way again. Maple Hill was recognized as 3rd in the Capital District, the potential budget implications of the current situation will likely effect program.

Michael Tuttle clarified that absentee ballot will be by mail only, no drop off at the school and also highlighted to the board about the June 9th and 10th dates for a meeting to accept the results of the vote. There was clarification on the additional costs that schools have to incur for the method of the budget vote.

Daniel Grandinetti stressed that the potential changes mentioned by the governor is terrible for equality.

Jason Chevrier commented that the district has been able to help families without broadband internet in their areas, there are inequalities and that nothing replaces what takes place in a school building.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Mosher co-president of SFA and eighth grade teacher, teachers have received a tremendous amount of support by administrators, helping to ease anxiety. There is a nice system in place and teachers are supported in trying to connect with some students. As a special education educator, she felt such distress at the governor's comment and trying to think about reimagining Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech, reimagining education, she is wary about these comments. Reimagining to virtual education has its place but not in special education as a whole. She talked about Polio being a concern when she was in school, and once the vaccine came out, it was only heard about again when people stopped vaccinations and they had to develop the booster shot. She thanked Jason for keeping teachers informed so completely.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP

A. Board Discussion - None.

B. Action Item Follow-up

- Community Advisory Group at a later date

5. DISTRICT UPDATE

A. District Updates

- Jason Chevrier thanked Chuck Peter, The Town of Schodack, Rhonda Greenway, Transportation and the host of people that participated and helped in the food drive last weekend. It was a great event and great day. Mr. Peter was heavily involved in the planning and it was a success.
- Student belongings are going to be returned to them, a plan is being formed for students and teachers to gain access to their belongings.
- Summer camps are still up in the air if they will be held, sports camps, Castleton Kids, Schodack Town Camp. If summer camps are deemed as childcare, they will be able to operate with strict guidelines.

Michael Charsky moved to approve sections 6. Finance A. through C., 7. Other Action, A., and 8. Resignations/Appointments A., Charles Peter seconded, all present in favor.

6. FINANCE

- A. Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2020
- B. Claims Auditor's Report for the month of March 2020
- C. Student Activities Report for quarter ending March 2020

7. OTHER ACTION

- A. Acknowledgement of Donation(s)
 - Donna Hilbert - Donation of time and materials to make masks for district employees. Thank you.
 - Ann Zownir \$40 in support of the Pat Wood Backpack Program
 - Leanna O'Grady \$200 in support of the Pat Wood Backpack Program

8. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

- A. Approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Alyssa Pryde for the remainder of the 2019-2020 School Year effective June 2, 2020.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Members of the Public May Address the Board

10. ACTION ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Michael Charsky moved** to adjourn to executive session at 7:33 pm to discuss contract negotiations with two employees and an employee's evaluation, **Michael Hiser seconded, all present in favor.**
- B. **Christian Olsen moved to reconvene** to executive session and adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, **Sherri Gibson seconded all present in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele A. Reickert
District Clerk