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Board of Education

**Thursday, August 20, 2020
Board of Education Minutes - Regular Meeting**

FINAL - Minutes were approved at the September 10, 2020 meeting.

Virtual Meeting information:

WEBEX attendee link:

<https://schodackk12.webex.com/schodackk12/onstage/g.php?MTID=e308b02e95b081296c8c348f83146ef93>

WEBEX Password: scsd2020

To join by telephone: +1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 129 988 3834

Present: Michael Tuttle, Mary Yurista, Sherri Gibson, Kyle Hurysz, Charles Peter, Michael Charsky, Daniel Grandinetti and Shelley Palmer (arrived 6:12pm)

Absent: Michael Hiser

Also Present: Jason Chevrier, Brian Carey, Michael Bennett, Jacqueline Hill, James Derby, Keri Rosher and Michele Reickert

1. MEETING OPENING

- A. President Michael Tuttle called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- B. President Michael Tuttle asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- C. Mary Yurista moved for approval of the Present Agenda, Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

2. REPORTS

A. Professional Development Plan

Michael Bennett shared information on what the Professional Development Committee does and how COVID-19 has changed from what we have done in the past. Jason Chevrier spoke about the training that will take place for all employees and students as well as the new Learning Management System (LMS), CANVAS, that will be used this year to accommodate the different models of instruction for students. A link was shared in the presentation slide to allow community members and board members to see information on CANVAS. Mr. Chevrier also stated that health and safety is a top priority and that all students and employees will receive training to ensure protocols are followed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

4. DISTRICT / BUILDING / COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. District Updates

- Enrollment Report as of August 20, 2020 - attached for viewing in Board Docs.
- Reopening Update – Mr. Chevrier shared statistics from committees formed of community members, teachers, administrators, and students, three advisory committees, and a steering committee that helped in planning for the reopening of schools. Governor Cuomo required schools to hold 3 public meetings and 1 districtwide faculty and staff meeting to share the plan. There is still work to be done on scheduling, bell schedules, transportation routing, health screening and technology deployment to name a few. Mr. Grandinetti expressed that people in his community are pleased with how things are moving.
- Federal Funds Policy Manual – Brian Carey shared about the manual and that the manual is a roadmap of how the district will use federal funds.
- State Aid Cuts – Schools are seeing the start of 20% reduction in state aid it is not just effecting foundation aid. The district has plan for a 1.2 million dollar reduction but will need to look at an additional \$730K to meet the 20%. Still no stimulus decision at the federal level.
 - Kyle Hurysz questioned reimbursement for PPE costs. Brian Carey stated that the district is tracking al expenses, they will be audited by federal auditors who will approve or deny the costs.

5. ACTION ITEM FOLLOW UP / BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Action Item Follow-up

- Revisit Athletic Code of Conduct - Eligibility Section – Jacqueline Hill said the 7-12 planning committee was able to meet and would like to add language to the athletic code of conduct stating that if a student is failing one class at the interim or report card, they will meet with the Athletic Director and Coach, be placed in a structured study hall and be offered to participate in sports study hall.
- Community Advisory Committee (will revisit in December 2020)

B. Board Discussion

- In-person board meetings for board members and administration will resume September 10th, the district is working on a social distance setup.

6. POLICY(IES)

Charles Peter moved for approval of the 1st reading of the following policies, Daniel Grandinetti seconded, there was discussion about adding language to policy 5100, it will be added in before the second reading, Mary Yurista asked a question about the change to policy 7-204, the board voted and all present were in favor of moving the policies to 2nd reading with a revision to 5100.

A. Approval of the 1st Reading of Policy(ies)

7-204 Procedures for Hiring Coaches
0110 Intro Sexual Harassment
0110.1 Sexual Harassment of Student

0110.1-R Sexual Harassment of Student - Regulations
0110.1-E Sexual Harassment of Student - Exhibit
0110.2 Sexual Harassment of Employee
0110.2-R Sexual Harassment of Employee - Regulation
0110.2-E Sexual Harassment of Employee - Exhibit
0115-E Complaint form for DASA and Sexual Harassment
2245 Student Representative to the Board of Education
2250 Board Member Training
4765 Online Course Credit
5100 Student Attendance
8130 School Safety Plans and Teams

7. FINANCE

Mary Yurista moved to approve items 7. A. through C., Sherri Gibson seconded, all present in favor.

- A. Approval of a Resolution Transferring Funds from General Fund to the Retirement Contribution Reserve fund (ERS) and Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund (TRS).
- B. Approval to Declare Surplus – miscellaneous items of scrap metal (brake drums, fuel tanks, etc.) and dispose of in accordance with district policy.
- C. Approval of Contract(s)/Lease(s): Shared Services Agreement with Ichabod Crane and First Amendment to Lease with Questar III.

8. OTHER ACTION

Shelley Palmer moved to approve items 8. A. through C., Mary Yurista seconded, all present in favor.

- A. Approval of a Resolution - Suspending Policy(ies) that conflict with legal directives and authorizes Superintendent to follow said directives.
- B. Approval of a Revision to Code of Conduct and Athletic Code of Conduct: Code of Conduct (policy #5300.30 Section B) and Athletic Code of Conduct to include the following language to each: Failing to comply with any District expectation or the directions of teachers, principals, or other school personnel regarding the health and safety of students, including, but not limited to expectations and requirements of the District, New York State Education Department, and the New York State Department of Health during any health emergency situation.
- C. Approval of a Revised School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

9. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS

A. Approval of Staffing Actions:

- Resignation: Angela Spelman, Teaching Assistant effective August 10, 2020
- Resignation: William Monty, Teaching Assistant effective August 12, 2020
- Substitute School Bus Driver Appointment: Robert Warland

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A member of the public asked if the public would be allowed in person September 10, 2020, Michael Tuttle answered no.

- Tim Ryan thanked Jason Chevrier and the team for working with the SFA and stated that the school district is further ahead than other schools, we are in good shape and doing a good job.

11. ACTION ITEMS:

- Board members that were in attendance at the August 6, 2020, board meeting need to sign the Tax Warrants
- Policy changes:
 - Add language to policy 5100
 - Delete formatting in footer on policy 2520

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Having no further business before the board, President Michael Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele A. Reickert

District Clerk