Special Meeting via Zoom

May 26, 2021

The Special meeting of the Board of Education was held via ZOOM live videoconference. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Board President Kellenbenz who announced that the meeting was being recorded.

PRESENT: Board Members Kellenbenz, Lincoln, Olsson, Provan, Superintendent Bragg, Business Administrator Sanford, and District Clerk Liberti.

ABSENT: Board Members Coons, DelPazzo and Repko

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| Board Member Olsson made a motion to amend the agenda to change Personnel Action Item II. c., seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board Member Provan made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items as listed, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions: I. a. Approve Detailed Warrant Report A-23 Multi Fund #3 for May 5/1/2021—5/31/2021; b. Approve Detailed Warrant Report H-15 Capital Project #1 for May 5/1/2021—5/31/2021; c. Approve May 12, 2021 Regular meeting minutes.  Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Meghan Jaeger, to the position of Science Teacher, in the Science tenure area, possessing an Initial Certificate in Biology 7-12 to a four (4) year probationary term\*, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at an annual salary of $54,654 (Step 1+ Masters + 45 credit hours).  \*In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the classroom teacher’s probationary term for an additional year.”  Board Member Olsson made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Heather Billington, to the position of Spanish Teacher, in the Foreign Language tenure area, possessing an Initial Certificate in Spanish 7-12 to a four (4) year probationary term\*, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2025 at an annual salary of $52,372 (Step 3 + 6 credit hours).  \*In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective overall APPR rating in the final year of the probationary period, he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the classroom teacher’s probationary term for an additional year.”  Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jennifer Rockefeller as a Provisional Keyboard Specialist in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a 52 week,  probationary period commencing on June 9, 2021 and ending June 8, 2022, Step 1, at a salary of $32,993 (prorated) by reference to the Germantown Support Association (GSA) salary schedule.”  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Superintendent Bragg. Superintendent Bragg discussed the use of Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan and CCSA for learning loss due to COVID by extending class times and use of tutors. Application deadline is June 15. Initial funds would cover 3 years. Superintendent Bragg congratulated the board for the budget passing. He is looking forward at the June meeting to reinstate those positions previously lost. Graduation will be one ceremony at Palatine Park on June 26th following social distancing rules. COVID vaccination pod will take place on June 3, from 4-5pm at the High School Gym for students ages 12–18-years with parent approval. Columbia County DOH will administer the Pfizer vaccine with GCSD staff assistance. It is also available to parents of the district’s students. National and Jr. National Honor Society had their in-person induction ceremonies. Prom was a success with the Coronation taking place at the school. Superintendent Bragg expressed how nice it was to see the students enjoy themselves. The Capital Project is delayed to June 4, 2021, as parts for the pump house have not arrived. There is still a water issue in the auditorium that the engineers are looking into plugging and placing new drains. The district is developing a plan to be in person and fully reopened for the next school year.  Board Member Olsson made a motion to adjourn the Special meeting of the Board of Education at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Respectfully submitted,  Elizabeth Liberti  District Clerk | **AMEND AGENDA**  **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**  **APPOINT MEGHAN JAEGER, SCIENCE TEACHER**  **APPOINT HEATHER BILLINGTON, SPANISH TEACHER**  **APPOINT JENNIFER ROCKEFELLER, PROVISIONAL KEYBOARD SPECIALIST**  **SUPERINTENDENT NON-ACTION DISCUSSION**  **ADJOURNMENT** |