Regular Meeting

December 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Germantown Central School. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Kellenbenz.

PRESENT: Board Members Coons, DelPozzo, Kellenbenz, Lincoln, Olsson, Provan, Superintendent Brown, and Business Administrator Boehme.

ABSENT: Board Member Repko

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| Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mrs. Beverly Meagher, Elementary Principal. Mrs. Meagher handed out “Ziggy Clips” to all Board of Education members. Mrs. Meagher acknowledged the great performance by the Elementary students at the concert Tuesday evening. Mrs. Meagher acknowledged the Drama Club for their wonderful performance of “Willy Wonka” and also acknowledged Mr. DelPozzo for the art support he gave. Mrs. Meagher announced that there was 94% attendance for parent/teacher conferences. Mrs. Meagher informed the Board that next week faculty and staff will be keeping everyone calm and festive for the holiday season.Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mr. James DiDonna, Jr. Sr. High School Principal. Mr. DiDonna announced that the PSAT exam results were in and Mr. Jackowski, Guidance Counselor would be meeting with all the students who took the exam to go over their results. Mr. DiDonna announced that the ASVAB (Military exam) will be given to the 11th grade students next week. Mr. DiDonna acknowledged Mr. Conte’s DDP students who went up to Hudson High School to compete in the cardboard boat races. Mr. DiDonna acknowledged Mr. Fitzgibbons’ students who gave presentations to a panel of judges. Mr. DiDonna announced that there was going to be a new attendance contest for high school students on a week to week basis where they can earn a clipper chip and then be entered into a weekly raffle. Mr. DiDonna announced that next Friday to kick off the holiday break, there will be a dodgeball tournament for the students. Mr. DiDonna announced that the faculty vs. staff basketball game was a huge success and gave kudos to the GSA for starting this fundraiser.Mr. DiDonna opened the floor to Mr. Dan Galliher, Jr. Sr. High Band Teacher. Mr. Galliher acknowledged student Jonathan Unterborg who recently was invited to participate in the 2019 All-State Concert held at the Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre in Rochester. This is a very big honor for this student. Mr. Galliher also announced that the Jr. High and Sr. High concerts are coming up and this week has been casting for the upcoming spring performance of “Newsies”.Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Public Comment on Agenda Items. There was none.Board Member Lincoln made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions: I. a. Approve Special Education transportation to Dutchess BOCES for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year: Coxsackie Transportation $230.00 per day/$80.00 extra if monitor needed; b. Approve Memorandum of Agreement between the Germantown Central School District and the Berkshire Union Free School District from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; c. Approve Detail Warrant #10 Fund A General Warrant #2 for November 2019; d. Approve Detail Warrant #C8 Capital Warrant #2 for November 2019; e. Appoint Peter Pasco Boys’ Modified Volleyball Coach, Stipend $1,836.00; f. Approve November 13, 2019 Regular Board of Education minutes; g. Approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education; h. Accept one Conn Director trumpet from past graduate David Wetherell.Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:**“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Germantown Central School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent to declare old and outdated materials (list attached) surplus property and permits the sale or disposal of these items and, that a record of the sale or disposal be maintained and available for public inspection.”Board Member Olsson made a motion to approve first reading, waive second reading and adopt revised Policy 7315 “Student Use of Computerized Information Resources”, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board Member Provan made a motion to approve first reading, waive second reading and adopt new Policy 7316 “Students and Personal Electronic Devices”, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board Member Provan made a motion to approve first reading, waive second reading and adopt revised Policy 7330 “Searches and Interrogations”, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board Member Lincoln made a motion to approve first reading, waive second reading and adopt revised Policy 8271 “Internet Safety”, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items. A community member asked the Board to consider allowing another current 8th grade student to attend Tech Valley next year if the first student who is chosen drops out. Superintendent Brown addressed the community member by informing her that students do not usually drop out, but if one did she is not sure if Tech Valley would accept a student midstream and would look into that and get back to the Board with that information. Board President Kellenbenz reiterated the fact that to send more than one student a year would be too costly for the district and that is why they gave the guidance to Superintendent Brown and the Administrative Team to limit to one student per year.Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Board Member DelPozzo, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Respectfully submitted,Linda AndersonDistrict Clerk | **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS****PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS****APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS****APPROVAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS****ADOPT POLICY 7315****ADOPT POLICY 7316****ADOPT POLICY 7330****ADOPT POLICY 8271****PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS****ADJOURNMENT** |