Regular Meeting

February 12, 2020

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 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Coons, DelPozzo, Kellenbenz, Lincoln, Olsson, Provan, Repko, Superintendent Brown, and District Clerk Anderson.

ABSENT: None

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| Board Member Lincoln made a motion to amend the agenda to include Consent Agenda Items I. h. and ee. and additional wording to the Proposed Executive Session action item, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mrs. Beverly Meagher, Elementary Principal. Mrs. Meagher announced that the “Welcome Wednesday” assembly took place this week featuring Ziggy, who performed for the first time on stage in front of the elementary students. Mrs. Meagher announced that the elementary students raised $6,621 during their St. Jude math-a-thon and thanked Pulcher Transportation for their very generous donation. Mrs. Meagher announced that the PTSA will be sponsoring a parents’ night out on Friday, February 14th for babysitting and pizza party for elementary students. Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mr. James DiDonna, Jr. Sr. High School Principal. Mr. DiDonna announced that it is Spirit Week with a lot of fun things going on during the day with a pep rally to finish off the week on Friday, February 14th. Mr. DiDonna announced that Friday night is senior night for the Girls’ and Boys’ basketball teams and Saturday the Student Council is sponsoring a dance. Mr. DiDonna announced that the Physics students went on a field trip to SUNY Albany and the 8th grade students went on a field trip to Bard College. Mr. DiDonna announced that Mr. Jackowski, Guidance Counselor organized a field trip for 10th grade students to visit the Questar III center in Hudson. Mr. DiDonna announced the Class of 2020 Valedictorian – Savannah Vavrina and Salutatorian – Kierlan Denninger. Mr. DiDonna announced that Mr. Dean Hanson, Science Teacher was voted faculty member of the month and Haley D’Souza was voted student of the month. Mr. DiDonna acknowledged Mrs. Renee Grzeskow for making arrangements for the REACH Center to come to GCS to speak to students in 9th and 10th grade. Mr. DiDonna announced that all scholarships are now listed on our website under Guidance. Mr. DiDonna also informed the Board of Education that our new English teacher Kaila Stark is doing a great job.Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Public Comment on Agenda Items. There was none.Board Member Repko made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items as listed, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions: I. a. Approve Detail Warrant #4 – January Capital Warrant #1 for 01/01/2020-01/31/2020; b. Approve Detail Warrant #16 Fund A General Warrant #1 for 01/01/2020-01/31/2020; c. Approve Detail Warrant #5 – January Capital Warrant #2 for 01/01/2020-01/31/2020; d. Approve Detail Warrant #17 Fund A General Warrant #2 for 01/01/2020-01/31/2020; e. Approve Contract for Health Services between the Millbrook Central School District and the Germantown Central School District for students residing in the Germantown Central School District and attending nonpublic schools in the Millbrook Central School District (four children at $1,088.59 per child totaling $4,354.36); f. Accept check from Exxon Mobil in the amount of $500.00 representing the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program awarded to the district for improvements in Math and Science from pre-school to higher education; g. Approve Agreement between the Town of Greenport and the Germantown Central School District; h. Approve Construction PAK – Builders’ Risk Coverage from 08/01/2019 – 03/01/2021; i. Appoint Lois McClarnon Director Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $1,135.34; j. Appoint Lynne Czajka Choreographer Director Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $842.14; k. Appoint Lynne Czajka Vocal Director Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $842.14; l. Appoint Daniel Galliher Rehearsal Accompanist Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $530.60; m. Appoint Daniel Galliher Pit Band Director Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $408.00; n. Appoint Martin Overington Tech Director Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $530.60; o. Appoint Nathan Bowles Co-Set Designer Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $204.00; p. Appoint Todd Erling Co-Set Designer Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $204.00; q. Appoint Daniel Galliher Concert Accompanist Jr/Sr HS Student Production (spring), Stipend $265.30; r. Appoint Teresa Cavanaugh as a Substitute Teacher, Substitute Teaching Assistant, Substitute Aide; s. Accept Mike O’Brien’s request for Parent Leave from May 4, 2020 through June 25, 2020; t. Appoint Jake Dominique, part-time Evening Custodian at $13.91 per hour 18.75 hours per week; u. Appoint Brett Holmes Varsity Baseball Coach, Stipend $3,127.79; v. Appoint Peter Pasco Modified Baseball Co-Coach, Stipend $816.00; w. Appoint Nathan Bowles Modified Baseball Co-Coach, Stipend $816.00; x. Appoint Michael DelPozzo Varsity Softball Coach, Stipend $3,127.79; y. Appoint Kylie Pudney Modified Softball Coach, Stipend $1,632.00; z. Appoint Susan L.S. Brown Purchasing Agent; aa. Appoint Diane Palazzo Tax Collector; bb. Appoint Jim Palmieri Title IX Alternate Compliance Officer; cc. Appoint Yvonne Waters Medicaid Compliance Officer; dd. Appoint Devin Jackowski Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC); ee. Appoint Karen Leifels Deputy Treasurer; ff. Approve December 16, 2019 Special Board of Education meeting minutes; gg. Approve January 8, 2020 Regular Board of Education meeting minutes; hh. Approve January 22, 2020 Special Board of Education meeting minutes; ii. Approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Superintendent Brown who presented the Board of Education with the 2020-21 preliminary budget forecast and budget assumptions. In this presentation was the Budget Calendar; Draft Tax Levy Limit; Draft Tax Levy Limit Exemptions; Proposed State Aid Revenue and 2020-2021 Estimated Revenue pie chart.Board President Kellenbenz opened discussion on the football merger with Red Hook. Superintendent Brown informed the Board of Education that the students on the Red Hook Modified football team would like to continue. Board Member Provan asked Superintendent Brown that she would like to see an injury rate in the section in which they participate in and Board President Kellenbenz asked for the cost per student. Superintendent Brown will look into both requests.Board Member Lincoln made a motion to enter into a football merger with Red Hook School District with a limit of students from GCS to be determined at a later date for modified football, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 6 ayes, 1 no (Board Member Provan), and 0 abstentions.Board Member Provan made a motion to accept letter of retirement from Dean Hanson, Science Teacher effective June 30, 2020, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board Member Provan made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 7 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 uniforms (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 President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items. A community member asked the Board of Education to consider setting a time frame of when a student who is new to the district can be eligible to participate in a special program that has limited spaces. Superintendent Brown asked the Board of Education to move Board of Education meetings to the high school library so the Capital Project can work on the elementary music room during winter and spring breaks. The Board decided to move the Board meeting for the end of February and March meetings to the high school library and then for the remainder of the budget season to the cafetorium. Superintendent Brown invited the Board of Education to go on a walk-through of the construction site. They all agreed and Superintendent Brown will get back to them with the day and time.Board Member Lincoln made a motion to enter into a Proposed Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Collective Negotiations (GTA) and the employment history of particular individuals, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board Member Coons made a motion to re-enter into the Regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:41 p.m., seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board Member Olsson made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Board Member Repko, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:**“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby ratifies the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement signed by the negotiations for the District and the Germantown Teachers Association, dated December 18, 2019, and authorizes those expenditures necessary to fund the provisions of the 2019-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Germantown Teachers Association.”Board Member Repko made a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Respectfully submitted,Linda AndersonDistrict Clerk | **AMEND AGENDA****ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS****PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS****APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS****PRESENTATION OF 2020-21 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FORECAST****FOOTBALL MERGER DISCUSSION****APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO FOOTBALL MERGER W/RED HOOK****ACCEPT LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM DH****APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY****PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS****ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION****ADJOURN EXEC SESSION****RE-ENTER REGULAR MEETING****APPROVAL OF MOA WITH GTA****ADJOURNMENT** |