Regular Meeting

November 13, 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 Member Lincoln made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Mrs. Yvonne Waters from Acknowledgements, add Consent Agenda Items I. l, m, s, t and u, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mr. James DiDonna, Jr. Sr. High School Principal. Mr. DiDonna announced that Financial Aid Night took place and a representative from Siena college came to explain the FAFSA form. Mr. DiDonna congratulated all three Varsity Fall Sports Teams for making it to the first round of sectional play. Mr. DiDonna announced that community members have been coming into the Personal Finance Class to discuss job opportunities in the community. Mr. DiDonna announced that a RN and individual who was a child actor also came in to talk to students about job opportunities in their career field. Mr. DiDonna thanked Mr. Steven Rockefeller for visiting the high school and sharing artifacts that belonged to his great-grandfather. Mr. DiDonna acknowledged Mr. Galliher and Ms. Czajka, the drama club students and community members for a great performance of the “Little Shop of Horrors”. Mr. DiDonna announced the high school participated in Pink Day on October 11th by wearing pink in support of breast cancer. Mr. DiDonna announced that the 9th grade students went on a field trip to the University of Albany for a performance and thanked Mrs. Hilton for arranging the trip. Mr. DiDonna announced that on November 5th at the Superintendent’s Conference Day all faculty and staff watched the film “Paper Tigers” regarding mental health and how it affects students. The follow-up film, “Resilience” was shown to all faculty and staff this past Tuesday. Mr. DiDonna informed the Board of Education that there will be a lot more education and discussion regarding mental health. Mr. DiDonna announced that the Faculty vs Staff basketball game will be held on Friday, November 15th and encouraged all to come out and support this worthy cause where all the proceeds go toward the giving tree.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mrs. Beverly Meagher, Elementary Principal. Mrs. Meagher shared the latest edition of “Ziggy Clips” with the Board of Education Members. Mrs. Meagher announced that the PreK – 4th grade students went on a field trip to Germantown Farms and traveled through town on a hayride. Mrs. Meagher acknowledged the PTSA for another great Halloween event. Mrs. Meagher acknowledged all who participated in the Veteran’s Day Celebration. Mrs. Meagher announced that the PTSA book fair will take place next week. Mrs. Meagher announced that the elementary drama performance of “Willie Wonka” will take place November 22nd and 23rd. Mrs. Meagher informed the Board of Education about the Early Literacy program she is currently working on with others in Columbia County to promote literacy from birth to four years old.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Ms. Charlene Gabriel of Sammel Architecture who presented the Board of Education with the color scheme of the new addition.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Public Comment on Agenda Items. There was none.  Board Member Lincoln made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items as listed, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  FINANCIAL   1. Approve Budget Calendar 2. Approve Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ended July 31, 2019 3. Approve Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ended August 31, 2019 4. Approve Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the month ended September 30, 2019 5. Approve Detail Warrant HC-3 Capital Warrant #1 for 10/1/19-10/31/19 6. Approve Detail Warrant HC-4 Capital Warrant #2 for 10/1/19-10/31/19 7. Approve Detail Warrant #6 Fund A General Warrant #1 for 10/1/19-10/31/19 8. Approve Check Warrant Report for HC-5: Capital Warrant #2 for 10/1/19-10/31/19 9. Approve Detail Warrant #8 Fund A General Warrant #2 for 10/1/19-10/31/19 10. Approve Detail Warrant HC-7 Capital Warrant #4 for 10/1/19-10/31/2019 11. Approve Detail Warrant #9 Fund A General Warrant #1 for 11/1/2019-11/30/19 12. Approve Emergency Contract for special education transportation to Dutchess BOCES: Coxsackie Transport, Inc. at $230.00 per day   PERSONNEL   1. Unappoint Todd Erling Co-Set Designer/Construction Jr/Sr HS Student Production (fall), Stipend $163.20 2. Appoint Claudia Brehse Co-Set Designer/Construction Jr/Sr HS Student Production (fall), Stipend $163.20 3. Appoint Stacy Hilton School Counselor .5 Mentor, Stipend $500.00 4. Appoint Karyn Schassler School Counselor .5 Mentor, Stipend $500.00 5. Appoint Karin Vucich Evening Greeter (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at $11.10 per hour to begin on November 7, 2019 6. Approve Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Rebecca Helsley, Attendance Aide from December 4, 2019 through February 26, 2020 7. Appoint Donna Phelan as a PreK-12 Substitute Teacher, Teaching Assistant and Teacher/General Aide 8. Appoint Joan Franzone as a 7-12 Substitute Teacher and Tutor 9. Adjust Mike O’Brien’s Parental Leave to begin on November 18, 2019 and end January 3, 2020   APPROVAL OF MINUTES   1. Approve October 9, 2019 Regular Board of Education meeting minutes 2. Approve October 23, 2019 Special Board of Education meeting minutes   CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION   1. Approve recommendations from the Committee on Special   Education  Board Member Provan made a motion to adopt the following  resolution, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 6 ayes,  0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“WHEREAS,** Lindsey Sullivan, a Registered Nurse, performed  the functions of Lead Nurse during the days she substituted for  the District from the period commencing May 2, 2019 through  October 28, 2019; and  **WHEREAS,** in consideration for the performance of Lead  Nurse functions, the District has determined to modify her per  diem rate of pay during the days that she substituted for the  District during the above-referenced time period;  **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the rate of  compensation for Ms. Sullivan for the days she performed  substitute Lead Nurse services for the District is hereby  modified to be $32.00 per hour, with said payment to be applied  retroactively to the days worked during the above-referenced  period of time.”  Board Member Lincoln made a motion to approve the School Tax  Return Affidavit (paid/unpaid warrants, collectors detail report  by owner name, collection summary document and notifications  of apportionments), seconded by Board Member Provan, and  carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board Member Lincoln made a motion to accept letter of  retirement from M. Lynn Polidoro, English Teacher effective  January 31, 2020, seconded by Board Member Coons, and  carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions. The Board of Education  thanked Ms. Polidoro for her 18 years of service to the district.  Superintendent Brown opened the discussion with the Board  of Education regarding guidance for the 2020-2021 outside  placements. Superintendent Brown handed out to the Board  of Education their recommendations from the 2019-2020 year.  The Board of Education decided to go with the same  recommendation as the 2019-2020 school year with the caveat  that this could change if the budget numbers are too high for  the 2020-2021 school year.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Public Comment  on Non-Agenda Items. Superintendent Brown asked the Board  to consider a Special Board of Education meeting for a  Proposed Executive Session on Monday, December 16, 2019.  All Board of Education members were in agreement.  Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adjourn the regular  meeting of the Board of Education at 7:28 p.m., seconded by  Board Member Olsson, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0  abstentions.  Respectfully submitted,  Linda Anderson  District Clerk | **AMEND AGENDA**  **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**  **SAMMEL ARCHITECTURE PRESENTATION**  **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**  **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**  **APPROVAL TO INCREASE SUB NURSE PAY FOR LINDSEY SULLIVAN**  **APPROVAL OF SCHOOL TAX RETURN AFFIDAVIT**  **ACCEPT LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM LYNN POLIDORO**  **GUIDANCE FOR THE 2020-2021 OUTSIDE PLACEMENTS**  **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**  **ADJOURNMENT** |