Regular Meeting in-person and ZOOM

November 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in-person and via ZOOM live videoconference. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Board President Kellenbenz who announced that the meeting was being recorded.

PRESENT: Board Members Coons, DelPozzo, Kellenbenz, Lincoln, Provan, Repko, Superintendent Bragg, and District Clerk Anderson (via Zoom).

ABSENT: Board Member Olsson

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| Board Member Coons made a motion to amend the agenda to change the date in Consent Agenda Item I. j. from 2020 to 2021; omit third resolution (duplicate Change Order GC-005) in Financial Action Item II. a.; add resolution to Financial Action Item II. a. (Change Order GC-006); add Superintendent discussion item IV. d., seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board Member Repko made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions: I. a. Approve Detailed Report for A7 Multi Fund Warrant #1 for October 10/1/2020-10/31/202; b. Approve Detailed Report for H2 Capital Warrant #1 for October 10/1/2020-10/31/2020; c. Approve Detailed Report for A8 Multi Fund Warrant #2 for October 10/1/2020-10/31/2020; d. Approve ENCON Services & Supply, Inc. Facilities Support Services Agreement with the Germantown Central School District effective December 1, 2020; e. Approve Contract for Health and Welfare Services between the Germantown Central School District and the Rhinebeck Central School District for one student residing in the Germantown CSD who is attending a non-public school in the Rhinebeck CSD at $1,070.69 per student; f. Accept emergency bid for Special Ed transportation to transport one student to and from Rensselaer Academy from Michael S. Johnston, LLC at $335.00 per day from September 9, 2020 through October 10, 2020; g. Accept emergency bid for Special Ed transportation to transport one student to and from Rensselaer Academy from Michael S. Johnston, LLC at $335.00 per day from October 12, 2020 through November 12, 2020; h. Accept regular bid for Special Ed transportation to transport one student to and from Rensselaer Academy from Michael S. Johnston, LLC at $335.00 per day from November 13, 2020 through June 25, 2021; i. Accept donation from Taconic Foundation, Inc. in the amount of $4,250.00 to go toward the Logitech Quick Cam Orbit project; j. Approve extension of long-term sick leave of Jeanne Oliveira, Math Teacher, effective through the end of the 2020-2021 school year, June 25, 2021; k. Accept letter of retirement from Judy Bell Food Service Helper effective November 29, 2020; l. Approve October 14, 2020 Regular meeting minutes; m. Approve October 28, 2020 Special meeting minutes; n. Approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.  Board Member Coons made a motion to adopt the following Resolutions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby approves the following change order in connection with the 2015 Capital Project, as presented to the Board at this meeting:   * Change Order No. GC-005 to the site construction contract with Bast Hatfield Construction, LLC for the amount of $172,982.65 to be decreased to the contract with Bast Hatfield Construction, LLC; and   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to sign the above Change Order on behalf of the District. A copy of the Change order will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.”  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby approves the following change order in connection with the 2015 Capital Project, as presented to the Board at this meeting:   * Change Order No. PC-004 to the site construction contract with Condor Fire Sprinkler Company, LLC for the amount of $1,892.00 to be decreased to the contract with Condor Fire Sprinkler Company, LLC; and   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to sign the above Change Order on behalf of the District. A copy of the Change order will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.”  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby approves the following change order in connection with the 2015 Capital Project, as presented to the Board at this meeting:   * Change Order No. EC-006 to the site construction contract with DLC Electric, LLC for the amount of $1,883.59 to be decreased to the contract with DLC Electric, LLC; and   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to sign the above Change Order on behalf of the District. A copy of the Change order will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.”  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby approves the following change order in connection with the 2015 Capital Project, as presented to the Board at this meeting:   * Change Order No. GC-006 to the site construction contract with Bast Hatfield Construction, LLC for the amount of $11,767.33 to be increased to the contract with Bast Hatfield Construction, LLC; and   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to sign the above Change Order on behalf of the District. A copy of the Change order will be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.”  Board Member Repko made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“WHEREAS,** the Board of Education has previously established an Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund (EBALR Fund) for the purpose of paying the costs of certain employee benefits (defined as the cash payment of the monetary value of accrued and accumulated but unused and unpaid sick leave, personal leave, holiday leave, vacation, time allowances in lieu of overtime compensation and other forms of payment for accrued but unliquidated time earned by municipal employees and payable upon termination of service); and  **WHEREAS,** the payments were made from the District’s General Fund Budget for such employee benefits and now must be reimbursed from the EBALR Fund;  **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby appropriates and makes transfers from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund to the General Fund, in the aggregate amount of $29,416.93 to repay the General Fund for the payment of employee benefits (sick, vacation and personal days) during the 2020-21 school year. FROM: EBALR $29,416.93 **TO: General Fund $29,416.93**  **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education modifies the 2020-21 General Fund budgetary appropriations by the sum of $29,416.93 and authorizes the School Business Manager to appropriate the funds as specified in this resolution.”  Board Member Provan made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education approves the Revision to Construction Management Contract for Reconstruction at Germantown CSD as outlined in a letter dated October 23, 2020 to the Superintendent of School.”  Board Member Provan made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Repko, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education approves Amendment 1 to the Executed Agreement between the Germantown Central School District (“GCSD”) and CPL, approved by the Germantown Central School District Board of Education on March 9, 2016 and signed by Tammi Kellenbenz for the GCSD and by David Sammel for CPL, for architectural services related to the Germantown Central School District – 2015 Bond.”  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to discuss Tech Valley. Board President Kellenbenz indicated she had a lengthy conversation with a parent who would like her child to attend Tech Valley for the 2020-21 school year. Superintendent Bragg indicated that there would be additional cost if another student were to attend. All Board of Education members are in favor with there decision to not send a new student for the 2020-21 school year.  Board Member Coons made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Repko and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby extends the long-term leave replacement appointment of Cheryl O’Dell to the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, ending June 25, 2021.”  Board Member Coons made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jacquelyn Pooters to a full-time RN School Nurse position, Step 1, at a salary of $38,582.00 (prorated) with a probationary period beginning November 19, 2020 through November 18, 2021.”  Board Member Coons made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Jacquelyn Pooters as Health Coordinator, Stipend $2,500.00.”  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Superintendent Bragg. Superintendent Bragg wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and informed the Board of Education that Parent Teacher Conferences were scheduled for tomorrow afternoon and evening.  Superintendent Bragg asked the Board of Education what topic they would like to discuss with Dr. Cruz and the Questar Team when they visit at a Board of Education meeting. The Board of Education decided they would like to learn more about virtual learning and what can be provided to the District. President Kellenbenz would like Questar III to update the Board of Education on how the Questar programs are adjusting to COVID guidelines.  Superintendent Bragg asked the Board of Education if they would like to continue with the second Board meeting of the month. The Board of Education decided that since the Capital Project was ending, they would only have a second/special meeting if warranted. Board President Kellenbenz suggested a tour of the new building at the end of the December Board of Education meeting.  Superintendent Bragg asked if the Board of Education wanted to continue with in-person Board meetings. The Board of Education decided they would meet in-person if school was still in session and not remote. The Board of Education also decided to adhere to no public attendees or public comment at Board of Education meetings until at least January 30, 2021.  Superintendent Bragg discussed with the Board of Education the COVID-19 testing requirements for schools in designated yellow zones and protocols for reopening schools in orange and red zones. If Columbia County becomes a yellow zone, 20% of in-person students and staff would have to be tested for COVID. If the district decided to remain open, testing would be mandatory. If Columbia County becomes an orange zone, the percentage of students and staff tested goes up. The problem is the lack of tests available. Superintendent Bragg wanted the Board of Education to be aware of the difficult decisions that may have to be made by the Leadership Team in the near future.  Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Respectfully submitted,  Linda Anderson  District Clerk | **AMEND AGENDA**  **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**  **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS**  **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EBALR FUND**  **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISION TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**  **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH CPL**  **DISCUSSION ON TECH VALLEY**  **APPROVE EXTENSION OF LONG-TERM LEAVE REPLACEMENT OF CHERYL O’DELL**  **APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL NURSE JACQUELYN POOTERS**  **APPOINT JACQUELYN POOTERS HEALTH COORDINATOR**  **DISCUSSION OF QIII TOPIC FOR BOE MEETING**  **DISCUSSION OF 2ND BOE MEETING A MONTH**  **DISCUSSION OF IN-PERSON ATTENDEES AT BOE MEETINGS**  **DISCUSSION OF COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS**  **ADJOURNMENT** |