Regular Meeting

October 9, 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, Olsson, Provan, Superintendent Brown, and Business Administrator Boehme.

ABSENT: Board Members Repko and Lincoln.

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| Board Member Provan made a motion to amend the agenda to include Consent Agenda Personnel Items I. x, y, z, aa and bb; under Personnel Item II. a. include the word prorated; under Personnel Item II. b. correct spelling of Jackowski and correct salary; under Personnel Item II. add Action Items c and d; and add a Proposed Executive Session, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mr. James DiDonna, Jr. Sr. High School Principal. Mr. DiDonna introduced Devin Jackowski who will be the new 7-12 Guidance Counselor. Mr. DiDonna announced that student Maria Krein was crowned the 2019 School Girl Queen at the Chatham Fair this past August. Mr. DiDonna congratulated student JD Unterborg for receiving high ratings at NYSSMA. Mr. DiDonna announced that the Science Department received new microscopes thanks to the Taconic Foundation. Mr. DiDonna announced that all 7-12 grade students now have Ipads. Mr. DiDonna thanked Mr. Lecce and Mrs. Williams for the great job they did running the Jr. High School Clipper Academy this summer. Mr. DiDonna announced that Mr. Fitzgibbons classroom now has tables and chairs instead of desks. Mr. DiDonna announced that Financial Aid night will take place next Tuesday and PSAT exams will be given next Wednesday.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mrs. Beverly Meagher, Elementary Principal. Mrs. Meagher announced that Long Table Harvest set up tables outside the entrance for the community to help themselves to healthy food. Mrs. Meagher announced that the 5th and 6th grade students took a field trip to Albany Pine Bush Reserve. Mrs. Meagher announced that Welcome Wednesday took place today and the theme for the month is “We Are Kind”. Mrs. Meagher announced that the kindergarten took a field trip to the Germantown Library and the PreK-4th grade students will be taking a field trip to the Oakie Farm in Germantown on October 21st. Mrs. Meagher announced that the annual PTSA Halloween party will take place on October 26, 2019.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mrs. Yvonne Waters, Director of Special Education and PPS. Mrs. Waters announced that Wellness Day took place on the first half day of school on September 27th. Some of the activities that took place were: handwriting, rock wall climbing, art through therapy, railroad safety, no cook snacks, relaxation techniques, healthy eating, battle of the belts, steps with Ziggy, crosswalk safety, cafeteria tour, fitness and team building activities. The elementary students enjoyed this event and next year the Wellness Committee will open the day to the high school students.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mr. Dominic Lecce, Social Studies Teacher and Mr. Bill Michell, Special Education Teacher. Mr. Lecce and Mr. Michell presented the Board of Education with ideas they have for a new club, History Club. This year it would be a pilot program to see what the interest is for the future.  Board Member Provan made a motion to approve the History Club pilot program, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Superintendent Brown who presented the Board of Education with her Welcome Back Power-Point presentation.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Mrs. Nichole McCollum who presented the Board of Education with the 2019 Data updates.  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Public Comment on Agenda Items. There was none.  Board Member Provan made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items as listed, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  FINANCIAL   1. Approve Detail Warrant #1 – Fund A General Warrant #1 for 8/1/19-8/31/19 2. Approve Detail Warrant Fund A September Warrant #1 for 9/1/19-9/30/19 3. Approve Detail Warrant Fund A September General Warrant #2 for 9/1/19-9/30/19 4. Approve Detail Warrant #1 Fund H August Capital Warrant #1 for 8/1/19-8/31/19 5. Approve Detail Warrant Fund H September Capital Warrant #1 for 9/1/19-9/30/19 6. Approve Detail Warrant Fund H September Capital Warrant #2 for 9/1/19-9/30/19 7. Approve Germantown Extracurricular Account Trial Balance as of July 31, 2019 8. Approve Germantown Extracurricular Account Trial Balance as of August 31, 2019 9. Approve Germantown Extracurricular Account Trial Balance as of September 30, 2019 10. Approve 30-day emergency contract with Coxsackie Transport, Inc. for $277.00 per day to transport homeless children to Germantown Central School District   PERSONNEL   1. Accept letter of resignation from Karyn Schassler as SADD Advisor for 2019-2020 school year 2. Appoint Sarah Meyers as SADD Co-Advisor, Stipend $477.84 3. Appoint Elena Spence as SADD Co-Advisor, Stipend $477.84 4. Appoint Sally Dodge as a Substitute Teaching Assistant (grades PreK-3) 5. Appoint Christina Pudney Girls’ Varsity Basketball Coach, Stipend $4,197.01 6. Appoint Kylie Pudney Girls’ JV Basketball Coach, Stipend $3,490.26 7. Appoint Alison Wimmer Girls’ Modified Basketball Coach, Stipend $1,836.82 8. Appoint David Comesanas Boys’ Varsity Volleyball Coach, Stipend $4,197.01 9. Appoint Derrick Conte Boys’ Varsity Basketball Coach, Stipend $4,197.01 10. Appoint Ryan Broast Boy’s JV Basketball Coach, Stipend $3,490.26 11. Appoint Alex Lent as a Substitute Custodian 12. Appoint Tyler Hohensheldt as a Substitute Custodian 13. Appoint Collin Messenger as a Substitute Custodian 14. Appoint Jacob Cummings Pit Band Musician Jr/Sr HS Student Production (fall), Stipend $212.24 15. Appoint Myra Lutomski Pit Band Musician Jr/Sr HS Student Production (fall), Stipend $212.24 16. Appoint Kathryn Raftery Pit Band Musician Jr/Sr HS Student Production (fall), Stipend $212.24 17. Appoint Lynne Czajka Pit Band Musician Jr/Sr HS Student Production (fall), Stipend $212.24 18. Appoint Jonathan Boehme Title IX Alternate Compliance Officer   APPROVAL OF MINUTES   1. Approve September 11, 2019 Regular meeting minutes   CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION   1. Approve recommendations from the Committee on   Special Education  Board Member Olsson made a motion to adopt the following  resolution, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 5  ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Deborah Moses as a Keyboard Specialist in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a 52 week  probationary period commencing on October 18, 2019 and ending October 17, 2020, Step 1, at a salary of $31,711(prorated) by reference to the Germantown Support Association (GSA) salary schedule.”  Board Member Provan made a motion to adopt the following  resolution, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried  5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Devin Jackowski, to the 11 month position of School Counselor, in the school counseling and guidance tenure area, possessing a School Counselor Provisional Certificate, to a four (4) year probationary term\*, effective October 10, 2019 through October 9, 2023 at an annual salary of $53,259 (Step 1 $46,802 + Masters $571 + 60 credits $5,886), prorated, with additional compensation to be paid in accordance with the terms of a Letter of Agreement dated April 11, 2006 between the District and the GTA.  \*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 Coons made a motion to adopt the following  resolution, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried  5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Germantown Central School District, Location Code: 71001 hereby establishes a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution form RS 2417-A for elected and appointed officials Linda Anderson, District Clerk, and Diane Palazzo, District Treasurer, and will report their days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by this official to the clerk of this body.”  Board Member Coons made a motion to adopt the following  resolution, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried  5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Germantown Central School District, Location Code 71001 hereby establishes a Standard Work Day Resolution form RS 2418 for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body.”  Board President Kellenbenz opened the floor to Public Comment  on Non-Agenda Items. Superintendent Brown informed the  Board of Education that a Special meeting was needed for the  beginning of November. It was decided that the Special  meeting of the Board of Education would be held Monday,  November 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.  Board Member Coons made a motion to enter into a Proposed  Executive Session at 8:11 p.m., for the purpose of discussing  the employment history of particular individuals and  Collective Negotiations (GSA), seconded by Board Member  Provan, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board Member Coons made a motion to adjourn Executive  Session at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Board Member Provan, and  carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board Member Coons made a motion to re-enter the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 9:27 p.m., seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board Member Coons made a motion to adopt the following  resolution, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried  5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby  approves the terms of a Supplemental Memorandum of  Agreement (“SMOA”) between the District and the  Germantown Support Association dated October 9, 2019,  regarding compensation for full-time school nurses. A copy  of said SMOA, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall  be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.”  Board Member Provan made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  **“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Germantown Central School District hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Kara Wager to a full-time RN School Nurse position, Step 1, at a salary of $37,825 (prorated) with a probationary period beginning October 28, 2019 through October 27, 2020.”  Board Member Olsson made a motion to appoint Kara Wager as Health Coordinator, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Board Member Coons made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.  Respectfully submitted,  Linda Anderson  District Clerk | **AMEND AGENDA**  **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**  **HISTORY CLUB PILOT PRESENTATION**  **APPROVAL OF HISTORY CLUB PILOT PROGRAM**  **WELCOME BACK PRESENTATION**  **2019 DATA PRESENTATION**  **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**  **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**  **APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH MOSES, KEYBOARD SPECIALIST**  **APPOINTMENT OF DEVIN JACKOWSKI, SCHOOL COUNSELOR**  **STANDARD WORK DAY & REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR DISTRICT CLERK AND TREASURER**  **STANDARD WORK DAY RESOLUTION FOR NYSLRS EMPLOYEES**  **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**  **ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**  **ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**  **ENTER INTO REGULAR MEETING**  **APPROVAL OF SMOA WITH GSA REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR FULL-TIME SCHOOL NURSES**  **APPOINTMENT OF KARA WAGER, RN SCHOOL NURSE**  **APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH COORDINATOR**  **ADJOURNMENT** |