Special Meeting via Zoom

April 28, 2021

The Special meeting of the Board of Education was held via ZOOM live videoconference. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Board President Kellenbenz and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Coons, DelPozzo, Kellenbenz, Provan, Repko, Superintendent Bragg and District Clerk Liberti.

ABSENT: Board Members Lincoln and Olsson

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Board Member Repko made a motion to amend the agenda to include Consent Agenda Item I. b. and Non-Action Item Financial III. a. Financial Action Item III. b. and change Personnel Action Items II. a. b. dates, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Board Member Provan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions: I. a. Accept donation of baseball and softball equipment through a grant from Pitch In in the amount of $1785; b. Approve Contract for Health Services between the Germantown Central School District and the Taconic Hills Central School District for a student attending a non-public school in the Taconic Hills Central School District for the sum of $695.36; c. Approve April 21, 2021 Regular meeting minutes.Board Member Repko 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 the Board President is hereby authorized to sign an employment agreement with Holly Sandford to serve as School Business Administrator on a contractual non-tenure bearing basis, pursuant to an internship certificate issued by the New York State Education Department, for the period commencing on May 26, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2021. A copy of said agreement 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 Coons, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:**“BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board hereby authorizes Stephen Golas, Interim Business Official, to continue in his capacity through May 25, 2021 and mentor the district’s School Business Administrator for up to 14 days nonconsecutive.”Board Member Repko discussed Resolution II. a. should state Holly Sanford’s salary as $80,000 per year prorated. Board President Kellenbenz agreed and mentioned the information is in her contract placed in board packets.The Interim Business Manager petitioned the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) to allow the Germantown CSD to amend the “capital exclusion” used to determine the total allowable tax levy for the 2020-2021 school year. That request was rejected by OSC. If the request were granted, it would have resulted in a smaller deduction taken from the 2020-2021 tax levy, which would have resulted in a larger base amount upon which to calculate the allowable Tax Levy for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. This determination requires the school district to reduce the proposed 2021-2022 tax levy, by $61,592 from $9,792,874 to $9,731,282. It reduces the allowable increase in the 2021-2022 tax levy from 1.46% to 0.82%. In order to support a proposed budget in the amount of $16,331,182, as previously endorsed by the Board, fund balance appropriated for potential use in the 2021-2022 school year needs to be increased by a like amount from $1,033,436 to $1,095,028. At the same time, the change in the tax levy requires the school district to submit a revised Property Tax Report Card to the NYSED.Board Member Coons made a motion to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Board Member Repko, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:**“WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Central School District of Germantown, New York, Columbia County, desires to adopt a revised Property Tax Report Card to accompany the annual school district budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022, and WHEREAS, the Property Tax Report Card is required by Sections 1608(7) and 2601-a of Education Law. “Board Member Coons 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 confers tenure upon Renee Grzeskow, in the Social Worker tenure area effective April 28, 2021.”Superintendent Bragg discussed the district’s SRD’s body worn camera. Sheriff’s department has issued every deputy a body worn camera through New York State’s Police Reform. SRD is currently following the New York state policy given to BOE. The Sheriff’s Department is working with GCSD to develop protocol and policy for the district’s SRD. Sheriff Captain Bray joined the meeting and reviewed their policy and answered questions. Both Superintendent Bragg and Captain Bray expressed the camera’s use only to be for serious incidents. Captain Bray offered to set time with the BOE should anyone like a demonstration.Board Member Repko made a motion to adjourn the Special meeting of the Board of Education at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.Respectfully submitted,Elizabeth LibertiDistrict Clerk | **AMEND AGENDA****APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS****ADOPT RESOLUTION APPOINTING HOLLY SANFORD, SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR****ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPOINT STEPHEN GOLAS AS MENTOR TO SBA****DISCUSSION OF SBA CONTRACTED PAY****DISCUSSION OF REVISED PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD****ACCEPTANCE REVISED PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD****APPROVAL RENEE GRZESKOW, TENURE****SUPERINTENDENT****DISCUSSION****ADJOURNMENT**  |