

**PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Plattsburgh, New York**

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 15, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – Duken Building

ROLL

Board of Education

Leisa Boise (President) – present
Amelia Goerlitz – present
Robert Hall, Jr. – present
Thomas Lacey – present
Ronald Marino – present
Clayton Morris – present
Roderick Sherman – present
Fred Wachtmeister – present

Others

Jay C. Lebrun (Superintendent of Schools) – present
Carrie Harvey-Zales –(Ass't. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction) – present
Dawn Stetz (District Clerk - Host) – present
Glenn Hurlock - (Director of Special Education) - excused
Norbert Nedierer (Director of Bldng. & Grounds) – present
Jayson Barnhart (Oak Street Elementary School Principal) – present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Leisa Boise led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:01 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Hall to call the meeting to order and enter into Executive Session to discuss matters as provided for inboard Policy 2330; the employment history of particular personnel, potential litigation and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, specifically the Plattsburgh Teachers' Association. **Motion Carried: 8-0**

RECONVENE: At 7:40 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to reconvene to Regular Session. **Motion Carried: 8-0**

Spotlight: Oak Street 5th Grade Research Project – Ms. McGill, Mr. McGill and the yearbook students made a presentation to the School Board updating the Board on their school year experiences, expressing the things they missed during these times. The students asked the Board questions and thanked them for their hard work and for their services. The students took pictures of Board members.

Public Comment: Mr. Mulligan, NYSUT President & Teacher, asked board members to consider additional programming due to the stress the last couple of years.

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to approve the following consent agenda items:

Minutes

Recommend the Board of Education approve the minutes for the meetings held on March 25, 2021 and March 31, 2021.

Adoption of the Agenda

Recommend the Board of Education adopt the agenda for the meeting being held today.

CSE, CPSE and 504 Plan Recommendations

Recommend the Board of Education approve the Committee on Preschool Special Education, Committee on Special Education and Committee on 504 Plan recommendations as presented in *Appendix I*.

Personnel

Probationary/Miscellaneous Appointments

Recommend the Board of Education appoint the following probationary/Miscellaneous appointments:

EMPLOYEE	POSITION/TENURE AREA	GRADES/ DEPT.	EFFECTIVE DATE	PAY RATE	COMMENTS
Merissa Longe	Food Service Helper	SMS	April 15, 2021	\$13.05/hour	3 hours/day 52-week probationary period
Dale Dupree	Custodial Worker	SMS	April 12, 2021	\$14.23/hour	4 hours/day – 52-week probationary period.

Substitute/Temporary On Call (TOC) Appointments - Recommend the Board of Education approve the appointments and rates of pay as presented.

Name	Certification	Rate	Position (Subs)	<u>Fingerprint</u> Status
Julia Ashline (effective 4-12-21)	N/A	\$13.40/hour	Custodial Worker	Cleared
Hailey Harrigan	N/A	\$13.00/hour	School Monitor	Cleared
Felicia Terry	N/A	\$13.00/hour	Bus Monitor	Cleared

Termination of Employment

Recommend the Board of Education terminate the probationary appointment of Sienna Bibeau, School Monitor at Momot Elementary School, under the provisions of Civil Service Law Section 73, effective April 16, 2021.

Retirements/Resignations

Recommend the Board of Education accept Mary Swanson’s letter of resignation as Student Aide, effective April 17, 2021.

Motion Carried: 8-0

Old Business (► Indicates item to be discussed.)

Donation – Kashorek

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mrs. Goerlitz to recommend the Board of Education accept an additional \$740.00 donation to the Music Department, from Mr. Kashorek. An initial donation of \$2,525 was accepted by the Board at it’s January 14, 2021 meeting.

Motion Carried: 8-0

New Business

Business

Donation - Perry

It was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1,200.00 to Momot’s Elementary Special Education Program, from the Perry family on behalf of their mother, Gladys Perry. Gladys Perry served the general public with an emphasis on children with special needs, which she started as a social worker back in the 70’s at Monty (Momot) Street School. All of Gladys’ children and grand/great children have attended or are still attending Momot Elementary.

Motion Carried: 8-0

SECTION VII MERGER – Boys’ Modified Lacrosse

It was moved by Mrs. Goerlitz, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend the Board of Education approve a PHS student(s) play modified lacrosse with Peru Central School District. Parents will assume all financial responsibility.

Motion Carried: 8-

Election Services Agreement – Clinton County Board of Elections

It was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wachtmeister to recommend the Board of Education authorize the Election Services Agreement between the Plattsburgh City School District and Clinton County Board of Elections for the May 18, 2021 School Budget Vote and Board Elections.

Motion Carried: 8-0

Concluding Reports and Remarks

Superintendent’s Reports/Remarks

- Mementos – Superintendent Lebrun passed around some PHS mementos (1930’s/1940’s) that were recently donated to the District.
- Re-Opening Update – Superintendent Lebrun reported that things were going very well. About 15.9% of students/parents elected to remain in remote structure. He also reported there were 2 positive COVID cases, stating, fortunately, no contact tracing was needed. There was also

reported there were some students quarantined that was related to sports (exposure from another team).

- 2021-2022 School Budget – Update - Superintendent Lebrun shared a budget showing a spending increase of 2.6%, tax levy of 2.03% (within budget the cap), an appropriated fund balance of 1.5 million and programmatically staffing as status quo. He mentioned the budget does reflect Dean of Student at Momot and a bus purchase. Superintendent Lebrun noted the budget does not reflect stimulus funds – they are still checking into the details. He stated that the Board will need to approve the budget at the next board meeting. He explained the importance of a long-range plan, hence the recommendation of a 2.03% tax levy. He asked the Board to share their thoughts on the proposed tax cap of 2.03%.

Mr. Wachtmeister, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Morris, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Goerlitz and Mrs. Boise agreed to a 2.03% tax levy. Mr. Marino and Mr. Lacey felt 1.5% was fair.

Board members asked questions regarding Medicare Part B, Bus purchases, SRO's, disbursing of Stimulus money, and Summer school. Board members thanked Superintendent Lebrun, Mrs. Zales and Mrs. LaDuke for their work on the budget committee.

Board Member Reports/Remarks

Mr. Lacey asked if the District knew how many high school students got vaccinated. Superintendent Lebrun responded no we do not.

Mr. Sherman thanked Superintendent Lebrun for sharing the mementos and thanked Oak Street School for their presentation.

Mr. Morris commented what a fantastic spotlight and thanked everyone for their efforts on the return to school.

Mrs. Goerlitz congratulated everyone on a smooth reopening.

Mr. Hall commented on the mementos and stated he hopes the district continues in the right directions. Great spotlight!

Mr. Wachtmeister commented that it was nice to see students here tonight. He referred to the experience this last year has been for our teachers. He enjoyed the mementos immensely. He asked Superintendent Lebrun if there was still a GASB45 and Superintendent Lebrun responded yes.

Mrs. Boise thanked board members who are on the budget committee and Superintendent Lebrun, Mrs. Zales and Mrs. LaDuke. She loved the history shared tonight. Mrs. Boise thanked Ms. and Mr. McGill for an exceptional job tonight. Mrs. Boise thanked everyone for here tonight and thanked the staff, students and parents for their efforts during this challenging year.

Public Comment: There were not public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:52 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Marino, seconded by Mr. Lacey to reconvene to adjourn.

Motion Carried: 8-0

Respectfully,

Dawn Stetz
District Clerk