

GOUVERNEUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOUVERNEUR NEW YORK 13642
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

5:30 P.M. A moment of silence was held for the thousands of victims of the terrorist attack on 9/11/2001.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of Gouverneur Central School District was called to order by President David Fenlong, at 5:31 P.M., EDT in the High School Auditorium, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: Todd E. Bates, David Fenlong, Mark Hendrick, Naaman Lowry, Nickolas Ormasen, Laurie M. Roberts, Laura Spicer.

Trustees Absent: Brooke Bush, Dr. William Cartwright.

Also Present: Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools; Dale R. Munn Jr., Business Manager; Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum; Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk.

II. COMMENT PERIOD

President David Fenlong opened the floor for public comment; no comments were offered.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Staff Recognition – Sarah Stedman

The District Shared Decision-Making Committee selected music teacher Sarah Stedman to receive the Staff Recognition Award for the month of June, 2023. Because she was unable to attend, her award was presented at this meeting. Her award stated, in part, “Not only does Ms. Stedman direct an incredible chorus, but she instills confidence and pride in her students at what they can accomplish... they leave middle school with a true love of music.”

B. Wildcat News

Superintendent Kelly recapped the start of the school year that began with the second Annual Employee Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday. She and President Fenlong recognized members of the faculty and staff who have achieved milestones in their careers by completing five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, and thirty-five years of service. Also recognized were the 33 new hires and employees who have moved to new roles in the district. Thursday the students were welcomed back by an enthusiastic team of administrators, teachers, teaching assistants, aides, and staff in each of our buildings. Ms. Kelly also announced that the District recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Fort Drum for exceptional service and support to our military connected students from 2021-2023 from former Garrison Commander Colonel James Zacchino.

C. School Resource Officer presentation

SRO Michael Tyler addressed the Board to discuss secure open versus concealed carry in the role of SRO. He said as former (retired) members of the New York State Police, he and SRO Rob Klimowicz are among the best trained in secure open carry, which involves a secure holster and visible weapon worn outside of the garment. He stressed the advantages of not having clothing interfere with a potential situation response, and assured board members that their training backs the fact neither has ever had an issue with their sidearm in any situation or population. Responding to comments that the students are used to seeing them in casual attire, SRO Tyler said they have proposed new logo shirts that would look professional and identify them as SROs. Trustee Hendrick asked if the building principals could share their opinions. High School Principal Wood stated that having the SRO open carry is a great deterrent, and also makes students feel safe and protected. Elementary Principal Trowbridge said both SROs have made a point to be in his building a lot and the students know who they are so their attire shouldn't be an obstacle. President Fenlong concluded the discussion, thanking the SROs for the information provided for the board members' reflection.

D. Upcoming Events

1. Annual Area 6 Dinner Meeting – October 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. – Malone Golf Club
2. Regent Dinner – October 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. – Seaway Tech Center, Norwood

President Fenlong reminded board members to let the District Clerk know if they wished to attend.

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IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Munn updated the board that we are working with the SLL BOCES consortium on the New York State RECOVS application, a literacy-focused grant directed at learning loss, and another local grant for mental health. The busing grant opportunity still has not been released.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

President David Fenlong asked if any member on the Board wished to have any item on the Consent Agenda removed for special consideration and discussion. Trustee Roberts asked that Item B, Claims Auditor's Reports, be pulled for separate consideration.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lowry, seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the following items, A, C, and D, as a consent agenda:

A. Minutes

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023, and the Special Meeting of August 28, 2023, as presented.

C. CSE Business

(See Sheet #2, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the services, including additions, modifications and deletions, for the following classified students, as reflected in the attached CSE Meeting Minutes report:

5103620	5103281	5103084	5102482	5104792	5102832
5103265	5102773	5103035	5103030	5103292	5100729
5104592	5101937	5101148	5102591	11995	5102531
5100919	5100299	5101105	5103775	5104471	

D. CPSE Business

(See Sheet #3, Board Minutes File Folder)

Approve the services, including additions, modifications and deletions, for the following classified students, as reflected in the attached CPSE Meeting Minutes report:

5104724	5104473	5104752
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Vote on Consent Agenda Items A, C, D:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

B. Claims Auditor's Reports

(See Sheet #1, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, seconded by Trustee Hendrick, that the Board of Education approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for the period 8/21/23 – 9/1/23 as presented; and 7/14/23 and 8/15/23 as presented. *The latter were inadvertently left off a previous board meeting due to the switching over of the computer system.*

DISCUSSION: Trustee Roberts questioned why a specific contract hadn't come in front of the board; Superintendent Kelly explained that was under the ARP funding and most of those items typically do not go to the board. Responding to a follow-up question, Ms. Kelly explained how the services provided by that contractor are aligned with our curriculum.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORTS, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2023

(See Sheet #4, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, motion made by Trustee Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of August, 2023, as presented.

DISCUSSION: Responding to a query from Trustee Hendrick, Business Manager Munn explained that the variance in the school lunch fund from previous months was due to spending down the reserves by approximately \$400,000 for cafeteria furniture and equipment.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

President David Fenlong asked if any member on the Board wished to have any item on the Consent Agenda – Personnel removed for special consideration and discussion. Trustee Roberts asked that Item C, Leaves and Leave Replacements, be removed for separate consideration and discussion.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Personnel Items A and B

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Naaman Lowry, and seconded by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items A and B as a Consent Agenda:

A. Resignations

- a) Accept the request for resignation from Heather Richardson, from her position as Secondary Mathematics Teacher, effective August 31, 2023, and waive the requirement for Ms. Richardson to provide 30 days' notice.
- b) Accept the request for resignation from Laura Ritchie, from her position as 2.75-hour Food Service Helper, effective September 7, 2023.

B. Appointments

1. Instructional

- a) McKinney-Vento 2023-2024. Through the McKinney-Vento consortium grant we are able to have the following people support our identified homeless population: M-V DTST Members: Monica Scott, Kayley Learn, Pam Mahay (Support Leader), Stephanie Plaisted (Support Leader), Christie Warren, Jenelle Yeoman. M-V Mentors: Monica Scott (Liaison/Mentor); Hunter Hitchman, Kayley Learn, Christie Warren, Grace Mashaw.
- b) Gouverneur Elementary Afterschool Tutoring - Instructors. Appoint the following personnel as Tutoring Instructors for the 2023-2024 school year, to be paid at the rate of \$30/hour, funded through the ARP: Corey Rogers, Penny Matice.
- c) High School Afterschool Tutoring - Instructors. Appoint the following personnel as Tutoring Instructors for the 2023-2024 school year, to be paid at the rate of \$30/hour, funded through the ARP: Lisa Carbone, Sarah Wood, Sam Sochia, Nanette Holt, Jean Johnson.

2. Non-Instructional

- a) Teacher Aide. Appoint Billie Jean Sheen to the position of Teacher Aide in the non-competitive class of the civil service, commencing on September 7, 2023, at an annual salary in accordance with the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union agreement, Teacher Aide 7.5HR Level 1, from the current GSRPU salary schedule, prorated to September 7, 2023.
- b) Teacher Aide. Appoint Mackenzie D. Reynolds to the position of Teacher Aide in the non-competitive class of the civil service, commencing on September 12, 2023, at an annual salary in accordance with the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union agreement, Teacher Aide 7.5HR Level 1, from the current GSRPU salary schedule, prorated to September 12, 2023.
- c) Individual Aide. Appoint Kaylee Ordway to the position of Individual Aide in the non-competitive class of the civil service, commencing on September 5, 2023, at an annual salary in accordance with the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union agreement, Individual Aide 7.5HR Level 1, from the current GSRPU salary schedule.

3. Substitutes and Tutors

- a) Approve the appointment of the following GCS staff as tutors for 2023-24: Lisa Carbone, Christine Cognetti, Tabitha Kirkpatrick, Jessica Miller, Marie Moore, Ken Nicholas, Kim Reed, Melinda Schiszler, Monica Scott, Robert Webster, Saddle Whitaker, Terri Whitaker, Cherie Zira.
- b) Approve the appointment of returning substitutes and tutors for 2023-24: Penny Matice, Tutor; Hannah Stowell, Teacher, Teaching Assistant
- c) Approve the appointment of the following new substitutes for 2023-24, pending completion of all requirements: Cafeteria: Penny Petrie. Classroom (Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Aide): Caitlin Cardinell; Alyssa Edick; Kaitlynn Morse; Nicole Marriott; Jamie Mitchell; Danielle Newton; Grace Pope; Brianna Prashaw; Danielle Towne. Clerical: Patricia LaClair.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

B. Appointments (Cont.)4. Extra-Curricular

2023-24 Advisors. Approve the appointments of the 2023-2024 Advisors, to be compensated in accordance with the Club Salary Schedule of the GTA contract, as presented:

DEANONIAN	CORY V. YOUNG	CLASS A	Step 9
MUSICAL DIRECTOR # 1	EMILY M. BASON	CLASS A	Step 6
ART CLUB HS	ROBERT D. DECKER	CLASS B	Step 10
FFA	KYLIE A. SPINNER	CLASS B	Step 2
SELECT CHOIR (CHAMBER SINGERS)	BRETT M. WORDEN	CLASS B	Step 1
DEANONIAN 2	BETHANIE J. DENESHA	CLASS B	Step 9
HONOR SOCIETY 9-12	JULIA M. STREETER	CLASS C	Step 1
SELECT STRINGS	PAUL J. BUELL	CLASS C	Step 2
STAGE BAND	BRETT L. LUPI	CLASS C	Step 1
STUDENT COUNCIL HIGH SCHOOL	EVELYN G. BARTON	CLASS C	Step 23
VARSITY CLUB	SARAH J. WOOD	CLASS C	Step 2
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (.5)	SARAH J. WOOD	CLASS C	Step 2
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (.5)	SAMUEL E. SOCHIA	CLASS C	Step 2
ADVISOR, GRADE 11, #1	BETHANIE J. DENESHA	CLASS D	Step 13
ADVISOR, GRADE 11 #2	SARAH J. WOOD	CLASS D	Step 5
ADVISOR, GRADE 12 #1	HEATHER L. PARKER	CLASS D	Step 12
ADVISOR, GRADE 12 #2	CORY V. YOUNG	CLASS D	Step 11
WHIZ QUIZ	EMILY M. BASON	CLASS D	Step 5
MUSICAL SET DIRECTOR	ROBERT D. DECKER	CLASS D	Step 2
ADVISOR, GRADE 10 #1	KATHLEEN M. STAMPER	CLASS E	Step 5
ADVISOR, GRADE 9 #1	JEAN C. JOHNSON	CLASS E	Step 1
COMPETITIVE SPEAKING CLUB	MICHAEL J. BASON	CLASS E	Step 7
COSTUME CLUB	MEAGHAN A. MATTHEWS	CLASS E	Step 2
MATH CLUB	CORY V. YOUNG	CLASS E	Step 4
SENIOR HIGH FALL PLAY	MICHAEL J. BASON	CLASS E	Step 2
WINTER COLOR GUARD	HAILEY COOK	CLASS E	Step 2
WEBMASTER	CORY V. YOUNG	Stipend	
K-KIDS CLUB	ALISSA M. COLLIER	CLASS E	Step 1
ROBOTICS - ELEM	BROOKE A. JUNE	CLASS E	Step 4
MILITARY KIDS CLUB ELEMENTARY	KATHERINE DOSTER	CLASS E	Step 2
BAND PEP	JENELLE J. YEOMAN	CLASS F	Step 3
TRI-M ADVISOR	JENELLE J. YEOMAN	Volunteer	

5. Summer Work

New Curriculum Planning. Approve Pam Stevens for 12 hours (2 days) of curriculum work with the 12:1:1 classroom, at the contractual rate of \$125/day.

6. Students

Approve the appointment of the following student(s) as Monitor(s) for the 2023-2024 school year, pending completion of all requirements: Kaden Wells, Gavin Davis, Madison Hopper. These students will be assisting in the Auditorium with lights, sound and stage setup for a number of events this school year.

Vote on Consent Agenda – Personnel Items A and B:

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL ITEMS A AND B, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Personnel Item C

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Naaman Lowry, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel item C:

C. Leaves and Leave Replacements

- a) Acknowledge unpaid leave of absence for childrearing purposes for probationary employee #00583, for the period 09/01/2023 – 04/16/2024, in accordance with Article 12.3.1 of the contract with the Gouverneur Teachers' Association. Time on this unpaid leave of absence will not count toward tenure or seniority.
- b) Approve the appointment of Anita Sleeman, who holds Permanent certification in Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6; and Permanent certification in Reading, to the non-probationary position of long-term substitute to replace Employee 00583, effective September 5, 2023, to approximately April 16, 2024, at the prorated salary of Step 1, B30M from the 2023-2024 salary schedule with the Gouverneur Teachers' Association. This is an emergency conditional appointment pending fingerprint clearance.
- c) Approve the appointment of Joseph Wahl Jr., who holds Permanent certification in Physical Education, to the non-probationary position of long-term substitute for the Physical Education position that is encumbered by a vacancy, effective September 7, 2023 – November 8, 2023, at the established rate of certified Substitute Teacher 25+ days.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Laurie M. Roberts asked why some appointments were paid on a Step salary while others were per diem. Superintendent Kelly clarified that certified substitutes are put on a Step salary if the assignment is for a full semester or more.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL ITEM C, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

IX. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

A. Mentors and Mentees

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Roberts, and seconded by Vice-President Bates, that the Board of Education approve the following teachers as Mentors or Mentees for the 2023-2024 school year:

Mentees:

Michele Brenno
Mike Bryant
Jamie DeRusso
Brett Lupi
Grace Mashaw
Julie Neiss
Korrine Patterson
Alexis Ritter
Kylie Spinner
Carol Trombly
Jade Walker
Gina White
Colter Whitmore
Pat Williams
Brett Worden

Mentors:

Brittany Buckmaster
Lisa Carbone
Alissa Collier
Robert Decker
Beth Denesha
Sara LaPoint
Brittany Lewis
Amber Ormasen
Monica Scott (mentoring 2 mentees)
Elizabeth Siebels
Sam Sochia
Shawn Typhair
Marcy Tyler
Jenelle Yeoman (mentoring 2 mentees)

YEAS: Bates, Fenlong, Hendrick, Lowry, Roberts, Spicer NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Ormasen

MOTION CARRIED. MENTORS AND MENTEES, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

IX. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Food Service Helpers

- a) Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Roberts, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education appoint Bette Prashaw, to the position of 2.75-hour Food Service Helper in the labor class of the civil service, commencing on September 12, 2023, at an annual salary in accordance with the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union agreement, Food Service Helper 2.75HR Level 1, from the current GSRPU salary schedule, prorated to September 12, 2023.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF BETTE PRASHAW AS FOOD SERVICE HELPER, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

- b) Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded by Trustee Roberts, that the Board of Education appoint Carol Ormasen, to the position of 2.75-hour Food Service Helper in the labor class of the civil service, commencing on September 12, 2023, at an annual salary in accordance with the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union agreement, Food Service Helper 2.75HR Level 1, from the current GSRPU salary schedule, prorated to September 12, 2023.

YEAS: Bates, Fenlong, Hendrick, Lowry, Roberts, Spicer NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Ormasen

MOTION CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF CAROL ORMASEN AS FOOD SERVICE HELPER, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

- c) Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, and seconded by Trustee Laura Spicer, that the Board of Education appoint Jamie Mitchell, to the position of 2.75-hour Food Service Helper in the labor class of the civil service, commencing on September 12, 2023, at an annual salary in accordance with the Gouverneur School Related Personnel Union agreement, Food Service Helper 2.75HR Level 1, from the current GSRPU salary schedule, prorated to September 12, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Conversation took place regarding the cost of the fingerprint requirement. Board members were in agreement that the district should cover some or all of the cost for substitutes. Discussion took place about reimbursement options. The Board policy on fingerprinting will be reviewed at a future meeting.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF JAMIE MITCHELL AS FOOD SERVICE HELPER, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

C. Temporary Appointment

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Laurie M. Roberts, and seconded by Vice-President Todd E. Bates, that the Board of Education appoint Patricia Williams, who holds Permanent certification in Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6, to the temporary position of Family and Consumer Science teacher effective September 11, 2023 – June 26, 2024, in a non-probationary capacity without eligibility for an appointment on tenure. Ms. Williams shall be compensated at Step 1, B30M in accordance with the Gouverneur Teachers' Association Agreement current salary schedule for year 2023-2024.

YEAS: Bates, Fenlong, Hendrick, Ormasen, Roberts, Spicer NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Lowry

MOTION CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA WILLIAMS AS TEMPORARY FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE TEACHER, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

President Fenlong, on behalf of the Board, wished good luck to Ms. Richardson and Ms. Ritchie, and congratulated the many new appointees.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Safety Inspection Report

(See Sheet #5, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded by Trustee Roberts, that the Board of Education approve the Fire Safety Inspection Report dated 07/31/23, all items listed have been corrected on or before 08/24/23.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

B. Appointment of Student Board Representative

Upon presentation and recommendation of Superintendent Jacquelyn L. Kelly, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded Trustee Lowry, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Abigail (Abbie) Bowman as the Student Board Representative for 2023-24. Ms. Bowman is the President of the Student Senate and is a member of the High School Class of 2024. **DISCUSSION:** Vice-President Todd E. Bates commented that the board appreciates High School Principal Wood putting her name forward and they look forward to working with her.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. APPOINTMENT OF ABIGAIL BOWMAN AS STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

C. Merger Request – Boys’ Cross Country

(See Sheet #6, Board Minutes File Folder)

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve a merger with Harrisville Central School District to allow their students to participate on our Boys’ Cross-Country team at all levels during the 2023-2024 school year, per the terms of the Section 10 Athletics Combined Teams Application as presented.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MERGER REQUEST WITH HARRISVILLE CSD, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

D. Acceptance of Gift

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded by Trustee Lowry, that the Board of Education accept the donation of 100 bottles of sunscreen from Kinney Drugs to the district schools, with thanks and appreciation, to be distributed as needed.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. GIFT FROM KINNEY DRUGS, ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

E. Acceptance of Gift and Budget Amendment

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve to increase the Appropriated Unassigned fund balance by \$1,955, and increase the Expenditures A 2870450 School Store Supplies fund by \$1,955. The Board of Education also accepts the donation of \$105 from the Class of 1973, received September 6, 2023, with appreciation and thanks. This donation will be combined with a previous donation from the Class of 2018 in the amount of \$1,850 to be donated to the new School Store at the High School.

DISCUSSION: When asked for more information, Superintendent Kelly shared the School Store was started by the Class of 2018. High School Principal Wood said that in addition to school supplies, general Wildcat apparel (not team-specific) would be available, and students would run the Store and learn merchandising, etc. President Fenlong thanked those involved for their generosity.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT TO SCHOOL STORE AND BUDGET AMENDMENT, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

X. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

F. Adjustment of Hours to Elementary and Middle School Cook positions

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Vice-President Bates, and seconded Trustee Lowry, that the Board of Education approve changing the hours of the Head Cook at the Elementary and Middle schools from 6.5 hours/day to 7 hours/day. Pay will be adjusted to the hourly rate.

DISCUSSION: Trustee Roberts asked if the high school position would also change; Superintendent Kelly said not at this time, but they serve about 100 fewer kids than the other buildings.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. CONSENT ADJUSTMENT OF HOURS TO ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL COOK POSITIONS, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

G. Cafeteria ala carte pricing – discussion

Business Manager Munn notified board members that the prices on certain ala carte items—chips and ice cream—in the cafeteria will be raised \$.25, explaining that since the ala carte items have to be self-supportive, the school lunch fund revenues can't supplement their prices. The new price of chips and ice cream will be \$1.00, which Superintendent Kelly stated was in line with what other schools in the area are charging.

H. Food Service / Maintenance position – discussion

A proposal was offered by Business Manager Munn to restructure a position in order to have a full-time employee handle all cafeteria inventory and deliveries, and charge their benefits to cafeteria. Trustee Hendrick asked if the position could be used for other department mail and deliveries; Mr. Munn responded that in terms of how benefits and salaries are charged, as long as the majority of the position is related to the cafeteria, it could be charged to the cafeteria. Trustee Roberts questioned if an additional position was needed due to the number of employees already in the department; Superintendent Kelly clarified that it wouldn't be an additional position but rather a restructuring of positions currently done by various workers in different departments.

I. Authorization to Declare as Surplus and Sell/Dispose of Equipment

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lowry, and seconded by Vice-President Bates, that the Board of Education declare one 6-burner Vulcan gas oven as surplus and authorize the Business Manager to sell/dispose of the item.

DISCUSSION: Responding to Trustee Roberts, Superintendent Kelly said the district looked at moving this oven to the Home Ec room but the room didn't have the right type of ventilation.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. ITEMS DECLARED AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZED FOR SALE/DISPOSAL, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

J. Donation of Item to St. James Parochial School Previously Declared as Surplus

Upon presentation and recommendation of Jacquelyn L. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Trustee Lowry, and seconded by Trustee Spicer, that the Board of Education approve the donation of one 6-burner Vulcan gas oven to the St. James Parochial School. This item was declared as surplus.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. DONATION OF ITEM TO ST. JAMES PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

XI. COMMENT PERIOD

Resident Tina French said increasing the cost of ice cream will affect many of our students who can't afford it; and she fully supports the SRO request for Open Carry. She also commented about CPR training for staff and asked about training on restrictive interventions and crisis teams. Superintendent Kelly replied that teachers, assistants, and aides are trained annually in Crisis Prevention Intervention including a physical component, and the district is currently in the process of setting up crisis teams.

Gouverneur Education Association co-president Jerrilyn Patton, on behalf of the members, stood to thank the School Resource Officers for protecting our students and staff and said they are happy to see they are carrying.

XI. COMMENT PERIOD (CONTINUED)

Resident Lynette Patnode thanked board members for their service to the district, and remarked on some observations she had noted in her attendance at this and the previous meeting, including the struggle for audience members to hear all board members, the limited time for individual comments, and the general setting of using the auditorium for meetings. She also voiced her dismay at the low turnout at the previous meeting where a multi-million-dollar project was discussed. President Fenlong thanked her for sharing her thoughts and agreed that all board members need to deliberately use their microphones when speaking, and added that other district spaces have been used in the past but the auditorium currently works best for their meetings.

Trustee Laurie M. Roberts commented on the lack of qualified candidates that so many districts are facing and encouraged the administration to continue using all sources including student teachers to help bridge that gap.

XII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Lowry, and seconded by Trustee Roberts, to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular persons, current litigation, and matters leading to the potential employment of a corporation.

YEAS: All Trustees Present NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open session resumed at 8:00 PM.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, motion made by Trustee Lowry, and seconded by Vice-President Bates, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

YEAS: All Trustees Present. NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM, EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file
Tatia Z. Kennedy, District Clerk

Signature on file
David Fenlong, President

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