

WYOMING CENTRAL SCHOOL

WYOMING, NEW YORK

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Members present: Mrs. Bush(remote), Mr. Chamberlain, Mrs. Merrill, Mr. True,
Mrs. Washburn, Mr. Wetherwax, Mrs. White

Others present: Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Norton

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Chamberlain, Board President.

Public Forum: None.

Executive Session: Be it resolved, the Board retires into executive session at 6:32 p.m., for the purpose of the annual Superintendent's evaluation, on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Merrill.
Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Out of Executive Session: The Board reconvened regular session at 6:58 p.m.

Adjournment: Be it resolved, the Board adjourns the meeting at 6:59 p.m. on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Merrill.
Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Norton
District Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING

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- Members present:** Mrs. Bush(remote), Mr. Chamberlain, Mrs. Merrill, Mr. True, Mrs. Washburn, Mr. Wetherwax, Mrs. White
- Others present:** Mrs. Herman, Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Norton
- Guests:** Sherri Bartz, Amy Camp, Meghan Barker, Danyle Raines, Tom Jaroszek, Marsha Morgan, Lisa M. Heineman
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Chamberlain, Board President.
- Approval of Agenda:** Be it resolved, the Board approves the agenda with additions on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Washburn.
Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)
- Presentations:** Amy Camp, Meghan Barker and Sherri Bartz members of the CDEP committee gave a presentation, on the multi-year implementation of Restorative Justice Practice Training, and how it is implemented in their classrooms.
- Public Forum:** Jessica Merrill addressed a shift in the middle school culture, creating an uncomfortable learning environment: students feeling isolated and bullied for not belonging to certain groups and teachers reinforcing those groups; students taking surveys and participating in discussion, based on Restorative Justice Practices, on topics that should be discussed by families, not at school; public displays of affection taking place in the hallways.
Marsha Morgan spoke in regard to kids are feeling excluded.
Danyle Raines spoke in regard to kids being divided, teachers siding with certain groups, the Wyoming school family being divided and the need to fix what is broken.
- Communications:** None.
- Action Items:** Be it resolved, the Board approves the minutes of the 1/13/22 regular meeting on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Merrill.
Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Be it resolved, the Board approves the January 2022 Treasurer's Report and Budget Transfers on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Merrill.

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

President's Report:

The John Deere tractor suffered a malfunction carrying salt and is being repaired.

Superintendent's Report:

Awaiting updates to the masking mandate for school districts in March.

Sam West, Resource Officer, will hold a DARE presentation for 4th-8th graders.

Lauren (Restore(sexual assault services) in Wyoming County) will be at our district March 21st and 23rd to educate on Erin's Law (requires that all public schools in each state implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program which teaches: Students in grades preK-12th grade, age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult, school personnel all about child sexual abuse, parents and guardians the warning signs of child sexual abuse, plus needed assistance, referral or resource information to support sexually abused children and their families.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Be it resolved, the Board approves to nominate the following nominees, for at-large positions on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, whose terms of office would begin on July 1, 2022, on motion by Mrs. Merrill and second by Mr. True:

3 Year Term Norbert Fuest(seeking re-election)

2039 Church Road, Darien Center, NY 14040

Resident in Attica CSD

3 Year Term Robert DeBruycker (seeking re-election)

14 Fisk Place, Avon, NY 14414

Resident in Avon CSD

3 Year Term Christy Crandall Bean (seeking re-election)

24 Massachusetts Street – PO Box 945

Nunda, NY 14517

Resident in Keshequa CSD

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Information on the current status of the district's grants, was reviewed.

Budget Review included the following:

- Foundation Aid is at 3% or \$51,000 more than last year.
- Building Aid will end in 2024-2025, need to prepare for the next building project.
- Transportation Aid and BOCES Aid projected in the Governor's budget is not accurate, we will need to calculate
- Maintain BOCES rental income.
- Texas Brine Pilot Program 2021 payment was negatively impacted by the Town of Middlebury reassessment.
- Salaries, the biggest expense, are unknown, as the district is in negotiations, with both groups.
- No letters of retirement have been received.
- Staffing will remain the same.
- Summer cleaners, to be determined.
- Minimum wage increase of 5.6%.
- Request for Proposal of auditing services has been issued.
- Terms and Conditions Agreements for 2022-2023 are waiting for the completion of negotiations of the two groups.
- BOCES still working on projected expenses.
- Edutech costs have risen.
- Tax Cap is not 2%, our school is 3.27% or \$68,242, if the budget goes above the 3.27%, a super majority vote will be needed for the budget to pass. A 1% increase in taxes equals \$21,000.
- Career/Technical costs increased 17%, as more students are enrolled.
- Transportation includes a new micro bus with wheelchair, by 2027 all new buses purchased will be electric and by 2035 the entire fleet has to be electric.
- Special Education costs are unknown.
- Health Insurance will increase 12.5%.
- Employees Retirement will be 11.6% and Teachers Retirement will be 10.29%.
- Capital Project debt will be paid off in June.

-Continue to aid the Capital Project Reserve for the next project.

Be it resolved, the Board approves to purchase (2) iPods for school media on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Washburn.

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Be it resolved, the Board approves the following on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Washburn:

WHEREAS, on January 24th, State Supreme Court Justice Thomas Rademacher of Nassau County ruled that the New York State mask mandate was unconstitutional, citing lack of proper legislative due process: "The mandate is a law that was promulgated and enacted unlawfully by an executive branch state agency, and is therefore void and unenforceable";

WHEREAS, Appellate Division Justice Robert Miller granted a stay on the States masking rules, pending an appeal to Justice Rademacher's decision

WHEREAS, on February 10th, 2022, Governor Hochul lifted the mask mandate for businesses and public gatherings across New York State;

WHEREAS, the state has nevertheless decided to require the continued use of masks/face coverings in schools across New York State;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the confusion these unprecedented legal rulings are causing across our community and state is leading to undue stress on our students, parents, staff, and other community members;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education realizes the community is looking to us to provide insight as to what the official status of mask mandates is within our school buildings, vehicles, and grounds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education will defer to the official position of our local health department (Wyoming County Department of Health) on when we should lift mask mandates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once Wyoming County Health Department policy allows for the discontinuation of masking mandates, Wyoming Central School will no longer enforce our current masking policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that until such time as the Wyoming County Health Department allows for removal of our current masking policy,

Students, Staff, and visitors will continue to be required to abide by said policy, found in the Wyoming Central School Code of Conduct.

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Be it resolved, the Board approves the following additions to board agendas, on motion by Mrs. Merrill and second by Mr. True:

-Board Members Discussion Items

-Finance

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Executive Session:

Be it resolved, the Board approves to retire into executive session at 8:30 p.m., for the purpose of personnel, on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Bush.

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Out of Executive Session:

The Board reconvened regular session at 9:48 p.m.

Personnel:

Be it resolved, the Board approves Heather Washburn, 4 Chapel Street, Castile, NY 14427, as a substitute cleaner, at the rate of \$13.20 per hour, effective 2/11/22, pending fingerprinting clearance, on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Washburn.

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Be it resolved, the Board accepts Traci Hoffman's letter, requesting a Leave of Absence, dated 2/9/22, on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Washburn.

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

CSE/CPSE:

Be it resolved, the Board approves the CPSE minutes dated Jan. 4, 2022 and the CSE minutes dated January 10, 18, 24, 25, & 28, 2022 on motion by Mr. True and second by Mrs. Merrill.

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Adjournment:

Be it resolved, the Board approves to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. on motion by Mr. Wetherwax and second by Mr. True.

Yes-7 No-0 (motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Norton
District Clerk

