

**ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL
WEST LEYDEN ELEMENTARY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023
6:30 P.M. Audit Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. Public Hearing/Regular Meeting**

AGENDA

TOUR OF WEST LEYDEN BUILDING FOR BOARD MEMBERS - 6-6:30 PM

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT: >> D’Arcangelo & Co.

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT’S MOMENT

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

PRESENTATION: >> Special Vote – Electric Buses/EPA Grant – Kristy McGrath & Christine Goossens
>> 3-8 Data – Linda Weber
>> Professional Development at Adirondack (Summer & Fall) – Michael Faustino

PUBLIC FORUM:

At this time, the Board of Education will allow members of the public 3 minutes each for a total of 15 minutes to address the Board on items pertaining to Education and/or operations of the district. Anyone wishing to address the Board is requested to give his/her name. Questions or comments relating to a specific employee of the district will not be permitted; such questions/comments should be referred to the Superintendent at another time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approve the following:

1. Minutes:
>> September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting >> September 28, 2023 Special Meeting
2. Field Trip Requests:

REQUESTOR:	DESTINATION:	DATE:
HS Guidance 9-12	Fort Drum for Career Day	10/12/23
Boonville Elem Kindergarten	Teel Farms in Barneveld to learn about plants, animals, agriculture	10/17/23
Technology students	AMF & Kraft in Lowville, Owl Wire & Lodging Kit Co. in Boonville	10/19/23
Class of 2024	Watertown airport for Annual Workforce Connections	11/15/23
FFA students	Oswegatchie Educational Center	11/13 – 11/14/23
12:1:3:1 Class	Tops in Boonville	11/17, 2/12, 4/12, 6/7

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the School District external audits for 2022-2023 including general purpose financial statements, Report on Federal Financial Awards, Extra-Curricular Activity funds, Management Letter and associated corrective action plan as presented by Accounting Firm D’Arcangelo & Co., LLP, of Utica, New York, be adopted. **Poll Vote**

4. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve to amend the effective date of Teacher Aide, Tiffany Quinn from 9/18/23 to 9/14/23.
5. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve to rescind the termination of a non-instructional employee and accept their resignation effective September 13, 2023.
6. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Patrick Henry as a substitute Groundswoker/Cleaner effective 9/18/2023.
7. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoint the following support staff:

Name	Position	Civil Service Classification	Type/Duration of Appointment	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Jennifer Dickinson	2.5 hour Food Service Helper	Non-Competitive	26- week probationary	10/16/2023	Grade 7, Step 1
Joan Zimmer	5.5 hour Food Service Helper	Non-Competitive	26-week probationary	10/16/2023	Grade 7, Step 1
Cassandra Sokoloff	School Bus Attendant	Non-Competitive	26-week probationary	10/16/2023	Grade 6, Step 1

8. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following winter coaches:

WINTER SPORT:	NAME:	WINTER SPORT:	NAME:
Boys V Basketball	Trinity Swancott	Varsity Wrestling	Joe Galligan
Boys JV Basketball	Nick Hople	JV Wrestling	Rob Hennessey
Boys MOD A Basketball	Nick Palczak	MOD Wrestling	Steve Bala
Boys MOD B Basketball	Justin Wiedrick		
Girls V Basketball	Mickey Fauvelle	Girls V Volleyball	Blanche Coscomb
Girls JV Basketball	Erika Ventura	Girls JV Volleyball	Patricia Croneiser
Girls MOD A Basketball	Jeremy Youngs	Girls MOD A Volleyball	Phil Puleo
Girls MOD B Basketball	depends on #s	Girls MOD B Volleyball	Courtney Foll
		Vol. Asst. for MOD B	Elizabeth Horan
Boys & Girls Nordic Ski	Rob Hinsdill		
		Boys & Girls Bowling	Kyle Wilcox
Indoor Track	Glen Roberts		
		Ski Club Advisor	Bill Engelbrecht

9. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following Extra-Classroom positions:

- >> Heather Nunneker – Musical Director
- >> Ryan O’Neil – Pit Orchestra Director
- >> Isabella Abelbeck – Volunteer Skills USA

10. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education declare equipment and/or text books from the District as surplus and be disposed of in the most expedient manner as per the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.
11. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education approval be granted for placement of students.
12. Resolved that, the Board of Education designate District Clerk, Michelle Freeman as Permanent Chairperson of the October 24, 2023 Special Vote and designate Superintendent Kristy McGrath as acting Clerk/Permanent Chairperson in the event the District Clerk is absent or unable to act in this capacity.
13. Resolved that, the Board of Education designate the following as Inspectors for the Special Vote to be held on October 24, 2023:
 - >> Colleen Dorrity >> Harold & Mary Williams >> Denise Kramer
 - >> Beth Fox >> Tonya Kazek
14. Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt the following resolution regarding vaping litigation:

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life- threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Adirondack Central School District (the "School District") have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Altria Group, Inc. and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively "Altria") by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Altria whereby in return for discontinuing the litigation, the School District would receive certain cash payment; and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be no less than \$6,991

; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Altria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District, as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Altria.
2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.

3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

15. Resolved that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approve of a Separation Agreement and General Release between the District and a tenured teacher, contingent upon the tenured teacher's execution of the Agreement and final legal review of the Agreement.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION {Enclosures}:

➤ **Warrants:**

Warrants:
Cafeteria Fund Warrant
Capital Fund Warrant
Federal Fund Warrant
General Fund Warrant

HANDOUTS:

- ACS Enrollment as of October 1, 2023
- District Calendar – October 2023
- Claims Auditor Report for September 2023
- Conferences Approved by the Superintendent
- Conference Report – *Engage in Change* – K. Corrigan

Adjournment