

**ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL
ADIRONDACK HIGH SCHOOL
BOONVILLE, NY 13309**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Michael Kramer, President Almanda Sturtevant, Vice-President John Abo Bruce Brach Mark Emery Doug Muha	Edward Niznik, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Daniel Roberts, Asst. HS Principal; Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities III; Marie Yager, Shelley Entwistle, Alicia Morales, Karen Philbrick, Sue Russell
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u> Richard Gallo	

At 7:25 p.m. Mr. Kramer, Board President, called the meeting to order.

PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:

Mr. Kramer thanked the Administrators for their work this summer. He would like to look more at academics and referred to a link shared with the Board from US News “How US News Calculated the 2019 Best High Schools Rankings”.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mrs. Yager – thanked those who are retiring, wished them well.

Mr. Brach - would like to see a specified section at the high school level for math, gifted and talented, and would like to see Driver’s Ed. brought back.

Mr. Emery – mentioned adding computer coding.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Muha moved and Mr. Abdo seconded, carried 6-0; the Board approved the following by a consensus motion:

Minutes:

- July 9, 2019 – Public Hearing – with addition of Mr. Brach’s statement regarding getting students input for the Code of Conduct.
- July 9, 2019 - Re-Organizational Meeting
- July 9, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Non-Teaching and Teaching Substitutes:

- Ruth Domago– Sub-Library Aide, Sub-Teacher Aide
- Jessie McCauley – Sub-Bus Attendant
pending background clearance

Building Use:

Oneida County Sherriff’s Office to use the MS parking lot	8/16, 8/17, 8/18/19
Whiteout Basketball to use the BE gym	8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 8/29/19

Field Trips:

6 th graders to Delta Lake State Park	9/17/19
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REGULAR AGENDA:

John Abdo moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 6-0; the Board approved the following:

Elementary Teacher Resignation:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Ms. Rachel Hitt, Elementary Teacher effective August 30, 2019.

Office Specialist I Resignation:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Dianna Bush, Office Specialist I effective July 25, 2019.

Science Teacher Resignation:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mr. Richard Mathy, HS Science Teacher effective September 2, 2019.

Head Custodian Retirement:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepted the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Mr. Jerry Simpson, Head Custodian effective August 29, 2019.

Food Service Helper Retirement:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepted the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Mrs. Sandra Joslin, Food Service Helper effective September 3, 2019.

Mr. Muha moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 6-0; the Board approved the following:

District Webmaster:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Justin Wiedrick as the District Webmaster for the 2019-2020 school year.

MOD Girls' Soccer Coach:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appointed Ms. Courtney Claffin as the Modified Girls' Soccer coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

MOD Boys Soccer Coach:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Brittany Lewis as Modified Boys Soccer coach.

Codes of Conduct:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the High School/Middle School and Elementary Codes of Conduct as presented at the Public Hearing held on July 9, 2019.

Revised 2019-2020 Cafeteria Budget:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the revised 2019-2020 Cafeteria Budget.

Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 6-0; the Board adopted the following tax levy:

Tax Warrant:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education adopted the 2019-2020 Tax Levy in the amount of \$9,925,546.

Mr. Abdo moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 6-0; the Board adopted the following resolutions:

SEQRA Resolution Boonville Elementary Elevator:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following SEQRA resolution for the repair of the Boonville Elementary elevator:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Adirondack Central School District seeks to undertake a project consisting of:

Elevator Shaft Replacement at Boonville Elementary School

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the action before approving same; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and carefully considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form as well as the nature and scope of the action to assess the environmental impact of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes as follows:

RESOLVED that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR Part 617; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action.

Authorization Resolution Boonville Elementary Elevator:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education adopted the following resolution for the repair of the Boonville Elementary elevator:

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Central School District’s Architect, King + King, has determined that the elevator shaft at the School District’s Elementary School is in need of immediate replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and considered the letter of its Architect regarding the necessity for the immediate replacement of the elevator shaft at the Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the emergency project work is required in order to preserve the health and safety of the students and staff and to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education determined that this scope of work is a Type II SEQRA action by resolution dated August 13, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby finds pursuant to the Education Law, that the replacement of the elevator shaft at the Elementary School is necessary to preserve the health and safety of students and staff and to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and that the project is an ordinary contingent expense.
2. The maximum estimated cost of the Project as determined by King + King Architects, the School District Architect, is approximately \$80,000. The funding source for the project will be the General Fund Balance which will be transferred to the Capital Fund Balance, and to the maximum extent possible, state building aid.
3. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to complete the Project and to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to apply for any eligible state building aid and to recover the insurance proceeds.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Sturtevant moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 6-0; the Board adopted the following resolution:

Ampersand Forestport Hydro Tax Certiorari:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education adopt the following resolution for the Ampersand Forestport Hydro, LLC tax certiorari:

WHEREAS, Ampersand Forestport Hydro, LLC filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment of its property located on Black River Canal Road (tax map parcel 49.000-2-7) in the Town of Forestport, for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 tax years; and

WHEREAS, Ampersand Forestport Hydro, LLC has proposed settlement of the proceedings upon the following terms:

1. Reduce the 2017 assessment from \$2,651,600 to \$2,465,000 and waive all refunds;
2. Reduce the 2018 assessment from \$2,651,600 to \$2,075,000 and waive all refunds;
3. Reduce the 2019 assessment from \$2,651,600 to \$1,826,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Forestport supports the proposed settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is willing to settle the proceedings pursuant to the terms outlined above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education agrees to settle the tax certiorari proceedings commenced by Ampersand Forestport Hydro, LLC in accordance with the terms set forth above and in the form approved by Ferrara Fiorenza PC and hereby delegates to Ferrara Fiorenza PC the authority to execute such settlement documents.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Brach moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 6-0; the Board tabled the SRO and SPO agreements for further information:

Student Resource Officer Agreement:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education enter into agreement with the Boonville Police Department to have one full-time Student Resource Officer for the District for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$51,486.30 to the District.

Special Patrol Officer Agreement:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education enter into agreement with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office to have (2) FTE Special Patrol Officers for Boonville Elementary and West Leyden Elementary for 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$35,000 to the District.

John Abdo moved and Mark Emery seconded, carried 6-0; the Board approved the following:

Surplus Equipment/Books:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education declared textbooks and/or equipment from the District as surplus and be disposed of in the most expedient manner.

Budget Transfers:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the budget transfers for June 2019.

Committee on Special Education:

Resolved that, upon recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, the Board granted approval for placement of students.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION {ENCLOSURES}:

- Warrants - June:
 - General Fund Warrant #14
 - General Fund Warrant #15
 - Lunch Fund Warrant #12
 - Capital Fund Warrant #10
 - Special Aid Warrant #10

- Warrants – July:
 - General Fund Warrant #1
 - Lunch Fund Warrant #1
 - Federal Fund Warrant #1
 - Capital Fund Warrant #1

- Trial Balance Report
- Revenue Report
- Budget Status Report

- Appropriation Reports
 - General Fund
 - Lunch Fund
 - Special Aid Fund
 - Capital Fund

- Treasurer's Reports – June 30, 2019

- Lunch/Breakfast Quarterly Report – April 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

HANDOUTS:

- Claims Auditor Reports - 7/1/19 – 7/3/19
- Conference Report - *“Take A Deeper Dive into NYS Learning Standards (NYSSLS)”* – K. Ingersoll

At 8:29 p.m. Mr. Abdo moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 6-0; to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel.

Michelle Freeman, District Clerk

Board members returned from executive session at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Muha seconded; carried 6-0, to go into regular session.

Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Brach seconded, carried 6-0; the Board adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boonville Elementary cafeteria.

Edward S. Niznik, Clerk Pro-Tem