

**ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOONVILLE ELEMENTARY – *Via Live Stream*  
BOONVILLE, NY 13309**

**2<sup>nd</sup> REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 31, 2020**

<b>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>OTHERS</b>
Michael Kramer - President Almanda Sturtevant – Vice-President John Abdo Bruce Brach Mark Emery Richard Gallo Doug Muha	Edward Niznik, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk  Meeting was conducted via livestream due to Governor’s Executive Order, meeting held without public attendance
<b><u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u></b>	

At 7:08 p.m. Board President, Mr. Kramer called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

**PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:**

Mr. Kramer welcomed anyone participating in our first-time livestream meeting to comply with the stay at home order and social distancing. Thank you to Mrs. Schafer, Mike Adams and Shane Youngs for setting up the livestream.

**BUDGET:**

Mrs. Cihocki, Business Administrator, discussed Draft 7 of the 2020-2021 Budget. We will be looking at state aid figures in the coming days as the state budget is supposed to be adopted April 1<sup>st</sup>. This budget has a number of cuts due to declining enrollment, increase in benefits, salaries, increase in TRS/ERS, BOCES, and special ed. placements. Main factor in staff cuts are enrollment driven.

Before giving his budget presentation, Mr. Niznik stated how much students and teachers are missed during this closure. He encouraged parents to reach out to teachers and principals during this time. In the coming days/weeks we will be getting out more information.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Niznik presented a power point of the proposed 2020-2021 Budget which included:

- >> Educational Initiatives – STEAM, instructional technology, college level offerings/electives, elementary literacy.
- >> Budget Considerations – maintain extracurricular programs, contractual obligations, cost effectiveness /efficiency, academic capacity, decreasing enrollment, revenue and tax impact.
- >> Enrollment Trend – showing a steady decline in enrollment over the past few years at Adirondack, just like in many school districts.
- >> Projected Enrollment - showing projected class sizes/enrollment at Adirondack for the 2020-2021 school year.
- >> Budget reductions – include 3 elementary positions, secondary level Science/Music/Technology/Math positions, an administrator, 4 teacher aides, SRO to SPO.
- >> Revenue – 2019-2020 school year total \$28,931,250; 2020-2021 school year total \$30,052,380.
- >> Proposed Budget – 2019-2020 school year budget total \$28,931,250, 2020-2021 school year budget total \$30,052, 380, increase of 3.3%.
- >> Tax Levy – 2019-2020 school year \$9,925,546; 2020-2021 school year \$10,255,016, increase of 3.3%.
- >> Tax Levy History – showing tax levy percentages from 2011 – 2021.
- >> Three Part Budget – consists of Program \$21,220,643, Capital \$5,556,038 and Administrative \$3,276,699 for a total budget of \$30,052,380.
- >> Proposition 1 – Capital Reserve – voters will be voting on this proposition at the vote authorizing the Board of Education to place periodically available funds in a 10-year capital reserve, not to exceed \$10,000,000 to be used for capital improvements as authorized by the voters.
- >> Board of Education Election – Two seats available for this election, each seat is for a 3-year term. Terms begin at the Re-Org meeting in July.
- >> Budget vote date – TBD due to Governor’s Executive Order to postpone.

Mr. Niznik stated there could be additional cuts due to uncertainty of state budget, every day new information comes out. It is important to point out we are not cutting programs.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

None due to Governor’s Executive Order of no public attendance, meeting livestreamed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Sturtevant, carried 7-0; the Board approved the following by a consensus motion:**

**Minutes:**

March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting and March 18, 2020 Special Meeting.

**Non-Teaching Substitute:**

- >> Tyler Smith – Sub-Groundsworker/Cleaner
- >> Sheryl Rubyor – Sub-Office Specialist I  
     \*\*pending background clearance\*\*

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adopted the following:**

**2020-2021 Budget:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt the proposed 2020-21 Budget in the amount of \$30,052,380 and the following proposition be presented to the taxpayers of the Adirondack Central School District for their consideration on date to be determined:

“Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Adirondack Central School District, Oneida County, New York is hereby authorized to levy the necessary tax for and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$30,052,380 for the purpose of the General Fund Budget for the 2020-2021 school year.”

**Poll:** Mr. Abdo, Mrs. Sturtevant, Mr. Brach, Mr. Emery, Mr. Muha, Mr. Gall, Mr. Kramer, 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Absent

**Mr. Abdo moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved:**

**2020-2021 Instructional Calendar:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the Draft of the 2020-2021 Instructional Calendar.

**Mrs. Sturtevant moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved:**

**Surplus Equipment/Books:**

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

**INFO & DISCUSSION:**

- Reminder: Jeff-Lewis BOCES Annual Meeting April 8, 2020 via teleconference.

At 7:53 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 in the Boonville Elementary cafeteria.

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Michelle Freeman, District Clerk