

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

**DRAFT**

**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – May 11, 2021**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Michael Kramer – President Almanda Sturtevant – Vice-President Bruce Brach Mark Emery Richard Gallo Joan Ingersoll Doug Muha	Edward Niznik, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Heidi Smith, HS Principal; Dan Roberts, Asst. HS Principal/Interim AD; Jill Rowlands-Will, MS Principal; Linda Weber, WL Principal; Jill Schafer, BE Principal; Kristy McGrath, Director of Technology, Curriculum & Instruction; Brian Maneen, Trans. Supervisor; Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities; Marie Yager, Bob Healt, Michael Sokoloff, Alicia Morales, Richard Chrisman ATA
<b><u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u></b>	

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 7:00 p.m. District Clerk, Michelle Freeman, called the Public Hearing to order and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Both the Notice of the Annual Budget Hearing/Vote and the Qualifications of Voters were read by Mrs. Freeman.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGET:**

Mr. Niznik gave a power point presentation on the proposed 2021-2022 Budget going over the Educational Initiatives, Budget Consideration, Enrollment Trend/Projected Enrollment, Budget Reductions, Budget Additions, Tax Levy, Three Part Budget which includes Programs, Capital and Administration and Board member election.

**Questions/Discussion:**

Mr. Brach asked if there was anything for gifted and talented. Mr. Niznik stated right now focus is on mainly learning loss due to hybrid/remote learning.

At 7:33 p.m. the Public Hearing was adjourned.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

At 7:35 p.m. Mr. Kramer called the Regular Board meeting to order.

**PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:**

After all the do’s and don’ts, plus and minuses regarding sports, things have been successful; football, girls’ soccer and now into spring sports.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Marie Yager – Thanked Board members and teachers for all they do, the district is doing a great job being there for all of our students.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:****Mr. Teachout – Director of Facilities:**

- Since last meeting grounds crew has been busy with spring cleanup of fields, using track, both exciting and frustrating.
- Coordinating 100K project with architects.
- Ag room and tech shop windows being replaced.
- Pool lights are on, brighter in there, painting being done, gaining momentum.
- Large group instruction room will be turned back over, a lot brighter in there.

Mr. Brach asked about a pricing update on the lift in the bus garage, in-ground system would work best. Mr. Teachout said he will get a budget number on that.

**Mrs. Weber – West Leyden Elementary Principal:**

- West Leyden Elementary competed in the Water Safari reading contest with 44 students participating.
- 11 teachers have volunteered to pilot new math series for K-5. Our current math series is outdated. On May 17<sup>th</sup> those 11 teachers will come together to give pros and cons of each series and will present at the June 8<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting.

Mr. Brach asked how long new math series will last. Mrs. Weber stated it has about a 4-5 year lifecycle due to updates.

**Jill Schafer – Boonville Elementary Principal:**

- She did get slimed as part of the PARP challenge.
- Boonville Elementary is planning end of year events. Looking a little different this year, not able to have usual field trips, but getting creative to make the end of the year a fun and special experience. Going to livestream awards so everyone can see.
- Wrapping up the Water Safari reading contest, lots of reading going on.
- Building Science kits have consisted of chicks, geckos and fish.
- Celebrated teacher and nurse appreciation with a luncheon put on by the Boonville Elementary PTA.
- Thank you to the Transportation Dept. and Custodians for everything since we have been back to in-person learning.

**Jill Rowlands-Will – Middle School Principal:**

- National Junior Honor Society doing tie-dye week making t-shirts to be positive. They are accepting donations.
- We appreciate our MS teachers and staff so to recognize them thank you notes were written and posted on the wall for everyone to see.
- Thank you to Mrs. McGrath, this being our first year with computer-based testing, it went very smoothly.

**Mrs. Smith – High School Principal & Mrs. McGrath – Director of Technology, Curriculum & Instruction:**

- Met a week ago with English, Living Environment, Algebra I and Earth Science department chairs about Regents to consider ideas/incentives for students to take the exams and to consider exam score in course averages for those who take them. If students take exam and the grade is higher than the course score, it will be replaced with the lowest marking period grade for the course. This would only be for this year due to COVID.
- ELA testing was done in April with a very high percentage of participation, very positive experience.

**Mr. Maneen – Transportation Supervisor:**

- Has been a rough couple of weeks with drivers being out, sports runs. Transportation Dept. does a great job.
- On a positive note, new driver-in-training to start next week.
- Gearing up for the end of the school year. Looking at summer school and summer camp, will have sign up for drivers.

**Mrs. Foye – Director of Special Education:**

- On May 19<sup>th</sup> interview committee will hold interviews for the Special Education Teacher position.
- Bathroom completed in the 12:1:3:1 room at the middle school.
- CPSE/CSE meetings are scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, outcome will go on for the June board meeting.
- 2020 Accountability Status Determination, Adirondack met compliance.
- Policy committee met and there are three policies on tonight for approval.

**Mr. Roberts – Asst. HS Principal/Interim Athletic Director:**

- We have a few scholar athletes for winter and fall II sports, must maintain a 90% average.
- Spring JV and Varsity sports are underway.
- Numbers were down in the area wrestling program. We are out competing. Modified wrestling did not materialize because of low numbers.
- Track will not be hosting any sectionals this year.
- Thank you to Mr. Teachout and crew for their assistance with the fields and Mr. Maneen and transportation with busing, it has been a challenge.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved the following by a consensus motion:

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the April 21, 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular meeting.

**Substitutes:**

- >> Kelly Bullet – Sub-Food Service Helper, Sub- School Monitor
- >> Beth Fox – Sub – Teacher Aide
- >> Amanda Hauf – Sub-Teacher Aide
- >> Diane Ross – Sub – Office Specialist I

**Field Trips:**

- >> Sixth graders to BREIA on Jackson Hill for hiking and biking – June 10<sup>th</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup>
- >> Sixth graders to Oswegatchie in Croghan for Team Challenge Ropes Program – June 10<sup>th</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Building Use:**

- >> Boonville Elementary PTA to use the Boonville Elementary auditorium for a Scholastic Book Fair  
May 17 – 21, 2021, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- >> Village of Boonville Little League to use Boonville Elementary and High School baseball fields for games and practices, May 6 – June 30, 2021, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

**Surplus Equipment:**

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.

**Special Education:**

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

**Budget Transfers:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the budget transfers for April 2021.

**Volunteer Coach:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Dom Ventiquattro as a volunteer coach for the 2020-2021 varsity softball season.

**INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**

## ➤ Policies:

- Absentee Ballots, 1640 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - *Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adopted the policy.*
- Hazing of Students, 7553 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – *Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adopted the policy.*
- Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms, 5633 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – *Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adopted the policy.*
  - >> Mr. Brach asked if this policy is followed – yes there is a single use bathroom in each of the buildings.
  - >> Mrs. Ingersoll asked if these bathrooms are monitored, a kid could be in there all day. Asked if little ones can unlock door once it is locked? - Yes bathrooms are monitored and yes door is unlocked easily.

## ➤ Warrants:

- TE Warrant #8
- TA Warrant #10
- Capital Fund Warrant #9
- Special Aid Fund Warrant #7
- Lunch Fund Warrant #10
- General Fund Warrant #11

## ➤ Receipts:

- TE Receipts #10
- TA Receipts #10
- Capital Fund Receipts #9
- Special Aid Receipts #7
- Lunch Fund Receipts #10
- General Fund Receipts #10

## ➤ Treasurer's Report - March 31, 2021

## ➤ Results of Jeff-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES 2021-2022 Administrative Budget Vote &amp; Election

## ➤ Jefferson-Lewis School Boards Association – Virtual Presentation/Annual Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**HANDOUTS:**

- Enrollment Figures as of May 1, 2021
- District Calendar, May 2020
- Claims Auditor Report – April 2021

Mr. Brach asked what graduation is looking like - Mr. Niznik explained it depends on DOH guidance at that time. Right now they are looking at something like last year. Mr. Brach stated he would like to see the parade done every year.

At 8:34 p.m. Mrs. Sturtevant moved and Mr. Brach seconded, carried 7-0 to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel.

Board members returned from executive session at 10:01 p.m. Mr. Muha moved and Mr. Emery seconded; carried 7-0; to go into regular session.

At 10:02 p.m. Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Ingersoll seconded, carried 7-0; to adjourn to the Annual Meeting for the Budget Vote & Election to be held in the multipurpose room at the Adirondack High School on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 12 noon until 8:00 p.m.