

PRESENT

John E. Holdorf, President
Jay Lyon, Vice-President
Susan Gelatt
Laura Hawes
Timothy Johnson
Dr. Gary Furman, Superintendent of Schools
Christine Nichols, Principal
Pamela Grimm, Director of Special Education
Joseph Temming, Business Manager

ABSENT

The meeting was called to order by John E. Holdorf, at 7:01 p.m. in the Distance Learning Room. Fire exits were announced. Board Members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

On motion of Laura Hawes, seconded by Jay Lyon, the Board approved the Agenda for this Regular Board of Education meeting.

GUESTS & VISITORS

Logged in our Visitor Book.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Timothy Johnson, seconded by Susan Gelatt, the Board approved the minutes of the January 12, 2017, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Letter from Nick Savin regarding the February 28, 2017 ESSA Meeting. Dr. Furman provided brief details.

Mrs. Susan Gay stopped by with a concern regarding student safety in the parking lot when walking to school.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Nichols presented Student Progress Update for the second quarter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Technology Committee**

Dr. Furman reported that the committee held their initial meeting on January 23, 2017. They reviewed the Smart School Investment Plan and began a discussion regarding the future vision of technology at ECS. Next meeting date is scheduled for February 27, 2017. Mrs. Grimm is working with SUCO in regards to ECS.

Audit Committee

No report given.

Athletic Development Committee

The Athletic Development Committee met on February 6, 2017 to discuss the new Athletic Policy. They are still working on the new Athletic Handbook for 2017-18 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Furman reported on the Chobani My Plate My State Contest. He worked closely with Cassandra Treen to organize this contest with Mr. Burgess and his seventh grade health class. Mr. Belknap has been presenting various recipes to the 7th grade students using Chobani yogurt. Dr. Furman is working with Mrs. Russell on getting a Buddy Bench for the playground, which was an idea provided to her by students. Dr. Furman attended the CASEBP Insurance Meeting last week. Presently, they do not believe the premiums will increase for next school year. Dr. Furman also met with Senator Seward and expressed concerns with state funding of small rural schools. Mrs. Grimm, Mrs. Nichols and Dr. Furman provided professional development to teachers on reading and writing at the January staff meeting. He also has been working this past month on making changes to the Athletic Handbook, the Family Medical Leave Act Policy and a new Wellness Policy that was shared with the members of the Wellness Committee. Dr. Furman mentioned that there will be a homecoming for the fall soccer season and a committee will be formed to plan Homecoming 2017. A committee will be forming in March to begin the planning of that and a possible Parent Teacher Student Organization.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Nichols reported on Academic Achievement and included the January Regents results and the number eligible for National Honor Society. She also reported that all Seniors are on track to graduate in June. Two students are interested in attending the New Visions Engineering Program and three are interested in the Health Occupations Program for next school year. Our next half-day for staff development will be a poverty simulator with all staff participating. Grades 3-8 will participate in Computer Based Field Testing this spring. Together with SUNY Oneonta's Athletic Department, we are working on writing a grant proposal to the NCAS for the CHOICES Grant. Mrs. Nichols has completed 24 teacher observations.

Business Manager's Report:

Mr. Temming reported on the December Treasurer Reports (previously provided) and Claims Auditor Reports. Mr. Temming directed the public to the school's website if they wanted to review the reports further.

POLICY READING

Second reading of the new Family Medical Leave Act Policy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Dr. Furman reported on Homecoming for the Fall of 2017. There was a discussion from community members about ideas for a possible event.
2. Dr. Furman shared information regarding the formation of a parent, teacher, student organization. In the Fall, a parent initiated a conversation regarding it with the focus being ways to help and support the school and students.
3. The Athletic Handbook discussion has been tabled until March.
4. The Wellness Committee met and reviewed the newly written policy. The policy has been compared to the prior Wellness Policy. The goal of the committee is to have a new policy for the Board to review next month.
5. The April Board of Education meeting has been changed to April 10, 2017.
6. Due to the number of half day conference days in the current schedule, it is proposed that April 13, 2017 be changed to a full day of instruction for students. The teachers are in agreement.
7. The Capital Outlay Project for this year is complete, but we are holding back due to the bubbling on certain windows and doors. There will be a walk through scheduled in the coming weeks to review the bubbling issue.
8. Mrs. Grimm gave a Special Education Update. She discussed indicator 13 and 14 reporting this year. She attended training for secondary transitions on student IEP's.
9. Mrs. Nichols discussed community use of the gym and policies and procedures.
10. Mr. Temming discussed the new Bond Attorney, Bond Resolution, and sale of a bus. We are also pursuing the auctioning of the school bus through DCMO BOCES for a better price over the two previous bids.

ACTION ITEMS**Kimberly Robinson**

On motion of Timothy Johnson, seconded by Laura Hawes, the Board appointed Kimberly Robinson as the Girls Modified Softball Coach for the 2017 Spring Season.

Les Bush & Emily DeCaro

On motion of Susan Gelatt, seconded by Timothy Johnson, the Board appointed Les Bush and Emily DeCaro as Volunteer Assistant Track & Field Coaches for the Spring 2017 Season.

Susanna Johnson & Gary Lawrence

On motion of Jay Lyon, seconded by Laura Hawes, the Board appointed Susanna Johnson and Gary Lawrence as Volunteer Assistants for the Girls Varsity Softball Team for the Spring 2017 Season. Timothy Johnson abstained from voting.

Sara Schallert & Alyssa Failey

On motion of Timothy Johnson, seconded by Laura Hawes, the Board appointed Sara Schallert and Alyssa Failey as SAT Prep Advisors.

Maria Benjamin

On motion of Laura Hawes, seconded by Susan Gelatt, the Board approved Maria Benjamin's retirement effective Friday, June 30, 2017, with gratitude.

JoAnn Salo

On motion of Jay Lyon, seconded by Timothy Johnson, the Board approved JoAnn Salo's retirement effective Friday, June 30, 2017, with gratitude.

Superintendent Conference Day

On motion of Laura Hawes, seconded by Jay Lyon, the Board approved to amend the April Superintendent's Conference Day from a half-day conference to be a full-day of school for students and teachers.

Athletic Handbook

Tabled

Bond Attorney

On motion of Susan Gelatt, seconded by Laura Hawes, the Board approved the Law Offices of Timothy R. McGill as Bond Attorney.

Bond Resolution

On motion of Timothy Johnson, seconded by Susan Gelatt, the Board adopted a bond resolution for the purchase of two (2) school buses that were recently delivered to the District. (Copy in Supplemental Minutes)

Bus Sale

On motion of Laura Hawes, seconded by Timothy Johnson, the Board approved the sale of bus #111 to the highest bid amount.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Jay Lyon, seconded by Laura Hawes, the Board of Education moved into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation and collective bargaining at 8:42 p.m.

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

On motion of Laura Hawes, seconded by Timothy Johnson, the Board returned to General Session at 11:25 p.m.

CSE, CPSE and Section 504 Recommendations

On motion of Jay Lyon, seconded by Timothy Johnson, the Board approved the CPSE Minutes from 2/1/17 & 2/3/17.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Timothy Johnson, seconded by Jay Lyon, to adjourn at 11:26 p.m.