

The Regular meeting of the Canandaigua City School District Board of Education was held on Monday February 8, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. via a live stream Zoom meeting, President Grimm presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanie Grimm, Cheryl Birx, Milton Johnson, Julianne Miller, Michelle Pedzich, Megan Personale, John Polimeni, Jen Schneider (*arrived at 6:16 p.m.*), Beth Thomas

LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENT: Jamie Farr, Matt Fitch, Brian Nolan, Matt Schrage

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM PRESENT: Dan Bowman

BOARD DISTRICT CLERK: Deborah Sundlov

OTHERS PRESENT: Carlyn Bjorling

Executive Session

Upon a motion made Mrs. Pedzich, seconded Mrs. Thomas, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved calling an Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. for the purposes discussing the employment history of one particular person and one matter which would imperil the public safety if disclosed.

Return to Open Session

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Birx, seconded by Mrs. Miller, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education returned to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mrs. Grimm reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all.

President's Comments

Mrs. Grimm made the following comments:

Before we begin our agenda work, I do want to comment that tonight marks almost the one-year mark since my board colleagues and I have convened, in person or even via Zoom, outside of a meeting. As many of you know, we are governed by the laws of open meetings, thus 5 or more of us cannot convene socially, making us the only entity in school districts that only gets to gather when convened as a governing board.

I really miss my colleagues and just want to take a minute to say why to each one of you.

John, you and I are the OGs of this Board of Education. What our eyes have seen! We have been through the good, the awesome, the bad, the ugly, and now the pandemic. John, to me, is quintessential Canandaigua. He knows everything and everyone. His knowledge of the workings of the district is surpassed only by his understanding of and support of our understanding of all things legal. He is a fierce advocate for his constituents and beliefs. Most of all what I miss about John is his sense of humor. He tosses out one liners at just the right moment and keeps us all laughing. His loyalty – he pulled the curtains for Linda Maltese's shows long after his kids left her classroom and up until she retired – and then did the same for Kendra Drumm is remarkable. I hope you will be Frieda to my Tarry, John.



Beth and I have been friends since just about the day I moved to Canandaigua in 2001, and our daughters hold just as precious and deep a friendship. Beth and I were co-Brownie leaders and often felt like co-parents, as our husbands both work long hours. She knew pretty much everything about my life and I desperately wanted her to join me on the board so she would know everything about that part of my life, too. A self-professed professional crier (weddings funerals, and the 6:00 news), Beth has a heart of gold. I miss the way she has never met a problem she didn't try to solve. Her can do spirit is a gift, especially now when we sometimes feel like we can't do. She's an incredible team player, always taking one for the team in representing our district's needs to legislators and local board organizations.

Cheryl, teacher, leader, ray of sunshine, grandmother extraordinaire, and one of the most genuinely fabulous people I know. How many districts can boast a board member who has taught in the district for decades, served as CTA President, seen more than John and me put together, served on the board, retired from the board and volunteered to come back again to bridge the gap for a year? How lucky we are to have the benefit of Cheryl's wisdom, reverence for excellent public education and teaching, complete reliability, and simply unflappable way for so long.

Michelle was born to be a leader in the field of human resources. Her perfect combination of high standards and appreciation for the imperfect beings we all are make her completely approachable and able to offer astute observations and meaningful advice on really any topic I can imagine. She is generous with her time and knowledge for the benefit of the district and an advocate for all students. Her ability to articulate with passion and clarity and balance is an enormous asset to our board.

Jen, a self-professed geek, whose knowledge of higher education and the workforce have helped to shape who we are because of how well she articulates and models where we want our kids to go. Always ready with a word of support and encouragement, always a proponent of our people and how hard they work, always willing to share her vast experience from her teaching, her field of engineering, and her particular interest in grey matter – the ability to productively navigate the increasingly disparate points of view and opinions that haunt our country - have made us better. Her selfless participation on our COVID-19 taskforce has made us safer.

Megan does the work of angels. She objectively has some of the most emotionally challenging and draining workdays of any of us, and she still shows up whole, positive, forward thinking, and kind – always. I love her focus on mental health and her determination to see us constantly improve our services, and the way she insists that we get better every day in the way we support our students, staff, and families and the way we treat people.

Milton brings all of the thoughtfulness and value of a slightly different pathway through education to our district. His laser mind and work ethic catch discrepancies and errors and his kind soul brings them to our attention in, well, the kindest of ways. Milton has a way with words and the ability to work through challenging issues and questions with a calm and caring focus. I knew he would be outstanding because Joe Delforte would not step down from his place on the board until he found the right person to run. Did he ever.

And, Julianne, brave enough to join this crew, during a pandemic no less. Julianne's background in teaching and higher education and her devotion to the issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion allowed her to hit the ground running and have made her a high impact board member from the very start of her service.

I commend my colleagues for their continued good will and their service. They get all the vegetables and none of the dessert – we still act as conduits and ears for our community, fielding concerns and complaints that are sometimes delivered in challenging ways, and no longer have access to the antidote: being in schools with our students and our staff. Thank you, and I can't wait to be back in person with all of you.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Farr reported that by the end of the February break we will have at least 65% of staff who have received their first COVID19 vaccine. He then reviewed the student and staff numbers beginning January 4, 2021. As of February 8, there are 32 students and staff members in quarantine and 8 staff members in isolation.

Superintendent Farr also reviewed the releases from earlier this year from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and New York State Education Department (NYSED).

- July 13, 2020 NYSDOH released appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be worn at any time or place that an individual cannot maintain appropriate social distance. The district was to maintain protocols and procedures for appropriate social distancing.
- July 17, 2020 NYSED released maintain social distance of six feet or barriers or face masks/coverings.
- July 22, 2020 NYSED released social distance of six feet and face masks are required.

Further restrictions are social distance and six feet distance on school bus and while meals are consumed students must be separated by six feet.

Student Representative- Ms. Carlyn Bjorling

Ms. Carlyn Bjorling reported Student Government is selling Orange Crush valentine's day. Some in Student Government participated in a free virtual conference last week. Ski and swim teams both have sectionals this week. The Musical has begun this week, with recordings made in small groups.

Board Minutes

Upon a motion made by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Johnson, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the Regular Board Meetings of January 11, 2021 and January 25, 2021.

APPROVED: MINUTES

Strategic Plan- Winter Update

Mr. Farr and Mr. Schrage provided updates on the District Strategic Plan and reviewed student performance information from the first semester. Data was shared showing class absences at the Academy and Middle School for the first semester compared to the 2019-2020 school year. There has been an increase. The other data shared was grade averages from the 2019-2020 school year to current, which shows a decrease. With the addition of Braves Bonus Wednesdays, the grades are increasing.

Consensus Agenda

Upon a motion made by Mr. Polimeni, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved/accepted the Consensus Agenda.

APPROVED: CONSENSUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

Business and District Matters

1. Annual Election and Budget Vote

That pursuant to Section 2606 of the Education Law that the date of May 4, 2021 be designated as the day of registration for the School Board Election and Budget Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021; that the place of registration be designated as the Administrative Offices, 143 North Pearl Street, Canandaigua, New York; that the hours of registration be designated as from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.; and that the Board of Registration consist of Aline Clement and Paula Traber.

2. Practicum Student

the request of Ms. Stephanie Knapp, Director of Special Programs, for Jamie Argento as a RIT school psychologist practicum student be placed with Lisa Kay for the spring semester (February - May, 2021). Jamie will be on campus once a week for a day. This is an unpaid practicum experience.

3. Attend Canandaigua Schools

the request of Mrs. Kaylee Kelley, Academy Foreign Language Teacher, for her son Bennett Kelley to attend Canandaigua School beginning September 2021 as a kindergarten student.

the request of Mrs. Jill Clingersmith, Kindergarten Teacher, for her son William Clingersmith to attend Canandaigua School beginning September 2021 as a kindergarten student.

4. Appointments

the appointment of Cullen Spencer as District Treasurer effective January 29, 2021 for the 2020-2021 school year. Oath of Office will be completed and kept on file.

the appointment of Vernon Tenney as the District Point of Contact for state and local child welfare agencies for the 2020-2021 school year.

5. New Scholarship

the request of Mrs. Marissa Logue, Academy Principal, for a new scholarship that the Primary-Elementary School staff is sponsoring. The new scholarship is the **Carol Reitschky Scholarship**. Ms. Reitschky worked for the district for 21 years. She was dedicated to the pursuit of scientific knowledge through discovery and the preservation of the environment. This would be awarded to a student who is pursuing further education in environmental science or agricultural science. *Criteria:* Student who has attended FLTCC for agriculture, animal science, conservation/heavy equipment operation or farm-table agriculture who has demonstrated a love of the environment and hands on science. *Selection Process:* Applications reviewed by a small group of K-5 teachers (minimum of 4 people). *Application to include:* List of FLTCC courses and grades, reference from a teacher, additional science related activities outside of coursework. This student would be awarded \$500 at the Senior Awards Ceremony which would be distributed after the successful completion of one semester of college coursework.

6. Winter II Athletic Volunteers

the request of Mr. Jim Simmons, Athletic Director, for the following to volunteer in the interscholastic athletic program:

- Boys Basketball: Mike Emerson, Chris Keyes, Mitch Segbers, and Mike Chapman
- Girls Basketball: Abby Notter and Matt Falk
- Hockey: Brian Groff

7. Budget Transfer

the below budget transfer is over \$20,000 and requires Board approval. This is to cover estimated tuition costs for students with disabilities.

From: A2250-490-00-0000	Special Programs BOCES Services	\$130,000
To: A2250-470-00-PRVT	Special Programs Tuition Private School	\$130,000

8. Recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education

for review and consideration are the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Education. Additional information is included as an attachment and is filed in the Supplemental Minutes File.

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Personnel

1. Non-Instructional Personnel

A. Appointments

Pending Civil Service approval and NYSED fingerprint clearance where applicable:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Amanda Crowder	Teacher Aide	2/1/2021	\$12.60/hr.
Gabrielle Landry	Substitute Teacher Aide	2/8/2021	\$12.50/hr.
Gabrielle Landry	Substitute School Monitor	2/8/2021	\$12.50/hr.

2. Instructional Personnel

A. Appointments

1) Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

the following individuals to Non-Certified Substitute Teacher positions conditional upon criminal history clearance from the New York State Education Department and verification of 2 years of college where applicable.

- Jennifer Wheeler
- Molly Squires
- Evan Allen
- Genevieve Corcoran
- Kelsey Phillips

2) Stipend Positions 2020-2021 School Year

the following individual for a co-curricular position at a rate in accordance with contract:
Drama - Technical Director Scott Schauman

3) Winter Coaches 2020-2021 School Year

the following to Winter Coach positions at rates in accordance with contract:

<u>COACH</u>	<u>SPORT</u>
Bollinger, Mike	Modified B Wrestling
Brennan, Mike	Varsity Girls Basketball
DeTaeye, Charles	Varsity Boys Basketball



Goldstein, DJ	Assistant Hockey
Hulme, Robin	JV Boys Basketball
Lopez, Donovan	Modified A Girls Basketball
	Assistant Wrestling
Moore, Todd	JV Girls Basketball
Mullen, Eric	Varsity Wrestling
Outhouse, Liam	Modified B Wrestling
Robbins, Dan	Modified B Boys Basketball
Sweet, Adam	JV Wrestling
Taft, David	Varsity Hockey
Wallwork, Jack	Modified A Boys Basketball

4) Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

the following individual to Non-Certified Substitute Teacher position conditional upon criminal history clearance from the New York State Education Department and verification of 2 years of college where applicable.

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End of Consensus Agenda

Board Committee Reports

Audit Committee

Mrs. Michelle Pedzich reported on behalf of Audit Committee which met on February 5. The Committee reviewed what mid-year state aid reduction that were thought to happen did not take place. But currently there is no repayment schedule yet. For Transportation aid we expect a reduction this year. We also anticipate reduction in aid for students with special needs particularly around the use of aides. We should expect Foundation Aid to be flat for the third straight year. We are potentially looking at a tax cap around 2%. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Thomas reported on behalf of the Policy Committee with no second required, all present in favor, Mrs. Thomas moved the second reading to remove Policy #3250 Student Directory. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24.

- Policy # 3250 Student Directory Information- *Remove*

District Committee Reports

Safety/ Health /Security Committee

Mr. John Polimeni reported on behalf of Safety/ Health/ Security Committee which met on February 4. The Elementary School window project of 436 windows was completed in less than 2 weeks. Phase 1 of Asset Preservation Project is at the State Education Department for approval.

COVID19 Safety Committee

Dr. Schneider reported on the COVID19 Safety Committee weekly meeting. Much of what was discussed was included in the Superintendent Report.

Upcoming Events

- February 10- CIE Meeting
- February 15- President’s Day
- February 16-19- Winter Break



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- February 22- Regular Board Meeting
 - February 24- Policy Committee Meeting
 - March 5- Audit Committee Meeting

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Pedzich, seconded Mr. Johnson, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the adjournment of the Regular meeting at 7:41 p.m. The next Regular meeting will be on February 25, 2021 as a Zoom meeting streamed live on YouTube at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sundlov
District Clerk