

The Regular meeting of the Canandaigua City School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 6:01 p.m. at the Operations Center, 5500 Airport Road, President Grimm presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeanie Grimm, Amy Calabrese, Milton Johnson, Michelle Pedzich, Megan Personale, John Polimeni, Beth Thomas, Jen Schneider

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Julianne Miller

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

**BOARD DISTRICT CLERK:** Deborah Sundlov

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Brian Amesbury, Marissa Logue, Stephanie Knapp, Caroline Chapman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Many students, families and community members were present

#### ***Executive Session***

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Pedzich, seconded by Dr. Schneider, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved calling an Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. discuss the employment history of six particular persons.

#### ***Return to Open Session***

Upon a motion made by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Johnson, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education returned to Open Session at 6:21 p.m.

*The board took a break from 6:21 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

#### ***Meeting Called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag***

Mrs. Grimm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ***President's Comments***

Mrs. Grimm read the following statement:

*It's thrilling to be back in school. There are so many wonderful things happening everywhere in our district. It's so moving to see our vision in action: One Community, Transforming Lives. In just the short time since our last meeting, our students and staff have done some remarkable things that, in this season of giving thanks, I'd love to highlight.*

*Our football team – wow! Their record is fantastic and their character is even better. I watched the game against UPrep, (on tv because I am no Jen Schneider or Amy Calabrese), which was a nail biter. What I loved about the view I had, in addition to the fact that I was dry and warm, was that I got to see all of the shows of character. In a game that close, with the stakes that high, sportsmanship can be a challenge. But not with this team. There was instance after instance of players helping their opponents up and being gracious in victory. And, this past Friday, they were no less gracious in defeat. None of that can be taken away from them. We applaud them for embracing the challenge of travel for the game on Friday and for playing their hearts out. We are proud of them!*

*Our band musicians, thanks to the initiative and unstoppable can-do spirit of Greg Kane and our music department, had an opportunity to showcase their talents and their work. Upon learning that All County had been cancelled, Greg decided to host his own event. This past weekend,*

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*Canandaigua hosted over 60 students from 21 districts for an inaugural Finger Lakes Honor Band. These are formative growth experiences for our students, for some because they love to perform and for all because they get to create a sum that is significantly greater than its parts by making music together. Kudos to everyone for participating and for pulling this off, all for the good of our students.*

*And our thespians staged an incredible show two weekends ago. The Laramie Project is the stage version of real transcripts based on interviews following the murder of Matthew Shepard, a college freshman who was the victim of an anti-gay hate crime. In its examination of how the tolerance of bigotry, of how excuses for hatred become normalized, beget such violence, it forces self-examination. It does this in equal measure with celebrating the transformative power of love. The students were, quite simply, amazing. I'll quote director Scott Schaumann's beautiful note from the program, which reminds us that LGBTQ rights are now protected officially under the Civil Rights Act. Scott writes: "Laws are a start but marginalized people continue to be targeted by people who just can't allow those who are different to live equally among us. It's a very simple fix. Be better! Embrace diversity! Treat others the way you would want to be treated. Our support for everyone and anyone who needs our help or strength is necessary." Thank you, Scott, for your beautiful words.*

*Thank you to all of our students and staff for putting love into action. It's easy to say "Love Wins" and much harder to act to ensure that is the case. These last couple of years have been really hard and we, the Board of Education, want to thank our students, and the staff and community that make their educations possible, for all you do and for who you are. Thank you.*

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Farr provided a COVID19 update. Each nurse's office is now equipped with the Abbott testing machines and testing of staff has begun. Student testing will begin in the next few weeks.

### **Board Student Representative**

Nate Teerlinck commented on how the students in Canandaigua feel supported by faculty and staff. The theater is up and running training for the upcoming play and winter sports have started.

### **Board Minutes**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Pedzich, seconded by Mrs. Personale, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the November 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

**APPROVED: MINUTES**

### **Warrant Review**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Grimm on behalf of Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Pedzich, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the September Warrants.

**APPROVED: WARRANTS**

A-33 General 14335-14411 (Check Print)  
A-34 General 9006703-9006769 (ACH), Void Ck #9006664  
A-35 General 14327-14334, 14412-14413 (In House)  
A-39 General 14427-14523 (Check Print) Void Ck#14169  
A-40 General 9006770-9006829 (ACH)  
A-41 General 14414-14426 (In House)  
C-8 Cafeteria 2421-2432  
C-9 Cafeteria 2433-2439  
F-12 Federal 699-702 (Check Print)  
F-13 Federal 9000239-9000247 (ACH), Void Ck #9000231  
F-14 Federal 698 (In House)

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F-15 Federal 9000248-9000251 (ACH)  
F-16 Federal 703-704 (Check Print)  
H-11 Capital 9000097-9000098 (ACH)  
H-12 Capital 413-417 (Check Print)  
H-13 Capital 9000099-9000102 (ACH)  
H-14 Capital 418 (Check Print)

**Educational Presentation- Primary/ Elementary School Highlight:**

Collaborative Teaming

Primary Principal Emily Bonadonna, Elementary Principal Brian Amesbury, and Director of Intervention Jean Mackenzie shared out on the topic of collaborative teaming at the Primary-Elementary School. The presentation included an overview of the concept and the anticipated outcomes for students and staff.

**Consensus Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Mrs. Pedzich, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved/accepted the Consensus Agenda.

**APPROVED: CONSENSUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**Business**

**1. Spring Semester- 2022- Student Teacher Placements**

the recommendation of Mrs. Emily Bonadonna and Mr. Brian Amesbury, Primary-Elementary Principals:

- Hannah Ceravolo, SUNY Fredonia with Ms. Lauren O'Reilly- 1/24/22-3/18/22
- Dana Hernandez, SUNY Geneseo with Ms. Kacky Adams- 1/27/22-3/18/22
- Grace Mast, SUNY Geneseo with Ms. Signa Trowbridge- 3/24/22-5/13/22
- Jennifer Gill, SUNY Geneseo with Ms. Maureen Kanaley-Messina- 1/27/22-3/18/22
- Megan Sweet, Grand Canyon University with Ms. Holly Thomas- 1/2022-3/2022
- Kyle Morsheimer, SUNY Brockport with Mr. Eric Ward- 1/18/22-3/9/22
- Brandon Acevedo, SUNY Brockport with Ms. Daina Marsh- 1/18/22-3/9/22
- Patricia Brooks, SUNY Fredonia with Ms. Heather Carson- 3/21/22-5/20/22
- Maxwell Eckerson, SUNY Geneseo with Ms. Amanda Harris- 1/27/22-3/18/22

the recommendation of Mr. John Arthur, Principal Middle School:

- Brandon Acevedo, SUNY Brockport with Mr. David Nieman- 3/14/22-5/11/22
- Morgan Fuller, Keuka College with Ms. Angelica Clark- 1/31/22-3/18/22
- Grace Lawrence, SUNY Geneseo with Ms. Krista Rodzinka- 1/27/22-3/18/22

the recommendation of Mrs. Marissa Logue, Principal High School:

- Kyle Morsheimer. SUNY Brockport with Mr. Jeff Welch- 3/14/22-5/11/22
- Connor Groene, Nazareth with Ms. Diana Chase- 3/17/22-5/4/22
- Douglas (Rob) Barnum, Hobart William Smith with Mr. Matt Walters- 1/27/22-5/15/22
- Margaret Elisofon, Nazareth with Mr. Sean Perry- 3/17/22-5/4/22

**2. Spring Semester- 2022- Field Experience (120-140 hours)**

the recommendation of Mr. Brian Amesbury, Elementary Principal:

- Morgan Fifield, Keuka College with Ms. Julie Lawrence- 1/3/22-1/28/22

**3. Athletic Field Trip- Initial and Final Approval**

the request of Mr. Jim Simmons, Athletic Director, for initial and final approval of the below athletic trip:

- Ice Hockey, Bethlehem, NY, November 26-27, 2021

**4. Winter Sports Volunteers**

the request of Mr. Jim Simmons for the below winter season volunteers:

- Varsity Boys Basketball- Don Boylan and Mike Emerson
- Varsity Girls Basketball- Abbey Notter and Matt Falk
- Bowling- William Erb
- Ice Hockey- Brian Groff and Austin Wharry
- Indoor Track- Ryan Horst and Kasey Smith
- Diving- John Taylor

**5. New Club**

the request of Mr. John Arthur, Middle School Principal, is for a new club called **Cookies for a Closer Community**. The advisors will be Ms. Krista Rodzinka and Ms. Kristy Aldrich will have their stipend paid through Federal Funds.

**6. Change Order**

a Change order for additional work in classrooms 802 through 807. The scope of the work includes additional casework, millwork, shelving, flooring, lighting, and paint. Not to exceed \$130,000

**7. Volunteer**

the request of Mrs. Emily Bonadonna for Emily (Charlie) Hays to be a volunteer in Katherine Wells UPK classroom. Charlie is a student at the RMSC Cummings Nature Center and this is a student volunteer at The Walden Project. Charlie will be helping in the classroom at centers, helping prep materials for projects, and going to lunch and recess as extra support. Dates: November 29, December 6 and 13, January 3 and 10.

**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. Removals

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>Position</u>  | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Gabriella Simons | Custodial Worker | Resignation   | 11/8/2021        |
| Eugene McFarland | School Monitor   | Resignation   | 11/28/2021       |

B. Appointments

*Pending Civil Service approval and NYSED fingerprint clearance where applicable:*

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Position</u>              | <u>Effective</u> | <u>Rate</u> |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Richard Mullen | Substitute School Bus Driver | 11/9/2021        | \$19.00/hr. |
| Donald Morrill | School Bus Driver            | 11/15/2021       | \$23.70/hr. |
| Brenda Goodman | School Bus Monitor           | 11/22/2021       | \$12.98/hr. |

2. Instructional Personnel

A. Resignation

- 1) Kassandra Strack, Speech and Language Therapist, has resigned from the District effective December 10, 2021.
- 2) Lawrence Lent, Special Education Teacher at the Elementary School has resigned from the District effective January 7, 2022.

B. Appointments

1) Interim Substitute Teacher

the following individuals for an Interim Substitute Teacher positions as indicated at an agreed upon rate for the duration of the assignment:

| <u>Name</u>            | <u>Position</u>           | <u>Building</u> | <u>Effective</u>      |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Jessica Damiano        | Special Education Teacher | Elementary      | 11/2/21 – 12/14/21    |
| Taylor Ingalls Fogarty | INTV Teacher              | Elementary      | 11/12/21 – 12/24/21   |
| Erica Murdaugh         | English Teacher           | Middle School   | 11/8/2021 – 2/11/2021 |

2) 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.

Rhonda Fossum  
 Dondi Ratliff  
 Eunice Han  
 Lindsay VanDeusen-Henehan  
 Audrey Brown  
 Brady Giles  
 Sarah Bambach  
 Zachary Scammell

3) Tenure Appointment

the following staff member for tenure appointment pending successful completion of their probationary period. They have been reviewed by their Building Principal, the Superintendent and the Board of Education. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the appointment to tenure in the Canandaigua City School District the following staff member:

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Tenure Area</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Karen Tricomi | Elementary         | 12/1/2021        |

4) 2021-2022 School Year Winter Coaches

the following individuals to Winter Coaching positions:

Coach

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|------------------|----------------------|
| Joel Rosko       | Modified B Wrestling |
| Mitchell Segbers | JV Boys Swimming     |

5) 2021-2022 Mentors

the following staff members to be Mentors for the 2021-2022 school year at the contractual rate:

| <u>Mentor</u>    | <u>Mentee</u>      | <u>Building</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Catherine Kelley | Amanda Furno       | ES              |
| Karen Tricomi    | Deanna Bagley      | ES              |
| Laure Blazey     | Alex Hennessey     | HS              |
| Kim Kane         | Patricia Symans    | ES              |
| Sarah Vassello   | Teresa Casper      | ES              |
| Haley Bickel     | Marre Violante     | PS              |
| Jessica Brotsch  | Graham Klimasewski | HS              |
| Amy Rothermel    | Julia Kim          | PS              |

***End of Consensus Agenda***

***Public Comments***

Ms. Sarah Hamlin, 159 West Gibson Street, spoke on the topic of LGBTQ+.  
 Ms. Amanda Angell, 1884 Saddlehorn Drive, spoke on the topic of LGBTQ+.  
 Ms. Heather Holman, 418 East Street, spoke on the topic of LGBTQ+.  
 Ms. Ciara McCarthy, 391 Gibson Street, spoke on the topic of LGBTQ+.  
 Ms. Mallory Payne, 130 Saltonstall Street, spoke on the topic of LGBTQ+.

***Board Committee Reports***

Policy Committee

Mrs. Beth Thomas reported on behalf of the Policy Committee which met on November 17. The Committee reviewed several policies and made non-substantive changes on Policy 2130 Gender Natural Single Occupancy Bathrooms and Policy 1095 Public Expressions at Board Meetings.

***District Committee Reports***

Council for Instructional Excellence (CIE)

Dr. Jen Schneider reported on behalf of CIE which met on November 10. The Committee received an update from Mr. Steve Schlegel, grant for excellence proposals and a professional development update from Mrs. Katie McFarland.

COVID19 Safety Committee

Dr. Jen Schneider reported on behalf of the weekly COVID19 Safety Committee. The district continues to conduct air sampling and comparing the limits from early spring to fall.

***Upcoming Events***

- November 24-26- Thanksgiving- No School
- November 28- Hanukkah (Begins at Sundown)



- December 14- Regular Board Meeting
- December 1- MS Winter Concert
- December 3- Early Dismissal- UPK-2
- December 3- RPO Holiday Concert
- December 8- MS Winter Concert
- December 10- Early Dismissal- UPK-5
- December 13- Regular Board Meeting
- December 14- MS Winter Concert
- December 15- Holiday PRISM Concert
- December 23- Superintendent's Conference Day
- December 24-31- No School

***Adjournment***

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Personale, seconded Dr. Schneider, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the adjournment of the Regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. The next Regular meeting will be on December 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Operation Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sundlov  
District Clerk