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The Regular meeting of the Canandaigua City School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Operations Center, President Grimm presiding.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeanie Grimm, Milton Johnson, Megan Personale, Julianne Miller, John Polimeni, Jen Schneider, Jenny Tessendorf

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy Calabrese, Beth Thomas

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

**BOARD DISTRICT CLERK:** Deborah Sundlov

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Taryn Bjorling, visitors on file

***Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag***

Mrs. Grimm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with everyone standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Superintendent's Report***

Superintendent Farr commented on how wonderful it is to have all staff back. Everyone seems to be recharged and ready to go. He noted that opening day was a bit warm and going forward a decision will be made depending on what the forecast for the temperature will be. On day two everyone gathered again for a presentation with Mr. Matt Schrage, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and Solution Tree. First day of students was also very positive.

***Board Student Representative***

Taryn Bjorling, Board of Education Student Representative, introduced herself to the Board. The Board also introduced themselves to Taryn and welcomed her to the Board. Taryn plays volleyball and is part of Student Government, member of National Honor Society, and plays cello.

***Public Comments***

Amy Scibelli, Canandaigua School District  
Bessy Tyrrell, Naples School District  
Melanie Smith, Canandaigua School District

***Proposed Tax Roll Resolution***

Upon a motion made by Dr. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Johnson, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved voting on the proposed tax roll resolution.

**APPROVED: TAX ROLL**

Superintendent recommended the following resolution be adopted to accept the tax roll.

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2023-2024 school year a sum not to exceed \$51,098,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described attached tax roll,

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin October 2, 2023 and end January 2, 2024 giving the tax warrant an effective period of 93 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows: 1st month no delinquent fee is due, 2nd month interest of 1 percent added, 3rd month or fraction thereof, interest of 3 percent.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution will be a vote on roll call as follows:

Mrs. Amy Calabrese	Absent
Mr. Milton Johnson	Voting Yes
Mrs. Julianne Miller	Voting Yes
Mrs. Megan Personale	Voting Yes
Mr. John Polimeni	Voting Yes
Dr. Jen Schneider	Voting Yes
Ms. Jennifer Tessoroff	Voting Yes
Mrs. Beth Thomas	Voting Yes
Mrs. Jeanie Grimm	Absent

### **Social Media Resolution**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Personale, seconded by Mrs. Miller, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved voting on the social media resolution.

#### **APPROVED: SOCIAL MEDIA**

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- "calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;"
- emphasized that "now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;"
- "[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;" and
- "[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media."

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- "Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media 'almost constantly.'"
- "nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;"
- "in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;"
- "[s]ocial media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;"
- "[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel 'addicted' to a social media platform;"
- "[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;" and
- [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use "depression among youth."

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is "urgent that we take action."

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WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, "[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that "a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media" and "there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media."

WHEREAS, the Canandaigua City School District (the "School District") has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution will be a vote on roll call as follows:

Mrs. Amy Calabrese	Absent
Mr. Milton Johnson	Voting Yes
Mrs. Julianne Miller	Voting Yes
Mrs. Megan Personale	Voting Yes
Mr. John Polimeni	Voting No
Dr. Jen Schneider	Voting Yes
Ms. Jennifer Tessendorf	Voting Yes
Mrs. Beth Thomas	Voting Yes
Mrs. Jeanie Grimm	Absent

### ***Board Meeting Minutes***

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tessendorf, seconded by Mrs. Miller, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the August 28, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes.

**APPROVED: MINUTES**

### ***Opening Day Reports***

The following opening day reports were presented, with each principal thanking Mr. Mike McClain, Director of Facilities and Operations, and his team for all their work over the summer.

Mrs. Emily Bonadonna, Primary School Principal, reported there are 206 kindergarten, 207 first grade, and 247 second grade students. There are 68 students in offsite UPK classrooms.

Mr. Brian Amesbury, Elementary School Principal, reported there are 243 third grade, 262 fourth grade, and 214 fifth grade students.

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Mr. John Arthur, Middle School Principal, reported there are 253 sixth grade, 227 seventh grade, and 241 eighth grade students.

Mrs. Marissa Logue, Academy Principal, reported there are 231 ninth grade, 267 tenth grade, 256 eleventh, and 276 twelfth grade students.

Mr. Mike McClain, Director of Facilities and Operations, provided the board with a brief overview of what his department accomplished over the summer.

Mr. Seth Clearman, Transportation Supervisor, reported on the first few days of school. This year the department sent out letters to all families prior to the start of school, which resulted in a fairly seamless beginning.

## **Consensus Agenda**

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

### **APPROVED: CONSENSUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS**

#### **Business**

##### **1. Treasurer's Report**

the Treasurer's Report for the Period of July 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023. Additional information is included as an attachment and is filed.

##### **2. Budget Status Report**

the Appropriation Status Report, which is a summary, for the period of July 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023. Additional information is included as an attachment and is filed.

##### **3. Revenue Status Report**

the Revenue Status Report, which is a summary, for the period of July 1, 2022- July 31, 2023. Additional information is included as an attachment and is filed.

##### **4. Universal Pre-Kindergarten**

extension of Award of Request for Proposal for Universal Pre-Kindergarten for community-based organizations to be funded by UPK state/federal grants of \$5,500/student effective September 1, 2023- June 30, 2024 to:

- Care-A-Lot Child Care of Farmington, Inc., (up to 18 students)
- Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) Child Care Center (up to 16 students)
- Happiness House (up to 18 students)
- Our Children's Place (up to 16 students)

##### **5. Agreement**

an agreement with the Rochester School of the Holy Childhood, Inc. per student(s) IEP, from 9/6/23- 6/21/23.

an agreement with Michelle Diehl for Teacher of the Visually Impaired related services per a student(s) IEP or Section 504 plan at a rate of \$125/hour from August 29, 2023 - June 28, 2024.

##### **6. Surplus Books**

the request of Mrs. Marissa Logue, Academy Principal, to declare as surplus the following:

- *Meyers' Psychology for AP* by David G. Myers, 2011- 64 copies

the request of Mrs. Emily Bonadonna, Primary School Principal, to declare as surplus the following:

- The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System, Reading Assessment Kits for Grades K-8, Level A-N- 978-0-325-13718-6- 1 set

**7. Athletic Volunteers**

the request of Mrs. Caroline Chapman, Athletic Director, for the below volunteers:

- Erik Griffin to be a volunteer assistant volleyball coach
- Pat O'Hara to be a volunteer coach for girls volleyball

**8. Guest Speakers**

the request of Mr. Brian Amesbury, Elementary School, for Ruby Cunningham and Rebecca Godwin from Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes to visit classrooms in the Primary and Elementary Schools to teach students about personal safety.

**9. CPSE/CSE**

to rescind the approval of CPSE/CSE for student number 1005929 that was approved on August 28, 2023.

**10. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education**

of the Committee on Special Education meeting dates of: April 24, 2023; June 22, 2023; July 10, 2023; August 14, 2023; August 15, 2023; August 16, 2023; August 17, 2023; August 18, 2023; August 22, 2023; August 23, 2023; and August 30, 2023.

**Personnel**

1. Non-Instructional Personnel

A. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following individual. On behalf of the District, sincere best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement are offered. Thank you for the many years of service to the youth of the Canandaigua City School District.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Steven Voeltz	Building Maintenance Assistant	12/29/2023	30

B. Removals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kevin Clark	School Bus Driver	Resignation	8/24/2023
Lacreesha Cook	School Monitor	Resignation	9/15/2023
Jordan Boylan	Teacher Aide	Resignation	8/26/2023
Mary Connor	Teacher Aide	Resignation	8/30/2023
Jacquelyn Metz	Teacher Aide	Resignation	9/2/2023
Elizabeth Malanga	Teacher Aide	Resignation	8/31/2023
Jeremy Sager	School Bus Driver	Resignation in order to accept another position with the District	8/30/2023
Carolyn Keller	Teacher Aide	Resignation in order to accept another position with the District	8/30/2023

Jann Santiago	Teacher Aide	Resignation in order to accept another position in the District	9/6/2023
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**A. Appointments**

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Kevin Clark	Substitute School Bus Driver	8/29/2023	\$19.00/hr.
Michael Allen	Custodial Worker (Rescinded Retirement)	8/29/2023	Current Rate
Brian LaBerge	School Bus Monitor	9/5/2023	\$15.07/hr.
Taylor Bordwell	Teacher Aide	9/5/2023	\$15.05/hr.
Amanda Prinzi	Teacher Aide	9/5/2023	\$15.05/hr.
Rosa Oliveri	Teacher Aide	9/5/2023	\$15.05/hr.
Madison Johnson	Teacher Aide	9/5/2023	\$15.05/hr.
Carrie Klug	Substitute Food Service Helper	9/6/2023	\$15.00/hr.
William Connor	Teacher Aide	9/11/2023	\$15.05/hr.
Lisa Haug	School Bus Driver	9/7/2023	\$24.66/hr.
Jeremy Seager	School Bus Monitor	9/5/2023	\$15.07/hr.
Michael TeWinkle	IT Support Technician II	9/1/2023	Per Contract
Carolyn Keller	Substitute Teacher Aide	9/7/2023	\$15.00/hr.
April VanDusen	Teacher Aide	9/5/2023	\$15.97/hr.
Susan Friend	Substitute IT Support Technician II	9/1/2023	Retirement Rate
JoAnne Relyea	Typist, FT-10	8/28/2023	\$16.25/hr.
Heather Vankouwenberg	Substitute School Bus Monitor	9/7/2023	\$15.00/hr.
Sara Tasso	Substitute Teacher Aide	9/8/2023	\$15.00/hr.

**2. Instructional Personnel**

**A. Resignation**

- 1) of Alexandra Wagner, Contract Substitute Teacher, who has resigned from the District effective August 24, 2023.
- 2) of Cayley Ames, Special Education Teacher, who has resigned from the District effective October 17, 2023.
- 3) of Nicole Bell, Contract Substitute Teacher, who has resigned from the District effective September 4, 2023.

**B. Appointments**

*The Board of Education of the Canandaigua City School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following instructional employee. Eligibility for tenure as a classroom teacher or building principal is contingent upon his/her successful completion of the probationary term and having received composite or overall APPR rating of either "Effective" or "Highly Effective" in at least three of the four preceding years and a rating higher than "Ineffective" in the final year of the probationary period.*

- 1) of Megan Myers who has worked for the District as a part-time Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from November 2017 to March 2022. Ms. Myers is appointed to a 1.0 FTE 4-year probationary Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with a tenure area of Teacher of the Deaf effective October 2, 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Step/Rate</u>	<u>Probationary Period</u>
Megan Myers	Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Speech and Hearing Handicapped	10/2/2023	Step 18	4-year

2) Interim Substitute Teacher

the following individuals for 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>
Andrew Kemler	Special Education Teacher	Academy	9/5/2023 – 11/24/2023
Deb McLaughlin	English Teacher	Middle School	9/5/2023 – TBD

3) 2023-2024 Fall Coache

the following individuals to Fall coaching positions at rates per CTA contract:  
Aidan Vitticore, Modified Soccer

4) Contract Substitute Teachers

the following individuals to Contract Substitute Teacher positions for the 2023 – 2024 school year at the contractual rate:

Erika Wallace – Middle School  
Nicole Nearpass – Primary & Elementary Schools  
Luc Pereira – Academy

5) Certified Substitute Teachers

the following individual to Certified Substitute Teacher position conditional upon criminal history clearance from the New York State Education Department where applicable.

Donald Kitzel – Preferred

6) Stipend Positions 2023 – 2024 School Year

**CO-CURRICULAR POSITIONS:**

Musical Orchestra Director (CA)  
Musical Technical Director (CA)  
Musical Vocal Director (CA)  
Robotics (CA)  
Kym McCarthy  
Jennifer Medler  
Emily Phillips

**EMPLOYEE:**

Greg Crystal  
Matt Rogers  
Luc Pereira  
Jeremiah Johnson  
Elementary After School Club  
Elementary Drum Club  
Elementary Drum Club

**OTHER STIPEND POSITIONS**

Special Education Department Liaison 6-8	Andrea Best
Snow Sports Coordinator	Dave Platten
SAT Prep Classes – ELA	Sara Maser
Communications Liaison, Primary-Elementary School	Emily Bonadonna
Communications Liaison, Middle School	Audra Ahl
Communications Liaison, Academy	Cary Burke
Communications Liaison, Clerical	Jenna Sutton
Elementary Curriculum Events Coordinator	Alyssa Zacharias

**End of Consensus Agenda**

## **Board Committees**

### Audit Committee

Mr. Milton Johnson reported out on behalf of the Audit Committee which met on September 8, 2023. The Committee received a financial update on the capital project, school lunch fund, 2023-2024 budget, and ERS rates. The next meeting is October 6.

### **Upcoming Events**

- September 13- CIE
- September 21- Graduates of Distinction
- September 22- Homecoming
- September 26- Board of Education Meeting
- October 2- School Tax Collection Begins
- October 6- Early Release
- October 9- Columbus / Indigenous Peoples' Day
- October 12- Primary School Open House
- October 16- Board of Education Meeting
- October 19- Elementary School Open House
- October 21- PES Fall Carnival
- October 25- CA Jazz Ensemble
- October 30- Board of Education Visitation
- October 31- Last day to pay School Taxes without Penalty

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tessendorf, seconded by Dr. Schneider, with all present voting yes, the Board of Education approved the adjournment of the Regular meeting at 7:13 p.m. The next Regular meeting will be on September 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sundlov  
District Clerk