

Regular Meeting

April 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Caledonia-Mumford Central School District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium.

Members present: John Bickford, Chris Richter, Joe Geer, Arnie Rychlicki, and Liz Doll via Zoom.

Members absent: Bill Van Allen.

Others present: Robert Molisani, Superintendent; Patrick Donegan, Interim Business Manager/District Clerk; David Bulter, Elementary Principal; Paul Estabrooks, Middle School Principal/CSE Director, Rebekah Chenaille, High School Principal; and Michele Meyer, Director of Curriculum, Susan Voos, District Clerk, Jeremy Nardone, Business Administrator and District Residents.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Rychlicki, seconded by Richter, to approve the following consent agenda:

1. Minutes 3/23/2021
2. General Fund Warrants #31 & #32
3. School Lunch Fund Warrant #8
4. Capital Fund Warrant #9
5. Budget Transfers # 3
6. Property Tax Report Card 2020-2021
7. CSE Recommendations: 00007560, 00006691, 00007775, 07205 00007919, 06271, 00006818, 06789

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence: Honor Roll percentages March 2021 to March 2020 were presented and comparable in numbers.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Building Principals updated on the progress of compact teams for their respective buildings:

Elementary School - Mr. Bulter reported that since the Elementary school has been in session from the beginning of the school year his Compact team had set goals as to what they wanted to accomplish for the school year. Some of these goals included the PARP festival, Cal-Mum Shines, review of the Code of Conduct and the return of Elementary Band. Mr. Bulter was happy to report that parents wanted to create family events that both the students and parents can participate in together. The PARP festival event was a big success. The theme was The Masked Reader, which students kicked off the week making projects and participated in raffles and prizes. Mr. Bulter applauded the students, staff and community for the success of the PARP festival. The ultimate goal of the PARP festival is to have the elementary students commit to reading books for the next three months. Just recently, the Elementary Band is back together! All students are able to be six feet apart and abide by the new guidelines. At the one-year anniversary of COVID, the PTO committee wanted to mark the year with all the successes accomplished and therefore the Cal-Mum Shines event was created with the help of the compact team, faculty, staff and community support.

Middle School – Kudos to the Cal-Mum Shines event. Wellness Day for the middle school students is being planned. This will be a full day of activities for the students. Mr. Estabrooks has rented a very large tent where he will host some of his end of the year events. His compact team is also reviewing the Code of Conduct for any updates or changes. Mr. Estabrooks is also hoping to create something for the current fifth graders to transition into middle school. The compact team has decided to hold off the Washington DC trip for one more year. This would mean the current sixth graders would be the next grade to go on this trip. On June 11th Paul has planned a Hangout/Cookout luau for the eighth graders under the tent serving hamburgers and hot dogs and on June 16th possibly a trip to Minnehans.

High School – Dr. Chenaille spoke of one of the features on the School Tool App. called Push Notification. This means as soon as a teacher enters a grade for a student, the student and/or parent will receive notification of the grade. This is certainly an option for parents and a great tool to have rather than logging into the computer to search for grades. Dr. Chenaille commented that there should be no surprises to the student or parents regarding grades. Dr. Chenaille recognized many people involved in the Cal-Mum Shines event. Special thanks to parents, teachers, community and especially to Liz Mattingly, Katie Grattan and Janet Cappotelli for their time, talents, and creativity. Our Spanish Club and Fifth Grade Account advisors got involved with selling green light bulbs, yard signs and t-shirts. It was exciting to watch so many people drive by our elementary school taking pictures of the school lit up

Dr. Chenaille commented that the high school is fulfilling student requests with some fun activities that will take the place of activities that were not possible at the time. Examples of this were an Easter egg hunt and scavenger hunts for all high school students. Currently, the high school is planning prom, senior play performances are on April 23 and 24th and the senior banquet is planned for June 5 with the help of local businesses and vendors.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Revision to 2020-2021 School Instructional Calendar

Motion was made by Rychlicki, seconded by Richter, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the revision to 2020-21 School Instructional Calendar to include Friday, May 28, 2021 through May 31st as Memorial Day Recess and NYS Holiday of Juneteenth to be observed on Friday, June 18, 2021. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Transportation Request to Out-of-District Nonpublic Schools for 2021-2022

Motion was made by Richter, seconded by Rychlicki, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Transportation Requests to Out-of-District Nonpublic Schools for 2021-2022. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

2. Appointment of Chief Inspector and Election Officials

Motion was made by Richter, seconded by Rychlicki, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Jeremy Nardone and Sue Voos to coordinate the appointment of Chief Election Inspector and Election Officials from the Livingston County Board of Elections List for the Annual School Budget Vote and Board Election on May 18, 2021. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

3. Presentation of the Proposed 2021-2022 School Budget

Mr. Molisani presented the finalized 2021-2022 School Budget. This includes line-by-line expenditure in all budget codes.

4. Adoption of the Proposed 2021-2022 Annual School Budget

Motion was made by Richter, seconded by Rychlicki, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt the proposed budget of expenditures for the fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$19,019,383 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be one and the same, is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried.

5. Development of the Proposed 2021-2022 Annual School Budget

- ✓ Three Part Component Budget – Mr. Donegan presented outline of the Administrative, Programs, and Capital Components.
- ✓ Annual School District Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6. Approval of Emergency Pesticide Applications

Motion was made by Richter and seconded by Rychlicki that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an emergency pesticide/herbicide to the following locations due to the abundance of crabgrass and broadleaf weeds causing a tripping and play hazard;

Front of Elementary
Practice Football Field

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried

7. Preservation of In-Person Instructional Model

Motion by Richter and seconded by Rychlicki, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, in the absence of updated guidance from the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Education since July 2020 the Superintendent of Schools, under the direction of the Board of Education prepared, with stakeholder engagement including parents and Livingston County Department of Health, an undated plan to return students to in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, the implementation dates for such modified plan were Monday, February, 1, 2021, for grades 6-8 and Monday, March 1, 2021 and Thursday, March 4, 2021 for grades 9-12; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, April 9, 2021, at approximately 5:00 p.m., the New York State Department of Health issued a document entitled “Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools During the COVID – 19 Public Health Emergency” (“April 2021 DOH Guidance”) that modified the prior July 2020 guidance operational standards; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the District to review and analyze the newly issued April 2021 DOH Guidance to make determinations as to whether its current in-person instruction plan is sufficient or needs modification and

WHEREAS, the review and decision making process of the April 2021 Guidance is underway but requires significant analysis as well as input from stakeholder groups including the local Department of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to avoid further disruption to the educational process for faculty, staff, students and families, during the review and decision making process associated with the April 2021 DOH Guidance, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to continue use of the in-person instruction plan for students in grades Prek-12.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried

X. PUBLIC FORUM

Three community members attended the BOE meeting this evening. Inquiries of what will determine the uses of the Federal Stimulus money, community service budget and the capital outlay project.

As directed by federal law, the federal funds were allocated in accordance with the distribution of Title1-A funds. Caledonia-Mumford will receive a 3% budget, which is extremely low compared to other nearby schools who are receiving up to as much as 26.3%. Expenditures will be prioritized based on need such as the safe return of in-person instruction, social and emotional needs, after school programs, early childhood education, low income students, students with disabilities, homeless students etc.

Mr. Molisani explained Caledonia-Mumford’s Community Services is not budgeted to make money. This general category includes costs related to operating Community Continuing Education Programs, salary and supplies. Capital Outlay project provides district building aid for one project each year. This requires voter approval and is to be applied to one building code. This year the district will replace unit ventilators in middle/high school nurse’s office, technology, computer server, and weight room areas along with replacing middle school gymnasium lights with energy efficient LED lights.

Motion was made by Richter, seconded by Gere, to enter Executive Session at 7:03 to discuss personnel issues.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried

PERSONNEL

1. Appointment of Date Change

Motion was made by Geer seconded by Rychlicki that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Susan Voos to the position of Secretary to the Superintendent effective July 1, 2021

Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried

2. Appointment of Cleaner

Motion was made by Geer, seconded by Rychlicki, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Michael Norton** to a full-time civil service probationary Cleaner position. The probationary period will be from April 14, 2021 through April 13, 2022.
Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried

3. Resignation of Bus Driver for the Purpose of Retirement

Motion was made by Rychlicki, seconded by Richter, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept with regret and best wishes, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Marie MacPherson**, Bus Driver, effective June 26, 2021.
Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried

4. Appointment of Mentors

Motion was made by Rychlicki, seconded by Richter that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following mentors for the 2020-2021 school year.

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
Caroline Richardson	Gwendolyn Bell
Mary Dorman	Brittany Chapman
Brian McQuillan	Norman Marshall
Patty Wade	Karly Yarwood
Kristi Williams	Aliah Sample
Alicia Ziegler	Brittany Heffler (through March 31)
Wendy Bulter	Brittany Heffler (April 1 through June 26)

Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried

5. Appointment of Elementary Teacher

Motion was made by Rychlicki, seconded by Richter, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint **Cristie Sluberski** to the 1.0 FTE Elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2021 with the probationary period effective December 7, 2020 through December 6, 2024. The appointee holds Initial Certifications in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Students with Disabilities (Grades Birth-Grade 2), and Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6).
Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried

6. Appointment of Coaches

Motion was made by Rychlicki, seconded by Richter, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint the following coaches per the Memorandum of Agreement.

Varsity Golf	Mike Reed
Varsity Tennis	Brian McQuillan
Varsity Boys Track	Josh Shelton
Varsity Girls Track	Dan Freeman
Asst. Track	Chad Schalk
Asst. Track	Steve Harrington
Modified Track	Jinny Mancuso
Varsity Baseball	Andy Leyden
Volunteer Baseball	Dave Leyden
Modified Baseball	Steve Gaffney
Varsity Softball	Dan Dickens
JV Softball	Griffin Mervine

Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried

Motion made by Geer, seconded by Rychlicki that the Board of Education return to regular session at 8:05 pm.
Ayes 5, Nays 0, motion carried

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Geer, seconded by Rychlicki, to adjourn the meeting of April 13, 2021 at 8:07 p.m.

Susan Voos, District Clerk