



North Adams Community Schools

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Regular School Board Meeting
Bellmont High School Erikson Theatre
6:00 p.m. – July 14, 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board members Stacey Bussel, Michelle Stimpson, Steve Kreigh, Tim Ehlerding, Carla Bultemeier, Dave Hill, Jill Colclasure were present along with Superintendent Brent Lehman and Attorney Scott Ainsworth and attached list of attendees.

ABSENT:

A. Call to Order *The meeting was called to order by President Bussel at 6:01 p.m.*

-Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public comment on agenda items

C. Consensus Items *Motion by Michelle Stimpson, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to accept the following consensus items as presented. Motion passed 7-0.*

1. **Minutes** of June 9, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting/Blended Virtual

2. **Financial Report**

3. **Personnel**

a. Assignments

1. Lissa Roop to be assigned the position of Belmont High School Mathematics Teacher.

2. ~~TBD~~ Carrie Grover to be assigned the position of Benefits Coordinator Administrative Assistant.

3. Susan Fuelling to be assigned the position of Belmont Middle School Head Coach-7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball

4. Samantha Hakes to be assigned the position of Belmont Middle School Special Education Paraprofessional

b. Resignations

1. Heather Shauver to resign the position of Emotional Disabilities Teacher at Belmont High School effective August 1, 2020.

c. Leaves

d. Retirements

1. Becky Durnbaugh to retire from the position of Science Teacher at Belmont High School effective August 1, 2020. (32 years)

e. Change of Position(s)

1. Lorena Dunham to move from Belmont Middle School Special Ed Teacher to Belmont High School Life Skills Teacher/Emotional Disabilities Teacher.

2. Jenny Douglas to move from Belmont High School Earth/Space Science Teacher to Belmont High School Biology Teacher.

3. Keith Dicke to move from Belmont Elementary School Teacher to Belmont High School Earth/Space Science Teacher

f. LEA Business

1. Diane Freygang to be assigned the position of North Adams/Adams Wells School Psychologist.
2. Kelly Phillips to resign the position of North Adams/Adams Wells Autism Specialist/Behavior Consultant effective immediately.

g. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Field Trips

1. Belmont High School/ Varsity Volleyball/Crestview Volleyball Tournament/Convoy, OH/October 3, 2020

D. Program Update

1. District Update- Reentering School via Summer School/Tiffany Heine
-Heine discussed the focus on literacy and Covid-19 related safety precautions for the ongoing summer school session
2. Launching the 2020-21 School Year/Brent Lehman
-Lehman discussed the goals of providing a safe environment for students and staff while providing for the educational needs of all students, emphasizing the importance of students returning to school
-Lehman stated that parents/students will be given 2 options: in-person education or eLearning online
-Lehman stated that the 3 Adams County school systems while not having the exact same circumstances nor technology availabilities, will continue to commit to unified policies for reentry of school as much as possible under the guidance of Adams County health officials.

E. Old Business

Motion by Steve Kreigh, seconded by Carla Bultemeier, to accept the District Property Insurance for the period of July 2020-June 2021 as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Approval of District Property Insurance for the period of July 2020 –June 2021.

F. New Business

Motion by Tim Ehlerding, seconded by Dave Hill, to grant permission to fill open positions prior to the 2020-21 school year as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Permission to fill open positions prior to the 2020-21 school year.
-Lehman stated the importance of the ability to fill vacant positions prior to the 1st student day which falls on the calendar prior to the next scheduled board meeting.
2. Academic Engagement Policy-1st Read
-Lehman stated that this policy would provide consistency with the new online learning option. Lehman stated that the policy would provide documentation of parent/student expectations and consequences of failure to fulfill requirements.

Motion by Steve Kreigh, seconded by Michelle Stimpson, to approve the Bowen Center MOU as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Approval of Bowen Center MOU

Motion by Carla Bultemeier, seconded by Jill Colclasure, to approve the BHS and BES Course Additions/Changes for the 2020-21 school year as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Approval of Course Additions/Changes

- BHS New Course: Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- BES New Course: Computer Science 5

5. Review of the 2020 Budget Approval Process.

-Lehman stated that the process would be the same as previous years with budget figures being provided to the board in August, public comments/questions taken in September, and approval being sought in October.

6. Presentation of 3-year Capital Projects Plan/Scott Miller.

-Scott Miller stated that the focus will be on preventative maintenance, and the benefit of proactively addressing maintenance issues.

7. Superintendent's Report – Lehman

8. Other matters to come before the board

G. Board member and/or public comments

-Stacey Bussel stated the importance of educating students and staff on the proper use of masks

-Michelle Stimpson stated the need for emotional support to students and staff during the ongoing health emergency as depression and domestic violence trends are rising

H. Adjournment – 7:29 p.m.