
MANCHESTER–SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1506 Route 21, Shortsville, NY 14548
Board of Education

Regular Session

October 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Members Present:

James Simmons, President
Chelsea Carter
Barbara Gardner
Lisa Lombardi
Matt Schaertl
Scott Van Aken

Others Present:

Christopher Barnard, Superintendent
Kimberly Brown, Board Clerk

Members Absent:

Amy Walton

CALL TO ORDER:

The scheduled monthly meeting of the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District Board of Education was called to order on October 11, 2023, in the high school auditorium lobby at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Simmons.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

II. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A meeting of the Audit Committee was called to order by President Simmons on October 11, 2023 at 6:07 p.m. External Auditor, Tom Zuber, reviewed for the Board the External Audit Report and corrective action plan for the year ending June 30, 2023.

It was moved by Lisa Lombardi, seconded by Chelsea Carter, and carried unanimously: RESOLVED, that the Audit Committee hereby stands adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.

III. PRESENTATION:

Elementary Updates

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Lisa Lombardi, seconded by Barbara Gardner, and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the September 13, 2023, Board of Education regular meeting be approved as presented.

A motion by Chelsea Carter, seconded by Scott Van Aken, and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the minutes of the September 27, 2023, Board of Education work session meeting be approved as presented.

V. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Claims Auditor Report

Capital Project Update

Superintendent Barnard commented on the following topics:

- Opening Days of School
- Live Streaming
- BOE Digital Pilot
- District Communication Branding
 - Rebranding
 - Effective Communication
- Entry Plan Update
- BOE Student Representative
- October/November Calendar Updates:
 - 10/25 – BOE Work Session 6:00-8:00 pm
 - 10/31 – Halloween Parade 10 AM, ES Bus Loop
 - 11/06 – ES Early Release
 - 11/07 – ES Winter Concert, 7 pm
 - 11/12 – MS Winter Concert, 7 pm

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

2024-2025 Budget Development Calendar

A motion by Lisa Lombardi, seconded by Chelsea Carter, and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the budget development calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

Litigation Against Social Media Companies

A motion by Lisa Lombardi, seconded by Chelsea Carter, and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the attached resolution authorizing litigation against social media companies.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LITIGATION AGAINST SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES

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 adolescencebrain 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."

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 Manchester-Shortsville Central 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.

Adopted this 11th day of October, 2023

Manchester Shortsville Board of Education

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

President Simmons acknowledged receipt of the financial and treasurer's report on behalf of the Board.

Extra-classroom Gift Approval

A motion by Chelsea Carter, seconded by Matt Schaertl, and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the gift of \$1,500, for the Robotics Extra Classroom Club, from the Red Jacket Rotary Service Club.

Approval of External Audit Report and Corrective Action Plan

A motion by Lisa Lombardi, seconded by Chelsea Carter, and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Audit Committee to accept the 2022-2023 External Audit Report and corrective action plan.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT:

It was moved by Lisa Lombardi, seconded by Scott Van Aken, and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following personnel report as per the consensus agenda.

Resignations

R1 - Stephanie Riddle, Teacher, effective, October 27, 2023.

R2 - Rosemary Fry, Teacher, effective, October 2, 2023.

Appointments

C1 - Tamara Housel, Varsity Winter Competitive Cheerleading Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Salary \$4,502**

C2 - Jennifer Johnson, Modified Winter Competitive Cheerleading Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Salary \$3,919**

C3 - Jennifer Knaak, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Step 2, Salary per the RJFA negotiated contract agreement**

C4 - Matthew Nolan, JV Girls Basketball Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Salary \$6,347**

C5 - Kevin Paino, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Step 6, Salary per the RJFA negotiated contract agreement**

C6 - Trey Didio, JV Boys Basketball Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Salary \$6,047br**

C7 - Cory King, Modified Boys Basketball Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Salary \$3,103**

C8 - Zachary Anderson, Assistant Wrestling Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Salary \$6,047**

C9 - Mitchell Lalik, Indoor Track Head Coach, for the 2023-2024, school year. **Step, 6, Salary per the RJFA negotiated contract agreement**

C10 - Nicole Lofton, Assistant Indoor Track Coach, for the 2023-2024, school year. **Step 2, Salary per the RJFA negotiated contract agreement**

C11 - Nicholas Lock, Varsity Wrestling Coach, for the 2023-2024 school year. **Salary \$6,865**

APPOINTMENTS/INSTRUCTIONAL:

		Stipend: \$
I1 - Tracey Snieszko	Appointment of Wellness Coordinator (corrected stipend from \$4,500)	\$2,000
	Appointment of Lift Project Co-Coordinator	\$ 200
	Appointment of Plant Based Co-Coach	\$ 200
	Appointment of Healthy Rewards Ambassador	\$ 300
I2 – Marissa Baughman	Appointment of Lift Project Co-Coordinator	\$ 200
	Appointment of Plant Based Co-Coach	\$ 200

APPOINTMENTS/DAILY SUBSTITUTES:

I3 - Anna Stratton - Shortsville	Appointment as a Long-Term Daily Substitute Elementary Teacher, for the 2023-2024 school year. Certification: Childhood Ed 1-6 and SWD 1-6 - \$222/day, effective September 18, 2023.
I4 - Jack Caravella - Medford	Appointment a Daily Substitute Teacher, K-12 for the 2023-2024 school year. Certification: None (Teacher Immersion Program) - \$110/day
I5 - Brooke Westfall - Perry	Appointment a Daily Substitute Teacher, K-12 for the 2023-2024 school year. Certification: None (Teacher Immersion Program) - \$110/day

I6 - Garry Price, as a Long-term Substitute Art Teacher. The service shall begin on October 11, 2023 and end on June 30, 2024 **Salary \$56,577 (pro-rated) Salary per the RJFA negotiated contract agreement**

APPOINTMENTS/NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

S6 – Charles Dimick – Manchester	Appointment as a Bus Driver – for the 2023-2024 school year, effective, September 6, 2023 - \$21.50/hr.
V1 – Darren Debs – Volunteer Basketball	

IX. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION/PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION:

It was moved by Lisa Lombardi, seconded by Chelsea Carter, and unanimously approved: RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the CSE and CPSE recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Lisa Lombardi, seconded by Chelsea Carter, and carried unanimously: RESOLVED, that the Board hereby stands adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Kimberly Brown, Board Clerk