

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Jeff Black, Matthew Kahm, Karen Loucks, Diana Maguire, Maggie Nuss, Brandi Porcello, Michele Spring, Tatymn Lindell (Student Board Member)

Absent: Devine Leacock, Dr. Mathanakaran

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk; Paige Kinnaird, Director of Curriculum

Others Present: 7 visitors

1) Call to Order **Call to Order**

2) Pledge to Flag **Pledge**

3) Changes to Agenda-None

4) Public Comment- *The Public Comment section is a time set aside for the community to speak directly to the Board of Education. As per policy 1510, each speaker is given three minutes, with the total allotted time to last no more than 30 minutes. When called, please stand up and state your name and address. Please be respectful in your comments and do not divulge any personal or confidential information. Please demonstrate respect by speaking to the issues, sharing ideas and opinions, but not engaging in personal attacks. Board members, the superintendent and administrators will not answer specific questions or engage in dialogue. The information shared will be carefully considered and the appropriate person will contact you. Rest assured, we are listening carefully, and take seriously what you have to say. The Board appreciates your willingness to share your concerns/celebrations.*

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the September 17, 2024, Board of Education Meeting.

**Motion-To Adopt  
BOE Agenda**

7 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain            Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

**Congrats/  
Celebrations**

a) Our fifth graders, teachers and staff enjoyed 5<sup>th</sup> grade science camp Sept 11-13th! Special THANK YOU to Tom Davis and staff for organizing!

- b) Our students in grades K-2 will participate in a fun coloring event in collaboration with the Enchanted Mountain Gardening Club. The Enchanted Mountain Gardening Club is hosting their yearly Scarecrow Row on Main Street in Allegany in October. Students will have their artwork work displayed on Main street in the village of Allegany to celebrate!
- c) PTO Book fair will be in full swing the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> and we will be celebrating our PTO Family Fun Night at the bus garage on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.
- d) A great group of high school students assisted at 5th grade conservation camp as camp counselors and a great deal of learning and fun was had by all. A big thank you to all of the adults who put this experience together.
- e) We had a rousing send-off for Coach Dale MacArthur as he left on his way to be inducted into the Coach's Hall of Fame. Congrats Coach MacArthur!
- f) All of our students participated in bus drills last week and are prepared in case of an emergency.
- g) Homecoming preparations are underway. The theme this year is the Wild West - a Hoe-down Homecoming. Student excitement is ramping up and we are looking forward to dodgeball, the bonfire, athletic events and the dance.
- h) Congratulation to Jaelyn Wojewoda-Ko-OTH Youth of the Week.

7) Consent Agenda:

Motion by Black Second by Kahm  
To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of  
Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 3, 2024
- b) Action Items – Personnel

**School Volunteers**

Abbey Carlson  
Adam Batey  
Amanda Gorney  
Ami Boser  
Amy Hill  
Caitlin Williams  
Chelsea Smith  
Christopher Wenrich  
Colby Walter  
Jade Carapellatti  
Jennifer Bird  
Kirstie Batey  
Matt Stayer  
Nicholas Howard  
Pattie Barie  
Ryan Mitchell

**Substitute Teachers**

Molly Brown  
Natalie Merrill

Lisa Wagner  
Carter Matzel

**Substitute Teacher Aides**

Molly Brown  
Lisa Wagner  
Tammy O'Dell

**Substitute Bus Monitor**

Jacob Boerger

**Substitute Food Service Worker**

Betsy Livingston  
Tinia Ketchner

**Student Intern from SBU**

Grace Hollenbeck with Chris Austin at ALES-9/18/24-12/6/24

c) **Action Items-Business**

To accept the Warrant Reports for August 2024:

General Fund	\$ 1,071,501.57
School Lunch Fund	\$ 931.82
Special Aid Fund	\$ 59,145.11
Capital Fund	\$ 1,600.00

To place on file, the Budget Report thru August 2024.

To accept the Treasurer's Reports and Extraclassroom Activities Reports for August 2024.

**Disposal of Broken Items**

22 Ti-nspire calculators

d) CSE Minutes- September 6, 2024, and September 9, 2024  
504 Minutes-September 9, 2024

7 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain            Motion carried

8) **Presentations**

**Presentations**

- a) Student Council Members with Advisor Mrs. Denise Straub
- b) BWB Auditors
- c) Overview Data-Dr. Paige Kinnaird

9) **Discussion-**

**Discussion**

- a) Final Reading-Revised Policy 5681-School Safety Plans

- b) Final Reading-Revised Policy 5683-Evacuation, Lockdown, and Emergency Dismissal Drills
- c) Final Reading-Revised Policy 6550-Leaves of Absence
- d) Final Reading-Revised Policy 7220-Graduation Requirements
- e) Final Reading-New Policy 7223-Advanced Coursework
- f) Final Reading-New Policy 7224-Virtual Instruction
- g) Final Reading-New Policy 7470-Student Government

10) Superintendent's Report-

- a) Strategic Thinking Committee Meeting-9/16/24-global competition, positioning our district for greater success
- b) NYSCOSS Conference in Saratoga Springs-Regionalization, Funding, Graduation Pathways

**Superintendent's Report**

11) President's Report-

- a) Strategic Planning
- b) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp attended with Brandi Porcello

**President's Report**

12) Student Board Member Report-

- a) 2 weeks down-more confidence in understanding schedules and moving to classes and getting familiar with the new bell schedule
- b) Students bonding with teachers given the new enrichment period
- c) Homecoming-Hoco Rodeo-Wild West
- d) SAC putting in hard work to make Homecoming fun for all
- e) Freshman Welcome was a success

**Student BOE Report**

13) Committee Reports-Personnel-email exchanges, Curriculum-October meeting, Budget-Audit

**Committee Reports**

14) Correspondence-Penny Owen email for football donation

**Correspondence**

15) Action Item- Business

- a) Motion by Spring Second by Loucks  
To accept the audit report and financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 as presented by BWB.

**Motion-To Accept Audit Report**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- b) Motion by Nuss Second by Black  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt revised Policy 5681-School Safety Plans.

**Motion-To Adopt Revised Policy**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- c) Motion by Kahm Second by Nuss  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt revised Policy 5683-Evacuation, Lockdown, and Emergency Dismissal Drills.

**Motion-To Adopt Revised Policy**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- d) Motion by Black Second by Porcello  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt revised Policy 6550-Leaves of Absence. **Motion-To Adopt Revised Policy**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- e) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt revised Policy 7220-Graduation Requirements. **Motion-To Adopt Revised Policy**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- f) Motion by Black Second by Kahm  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt new Policy 7223-Advanced Coursework. **Motion-To Adopt New Policy**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- g) Motion by Nuss Second by Porcello  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt new Policy 7224-Virtual Instruction. **Motion-To Adopt New Policy**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- h) Motion by Black Second by Spring  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt new Policy 7470-Student Government. **Motion-To Adopt New Policy**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

16) Action Item – Personnel

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Rebecca Stayer** to the position of part-time Bus Monitor, effective September 3, 2024. **Motion-Approval of Appointment**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- b) Motion by Black Second by Loucks  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the FMLA leave of employee #260, effective August 30, 2024, to November 8, 2024. **Motion-To Accept FMLA Leave**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- 17) New Business-State published wrong equalization rate for school taxes on their website **New Business**

18) Motion by Black Second by Nuss

To enter Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations in regards to the Superintendent of Schools contract.

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

**Motion-To Enter  
Executive Session**

19) Motion by Black Second by Loucks

To Re-enter Regular Session at 7:52 pm.

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

**Motion-To Re-Enter  
Regular Session**

20) Adjournment

Motion by Nuss Second by Black  
To adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

**Motion-To Adjourn**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kristin Colburn-District Clerk**

**Date: 9/17/24**