

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

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

Absent: Devine Leacock, Maggie Nuss

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk

Others Present: 10 visitors

- 1) Call to Order **Call to Order**
- 2) Pledge to Flag **Pledge**
- 3) Changes to Agenda-To add an Executive Session. **Changes to Agenda**
- 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 Mathanakaran Second by Kahm
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the
January 7, 2025, Board of Education Meeting.

**Motion-To Adopt
BOE Agenda**

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

**Congrats/
Celebrations**

- a) Special thanks to our PTO and parent volunteers who hosted the Holiday Shoppe for students to purchase items for their families. It was a great success.
- b) Happy retirement wishes to Dot Shulman, ALES teacher aide who recently retired at the end of December.

- c) Students and staff had a fun and busy lead up to the holiday break. Santa and the elves visited, everyone participated in a holiday spirit week, Farmer Mike made an appearance with his Christmas goat, our kindergarteners enjoyed a Polar Express day and we ended the week with a holiday Gator Program pep rally that included staff carpool karaoke! Big thank you to Todd Miller for organizing, Curtis Peters for driving us around and his role as "Santa" and the ALES staff for participating.
- d) Students and staff are excited for Ski Club to start this Wednesday. We have 65 students signed up, enough to fill 2 full buses. A Big Thanks to Miss Pierce and her advisors for their coordination. We wish them a great season!
- e) Our music department put on numerous great performances before the break. There was a 5th and 6th grade band and chorus concert and a high school band and chorus concert. The high school band and chorus students also went to field of dreams to perform for some of our community's seniors. A big thanks to Miss Scalise, Mrs. Stebbins, and Miss Merrill for all of their efforts.
- f) Thank you to Mrs. Luce, Ms. Cheladyn, and their National Junior Honor Society students who sold 380 Gator Candy Grams during the week before the holiday break to spread cheer. There were Gator Candy Grams all over the building and everyone had lots of fun with them.
- g) JCC Leadership Class organized a fun, holiday spirited event on the day before break. There was a door decorating contest, an ugly sweater contest, a hot chocolate station, and middle and high school minute-to-win-it games that filled our hallways with joy. Thank you to Jolene Ayres and her leadership students for organizing these events.

7) Consent Agenda:

Motion by Loucks Second by Porcello
To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of
Consent Agenda**

a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on December 10, 2024.

b) Action Items – Personnel

Substitute Teachers

Mia Giannicchi

Abby Chudy

Matthew Rohrabacher

Cassandra Finefrock

Jesse Decker

Eric Furlong

Aaron Hair

Substitute Teacher Aides

Abby Chudy

Matthew Rohrabacher
Cassandra Finefrock
Jesse Decker
Jian' Ai E Missel
Eric Furlong
Aaron Hair

Removal of Substitutes
Marcus Grove

SBU Clinical Student
Katherine Austin with Caroline Miller at ALES from 1/22/25-5/9/25

SBU Student Teacher
Keon Cruz with Kathy Stamets at MHS from 3/17/25-5/9/25
Campbell Dougherty with Sarah Flanders at MHS from 1/8/25-3/21/25

c) Action Items – Business

Disposal of Broken Tech Item
A00513897 Chromebit B013C/BCM4354 H8MACX001909

d) CSE Minutes-December 9, 2024, December 10, 2024, December 12, 2024, and December 17, 2024
504 Minutes-December 10, 2024, and December 12, 2024

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Presentations

a) Europe Trip-Mrs. Eileen Finn and students

Presentations

9) Superintendent's Report-

a) Capital Project passed-will be meeting with architects and different groups involved in the process.

b) Strategic Planning Committee met last night for the final meeting. Next will be the administrative group.

Superintendent's Report

10) President's Report-

a) Thank you for support on the Capital Project vote.

b) Thank you to the members of the committee that met last night on the strategic planning. Strategies and initiatives from specific groups is the next step. A draft Vision Plan has been created.

President's Report

11) Student Board Member Report-

a) Europe Trip was wonderful!

b) Winter sports are in full force-great student support and participation at games.

c) Week before break was a great spirit week-a lot of fun games and themes during the week.

d) Deputy Papke did a great presentation on winter driving.

e) Winter Weekend is February 1- it will be Rio/jungle themed

Student BOE Report

12) Committee Reports-Personnel-exchanged emails

Committee Reports

13) Correspondence-Thank you letter from Parsons's family; Letter from Michael Fox regarding polling locations

Correspondence

14) Action Item – Business

a) Motion by Kahm Second by Loucks

Motion-Approval of Service Charges

That the Allegany-Limestone Central School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

15) Action Item – Personnel

a) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Spring

Motion-To Accept Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Ben Westlund** from the position of Jazz Band Director, effective January 6, 2025.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

b) Motion by Black Second by Porcello

Motion-Approval of Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint, **Sarah Flanders**, who holds a Professional certificate in English (7-12) to the position of English Teacher in the English tenure area for a three (3) year probationary period to commence on January 6, 2025, and end on January 6, 2027. The expiration date of this probationary appointment is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible and considered for tenure, the teacher must meet all requirements of education law and corresponding regulations. The salary will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule outlined in the collective bargaining agreement with the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association and the Board of Education based upon Schedule B, Off Step, Step 19. (J. Savidge)

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

c) Motion by Porcello Second by Black

Motion-Approval of Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Gage Gardner** to the 10-month, part-time (5.75 hours) position of Teacher Aide, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin January 8, 2025, and end January 8, 2026. (T. Marino)

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- d) Motion by Kahm Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following
Mentor for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Motion-Approval of
Mentor**

Kim Stebbins- Mentor (Emily Merrill)

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- e) Motion by Black Second by Spring
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Middle-High
School extracurricular duty stipend as per the Allegany-Limestone Teachers'
Association Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Motion-Approval of
Stipend**

Tristen Barnes Odyssey of the Mind Advisor
Hannah Schifley Detention Monitor
Kim Stebbins Jazz Band

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

16) New Business-None

- 17) Motion by Black Second by Mathanakaran
To enter Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss the employment of a
particular person regarding a request that was made.

**Motion-To Enter
Executive Session**

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- 18) Motion by Black Second by Loucks
To Re-enter Regular Session at 7:26 pm.

**Motion-To Re-enter
Regular Session**

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- 19) Adjournment
Motion by Porcello Second by Mathanakaran
To adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Motion-To Adjourn

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

**Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 1/8/25**