

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Devine Leacock, Karen Loucks, Dr. Diana Maguire, Dr. Mathanakaran, Michele Spring, Tatymn Lindell (Student Board Member)

Absent: Jeff Black, Matthew Kahm, Maggie Nuss, Brandi Porcello

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk; Kevin Straub, Director of Technology

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.*

Marge Walsh-representing the Village Board regarding police force/SRO-don't have a qualified person as of now to replace the Elementary SRO.

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Leacock Second by Spring
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the December 10, 2024, Board of Education Meeting.

**Motion-To Adopt
BOE Agenda**

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations- Retirement Celebration for Sarah Flanders and Tammy Hollowell

**Congrats/
Celebrations**

- a) Congratulations to the following students whose artwork was chosen for the 2024 Elementary School Juried Art Show at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at Saint Bonaventure University: Louis Kiffer, Leah Brickner, Quinn Peters, Edie Ferguson, Brynn Scholla, Madelyn Buchanan, Connor Peterson, Kynlee Hopkins, Delilah Johnson, Abigail Stuve, Hyunseo “Vivi” Oh, Bruce DePew
- b) A big thank you to Mrs. Nitsche's class for making an amazing Thanksgiving dinner for all to enjoy at the elementary school.
- c) Another big thank you and a job well done to Mrs. Joy Wilber and our students in grades 1 and 4 for putting on high energy choral performances.
- d) A HUGE congratulations to Mr. Luce, his coaches, and the Varsity Boys Soccer Team. They made it to the NYS State Class C State Championships. This was the farthest that our boys have ever made it during a soccer season.
- e) Also, a big GATOR CONGRATS to freshman Elexa Duggan who placed 5th out of 112 runners in the Class D New York State Cross Country Championships at Queensbury Union Free School with a time of 19:25.5. A big thanks to Ms. Stamets and Mrs. Rakoska for their coaching throughout the season.
- f) On November 14, our 7th and 8th grade chorus and band students put on an amazing performance for our community. We a great showing of community members. A big thank you to Miss Scalise and Mrs. Stebbins for their direction!
- g) Our Europe trip advisors and students had a wonderful trip! Hats off to the chaperones and students. We received many positive reports of the students being well behaved and great models of American citizenry. A special thanks to Mrs. Finn, the organizer, Mrs. Higley, Ms. Brooks, Dr. Wolfgang, Mr. Conroy, and Mrs. DeRose.
- h) Mrs. Straub and her Student Activities Club organized a “Boo Gram” benefit for the North Carolina flood victims. Students and staff made donations to send thoughtful messages to others around the building. It was a great way to spread kindness and to help a great cause. Thank you to Mrs. Straub and her students for setting this up.
- i) Winter Sports are off and running. We wish all of our winter sports coaches and student athletes a wonderful season.
- j) Our National Honor Society is currently hosting a Toy Drive before the upcoming holiday season. Boxes are placed around the building for collection. Thanks to Mrs. Finn and her NHS students for the great cause.

7) Consent Agenda:

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

**Motion-To Adopt
Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on November 12, 2024.

b) Action Items – Personnel

Substitute Teachers

Paige Pecorella
Jian’ Ai E Missel
Gregory Jubulis
Jenna Billings

Substitute Teacher Aide

Gregory Jubulis
Jenna Billings
Paige Pecorella
Mia Giannicchi

School Volunteers

Emily Olkosky
Louie Rickert
Peter Aiello
Karen Wilder
Aubrey Luce

SUNY Potsdam Student Intern

Alec Siluzio with Lynzie Rinamon (MHS Art) beginning 1/21/25
Megan Zampogna with Kim Buchanan 1/21/25-5/16/25

c) Action Items-Business

To accept the Warrant Reports for November 2024:

General Fund	\$ 1,698,975.16
School Lunch Fund	\$ 84,096.89
Special Aid Fund	\$ 9,130.32
Capital Project	\$ 32,914.30

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

To accept the Treasurer’s Reports and Extraclassroom Activities Reports for November 2024.

d) CSE Minutes-November 12, 2024, November 13, 2024, November 19, 2024, November 20, 2024, November 21, 2024, November 25, 2024, December 2, 2024, December 5, 2024 and December 6, 2024

504 Minutes-November 14, 2024, November 20, 2024, and December 5, 2024

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Presentations

Presentations

a) Sports Boosters with Jen Kwiatkowski

b) Student Participation (Clubs, Activities, Sports) with Kevin Straub

9) Superintendent's Report-

Superintendent's Report

- a) Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on 12/9
- b) Boys Varsity Basketball playing up north and staying over this weekend
- c) Capital Project Vote on 12/18 from noon to 8 pm outside the District Office

10) President's Report-

President's Report

- a) Useful session discussing the vision at the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, next meeting will be 1/6/25
- b) Next School Board Meeting 1/7/25
- c) Have a safe holiday!

11) Student Board Member Report-

Student BOE Report

- a) Europe trip experience was amazing, thank you to our wonderful chaperones.
- b) Clubs are in the Christmas spirit with giving back to the community on different projects.
- c) Many school spirit events centered around Christmas taking place.
- d) Final push of finals and getting ready for the Winter Break.

12) Committee Reports-None

13) Correspondence-Joy Boes-letter regarding CPR/First Aid training for elementary students

Correspondence

14) Action Item – Personnel

- a) Motion by Loucks Second by Spring
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Jennifer Savidge** from the position of English Teacher, effective December 1, 2024.

Motion-To Accept Resignation

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- b) Motion by Leacock Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the FMLA leave of employee #260, effective November 9, 2024, to November 27, 2024.

Motion-To Accept Leave

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- c) Motion by Spring Second by Mathanakaran
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to conditionally appoint, **Emily Merrill** who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Music, as a teacher in the Music tenure area for a four (4) year probationary period to commence on December 11, 2024, and end on December 11, 2028. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Emily receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of the 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The expiration date of this probationary appointment is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible

Motion-Approval of Appointment

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, Step 2. (C. Bodnar)

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- d) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Leacock **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Raymond Cavallo**, as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Career and Technical Education, effective December 16, 2024 to June 26, 2025, based upon Schedule B, Step 1.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- e) Motion by Leacock Second by Owen **Motion-Approval of Stipend**
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:

Penny Owen Team Leader 6-12 ELA

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

15) New Business-None

- 16) Adjournment **Motion-To Adjourn**
Motion by Spring Second by Loucks
To adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 12/10/24