

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

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

Absent: Jeff Black and Devine Leacock

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

Others Present: 6 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.*

a) John T. Williams speaking on Veteran's Tax Exemption

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Spring  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the April 22, 2025, Board of Education Meeting.

**Motion-Approval of  
BOE Agenda**

7 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain            Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations- **Congrats/  
Celebrations**

a) Our Kindergarten crew celebrated the end of their kings and queens reading unit with the annual royal parade and other fun activities! Special thanks

- to Mrs. Vogtli, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Mascioni, Mrs. Bly, Mrs. Kiki Youngs, Mrs. Tully, Mrs. Wernert, Mrs. Brickner, and Ms. Chamberlain for their help parading our royal subjects around the building!
- b) SBU Unified Basketball took place on Thursday, April 3rd! Special thanks to our elementary organizers, Mrs. Nitsche, Mr. Hannahs, Mrs. Winship, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Schlosser, our middle high school faculty and staff, students and partners at SBU for making this event possible!
  - c) Our grade 4 Investi-Gators took a field trip to Corning Glass Museum on April 4th. Special thanks to Mrs. Stover and Mrs. Jen Giardini for organizing this fun experience for our students!
  - d) We wrapped up our school-wide "March Book Madness" with a celebratory assembly and the reading of our two remaining finalists on Friday, April 4th. "I Do Not Eat Children", by Marcus Cutler was the winning book! A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Suzie Zimbardi for organizing this event!
  - e) On Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrated School Librarian Day! Special thank you to Mrs. Grainer and Mrs. Stayer for their contributions to our school and instilling the love of reading to all!
  - f) Congratulations to Olean Times Herald Student of the Month Ipshita Patra.
  - g) Thank you to Mrs. Owen and Mr. Klice for taking a group of middle school student leaders to see nationally renowned speaker Ed Gerrety at the Challenger Center. The students learned about self-help strategies and being the best student leaders in our school.
  - h) Mr. Austin's trip out west went off without a hitch! Mr. Austin, seven of our students, some of their parents, Mrs. Peters and her son travelled out west for a hiking trip of a lifetime! They got to visit National Parks at Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce Canyon. Thank you, Mr. Austin!
  - i) Thank you to our National Junior Honor Society members who hosted an egg hunt for our first grade Gators on the elementary playground. The event was the group's annual service project for which they hid over 1,400 eggs - 750 filled and donated by their members and 700 filled and donated by first-grade families. The kids had a great time! Thank you to NJHS advisors, Mrs. Luce and Ms. Cheladyn.
  - j) Congratulations to our Odyssey of the Mind teams and coaches for their creativity and teamwork at the New York State Finals in Syracuse. One of our middle school teams, coached by Mr. Barnes, placed third and will move on to the World Finals in East Lansing, Michigan, at Michigan State University. Thank you to Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Stebbins for their efforts and help with the coordination and continued support.
  - k) The Special Olympics Unified Basketball Tournament at St. Bonaventure University was a memory-maker for our Gator athletes and staff. To kick off the tournament, ALCS students and staff joined the group that made the 3-plus-mile run from Olean's City Building to St. Bonaventure University to carry the Flame of Hope in honor of Special Olympics and in memory of Trooper Ross M. Riley. Thank you to Mrs. Moshier, Ms. Schuman, and Deputy Papke who ran with the students! The run ended at the tournament site - SBU's Reilly Center - where a number of our students participated in the games. Thank you to Ms. Brooks who does a fantastic job soliciting students to participate and volunteer for this event which includes multiple sessions of training, put on by BONAS students, at our school that leads up to the event.
  - l) Three teams of students recently participated in a first annual Hellbenders Shark Tank competition at St. Bonaventure University. One of our teams walked away with a first-place win and a check for \$300! Thank you to Mr. Savidge and Mr. Rohrabacher for providing this opportunity to our students.

- m) A group of almost 30 middle and high school female students visited St. Bonaventure for Girls and Women in Sports day. Thank you to Mrs. Arnold and Ms. Snyder for coordinating this great opportunity for our students! Ms. Middaugh was also able to attend which was special because her BONAS rugby team was recognized for being National Champions – it was great to have our students see this celebration!

7) Consent Agenda:

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

Motion-Approval of  
Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on March 25, 2025.

- b) Action Items – Personnel

**School Volunteers**

Jennesa Zimbardi  
Alexis Reska

**JCC Student Intern**

Jillian Long with Dawn Acosta in Special Education

**Substitute Teacher**

Maureen Ruether

**Substitute Teacher Aide**

Maureen Ruether

**Removal of Substitutes**

Dawn Lounsbury  
Carter Matzel

- c) Action Items – Business

To accept the Warrant Reports for March 2025:

General Fund	\$ 1,014,471.10
School Lunch Fund	\$ 28,388.29
Special Aid Fund	\$ 1,512.00
Capital Project	\$ 112,443.31

To approve the Budget Transfer Report in the amount of \$56,000.00.

To place on file, the Budget Report thru March 2025.

To accept the Treasurer's Reports and Extraclassroom Activities Reports for March 2025.

- d) CSE Minutes-March 20, 2025, March 27, 2025, March 31, 2025, April 1, 2025, April 8, 2025, and April 10, 2025  
504 Minutes-March 25, 2025, March 27, 2025, April 1, 2025, and April 10, 2025

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

8) Presentations

**Presentations**

- a) 2026 Europe Trip-Mrs. Eileen Finn
- b) Natural Helpers-Mrs. Jill Bogart

9) Superintendent's Report-

**Superintendent's Report**

- a) No budget from Governor yet- presented the Budget to the 60 Plus Group-attended with Daniele Vecchio and Maren Bush with Toby, the Service Dog
- b) 3 vacancies for the School Board - 4 running; Meet the Candidate Night will be on May 6 at 5:00 pm in the MHS Theater

10) President's Report-

**President's Report**

- a) Budget Hearing on May 6 at 6:00 pm, followed by the BOE Meeting at 6:30 pm
- b) Meet the Candidate Night-May 6-Principal Steger will gather the questions ahead of time and these will be read by the Student Board Member to the candidates.
- c) BOCES Budget Meeting last month- previous information was shared
- d) May 20 BOE Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

11) Student Board Member Report-

**Student BOE Report**

- a) Students are excited to be back to school after the break
- b) BOCES Skills USA student send off
- c) Grand Canyon Trip
- d) NJHS did the egg hunt at ALES
- e) Open applications for new Student BOE Representative for the 25-26 school year

12) Committee Reports-None

13) Correspondence-None

14) Action Item - Business

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Europe Trip from November 25, 2026 to December 6, 2026.

**Motion-Approval of Europe Trip**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- b) Motion by Kahm Second by Porcello  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Property Tax Report Card for 2025-2026 school year.

**Motion-Approval of Tax Report Card**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- c) Motion by Loucks Second by Kahm  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the 2025-2026 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

**Motion-To Adopt BOCES Budget**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- d) Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran  
Be it resolved that, the Allegany-Limestone Central School District Board of Education casts its vote for four vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to be filled at the annual election to be held April 22, 2025 (no more than one person residing in a particular component school district may be elected to serve on the Board of Cooperative Services at one time):

**Motion-To Cast Vote for BOCES Board**

**CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY**

**Area 1-Vacancy-1-year term**

Brian Perkins	X
24 Rochambeau Avenue	
Andover, NY 14806	

**Area 3-Vacancy-3-year term**

Dr. Ralph Kerr	X
7766 Centerville Road	
Fillmore, NY 14735	

**Area 7-Vacancy-3-year term**

Charles Davis, III	X
8402 West Bucktooth Run	
Little Valley, NY 14755	

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- e) Motion by Kahm Second by Spring  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the District Budget Plan for the 2025-2026 school year in an amount not to exceed \$ 29,074,607.

**Motion-To Adopt Budget Plan**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- f) Motion by Porcello Second by Nuss  
CLASSIFYING THE PROPOSED ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL 2025-26 CAPITAL OUTLAY EXCEPTION PROJECT AS A TYPE II ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEQRA.

**Motion-Approval of SEQRA**

**Whereas**, the Allegany-Limestone Central School District is lead agency for the purpose of implementing the above referenced project, and  
**Whereas**, the Allegany-Limestone Central School District has considered and reviewed the project, now therefore be it,  
**Resolved**, the Allegany-Limestone Central School District, as the lead agency for purposes of this project, determines that the project is a Type II action for the purposes of SEQRA and be it further  
**Resolved**, that as a consequence of such finding, the Allegany-Limestone Central School District hereby determines that the no additional actions are required in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA.

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- g) Motion by Nuss Second by Kahm  
DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR THE ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-26 CAPITAL OUTLAY EXCEPTION PROJECT

**Motion-Approval of SEQRA**

**Whereas**, the Allegany-Limestone Central School District, in an effort to improve its educational facilities, has initiated a Capital Outlay Exception Project; and  
**Whereas**, on April 22, 2025, the Allegany-Limestone Central School District Board of Education took action to proceed with said project; and  
**Whereas**, the preliminary engineer's estimate prepared by CPL provides a detailed description of the proposed Capital Outlay Exception Project; and  
**Resolved**, that the Allegany-Limestone Central School District will act as the lead agency in the SEQR review of the action for the proposed 2025-26 Capital Outlay Exception Project for the Allegany-Limestone Central School District.

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- h) Motion by Loucks Second by Mathanakaran  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education ("Board") of the Allegany-Limestone Central School District (the "District") has hired individuals to fill the position of Special Patrol Officers; and  
**WHEREAS**, the qualifications and requirements for the Special Patrol Officer position set out by Cattaraugus County Civil Service include that s/he must have had five (5) years of full-time experience in law

**Motion-Approval of SPO Duties**



- d) Motion Porcello by Second by Kahm Motion-Approval of Tenure  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Samantha Wight**, who holds a NYS Initial Childhood Education certificate, in the Childhood Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2025.
- 7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- e) Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran Motion-Approval of Tenure  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Jill Prince**, who holds a NYS Initial Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certificate, in the Childhood Education tenure area, effective August 31, 2025.
- 7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- f) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks Motion-Approval of Appointment  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Christi Baxter** to the position of Teacher Assigned to Instructional Support Services (TAIS) for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- g) Motion by Kahm Second by Mathanakaran Motion-Approval of Appointment  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to conditionally appoint, **Rebecca Stayer**, whose New York State Teaching Certificate as a Library Media Specialist is pending, to the position of Library Media Specialist Teacher in the Library Media Specialist tenure area for a four (4) year probationary period to commence on August 27, 2025, and end on August 27, 2029. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Rebecca 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 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. (R. Grainer)
- 7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- h) Motion by Porcello Second by Kahm Motion-Approval of Appointment  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Madison Hartman**, as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Math, effective August 27, 2025, based upon Schedule B, Step 2. (M. Green)
- 7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- i) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the FMLA leave  
of employee #1281, effective May 18, 2025, to October 5, 2025.

**Motion-To Accept  
Leave**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

16) New Business-None

- 17) Adjournment  
Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran  
To adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

**Motion-To Adjourn**

7 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kristin Colburn-District Clerk  
Date: 4/22/25**