



BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Board Room
Monday, June 13, 2022

Present R. Atwater, M. Clemens-Harris, H. Ecker, C. Gancasz, E. Gow, J. Sweeney, V. Voss

Excused None

Also Present J. Reimer, M. Eadie, C. Heilighenthaler, M. Kramer
Public: 5

Call to Order President Atwater welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag was given.

Approve

Agenda The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, to approve the agenda as presented.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Accept

Minutes The Board reviewed the minutes. Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Board Meeting dated of May 9, 2022.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Public Forum None.

Presentations Financial Update - C. Heilighenthaler

Ms. Heilighenthaler reported on projected expenses, which last month were \$17,012,731, have decreased slightly to \$16,988,824 based on the receipt of all current bills and utility payments. The State Comptroller auditor is on campus and performing the risk assessment phase of the audit. The next phase of the audit will look further into items once the determination is made where the most potential risk for the District is. Ms. Heilighenthaler commented on how audits have changed and the District is providing the majority of the information requested electronically through a secure website vs. paper exchange.



Field trips are ongoing at year-end and Ms. Heiligenthaler complimented the Grade 3 Team for taking advantage of the Connect Kids Grant through New York State which resulted in the District receiving \$1,880 which completely covered the costs of the field trip to the Niagara Falls Maid of the Mist.

Ms. Heiligenthaler noted the budget transfers for review and consideration provided to the Board. There were no questions noted by the Board Members. The Brockport Migrant Program's lease was also provided for review and vote by the Board this evening and it is for the use of the facilities for a parent night and for their summer education session commencing July 5, 2022. There were no questions regarding the lease.

Mr. Reimer noted he would like to discuss the reserve funds based on payments from the plant and begin to look at what the District will want to do with funds if received in correlation to long-term planning, anticipated future fund balance, and how this will be the first time in nine years the District will not have spent more on expenses than revenues.

Curriculum Update - M. Kramer

Dr. Kramer's presentation was moved to later in the meeting and incorporated into the goal review.

Superintendent's

Information Mr. Reimer noted that he would provide Mr. Carter's report as he was with the Senior Class this evening. He gave an update on Regents Exams noting that student are now able to receive Regents credit toward graduation by passing the four quarters of the course and getting between a 50-64% grade on the exam. The State is calling this an expedited appeal. If approved by the Committee, a student would receive Regents credit for the course. Mr. Reimer noted it is feasible that a student can get a Regents credit but not course credit if they pass the Regents but with the 20% weighting still fail the course. He noted the District will continue to use Regents as 20% weighting of the final average for an overall average at this time, but the use of 10% vs. 20% weighting is being reviewed.

Mr. Reimer noted some upcoming events. June 14th will be the first part of the Jr. High orientation. Graduation rehearsal is scheduled for June 24th along with the Senior breakfast being provided by parents and coordinated through Mr. DerSarkissian. The Niagara Honor Society induction will be Thursday, June 16th.

Mr. Reimer also noted Mr. Carter's appreciation of Mmes. Ecker and Clemens-Harris support and leadership over the past several years, and Mr. Carter noted they have been great to work with and have served the District and its students well.

Mr. Atwater inquired that based on Mr. Carter's Friday update with regard to school dress code, if the Board would be able to discuss the subject. Mr. Reimer noted they could and that much of the religious and political language is protected unless it causes an issue, and he provided an example of how there are legal issues



with freedom of speech. The review was to further define language vs. change and have it become nebulous.

Mr. Reimer reported on the Senior Class Trip to Lewiston on Thursday, June 9 and the individual which approached a chaperone with the group in an inappropriate and threatening manner, and the chaperone was able to deescalate the situation. He noted that as this occurred the other chaperones moved the students to a safe area and authorities were called. The authorities came to the site and made the determination to let the individual go. A meeting with parents was held that evening to update them of the situation and clarify and respond to questions. A meeting with law enforcement, staff, and administration was held the following day. He noted he did not know next steps with regard to the individual but would let the Board know if anything else transpires. He also commented that the chaperones did a very fantastic job in the way they responded to the situation which followed policies and protocols to ensure the students safety.

The annual review of the Safety Plans has been scheduled, which was planned prior to the incident, and this situation will also be reviewed. This annual process looks at protocols and where potential improvement can be made. The hearing for the plans will be held July 6, 2022. There will be a 30-day comment period and it will then be presented to the Board for approval.

Mr. Reimer discussed APPR which was waived again this year primarily due to the cancellation of the US History exam which is used as part of the student achievement component and therefore without, results in the inability to provide a full score for certified staff. This will be the third year in a row that APPR was waived.

With regard to projects, Mr. Reimer noted that as the District has completed its work on the solar project build. The State wants the project running before the District would begin receiving aid. Given the District is waiting on National Grid, with currently no timeline for the hookup of panels by the company, Mr. Reimer has commenced researching ways for the District to receive aid even if National Grid has not completed its work. He noted that the trees are now planted around the solar site as planned. Mr. Reimer commented that he has reached out to Solar Liberty regarding the hookup options. Based on a question from Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Reimer noted that there will be a 7' fence between the panels and all around the perimeter as well as cameras on the site. With regard to the HVAC project, the final cost report is being worked on for submission and once accepted, the District will begin to receive the aid back. The Capital Outlay projects are also wrapping up.

The Facilities Committee will meet again this Thursday to review the input received of options from the staff and the Committee of items to be addressed on campus. The list was compiled and the Committee then prioritized. Now costs are being assigned to the priorities. The Committee will then review the top priorities and apply to the long-term planning process. Mr. Reimer noted there is much to do but the questions is when. The Committee has discussed the



possibility of a vote in December for a project. Ultimately, if the Board determines it wants to move forward with the December timeframe, it will need to approve actions to do so by the September Board meeting.

Mr. Reimer discussed the request for approval for him to attend the NYSCOSS conference as a regional delegate substitute, the lobbying impact of the events, and the added value through participation.

Mr. Reimer commented that the end of the year is the busiest time with many events going on from concerts, graduations, award nights, NHS, etc. He stated it is fantastic to see all of what the students are doing and encouraged the Board to please come see some of the events to experience the really great things going on, and also to come to graduation as there are great speakers this year.

Mr. Reimer then discussed the requests to add a speech pathologist and an administrative position. The speech position is directly related to the 6:1:1 class and also to fill-in with other areas in need. Final interviews for this position will take place either June 27 or 28, and Mr. Reimer commented that if a Board member is interested in participating in the process to let him know. With regard to the Administrative position requested, Mr. Reimer noted that a lot of time and discussion with staff, administration, and others have been taken into consideration with regard to making a change with current roles and responsibilities. This individual will be someone to come in and support Mr. Carter in the one building, one principal model and provide more support for the students. Mr. Reimer stated he felt it was an important change to fit in with what the District is doing and where it would like to go. By continuing with the single principal model and by approving this position, the Board is approving that the District continue with the single principal building model currently established.

Policies/Plans The second reading of the policies listed below was completed.

Policy #	Policy Name
5320	Expenditures of School District Funds
5321	Use of the District Credit Card
5322	Use of the District Cell Phone
5323	Reimbursement for Meals/Refreshments
5330	Budget Transfers
5340	Borrowing of Funds
5410	Purchasing: Competitive Bidding and Offering
5411	Procurement of Goods and Services
5412	Alternative Formats for Instructional Materials
5413	Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards

Motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Gow to approve the above referenced policies as presented.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.



Policies 5510, 5511, 5512, 5520, 5530, 5540, were presented for the first reading.

Policy #	Policy Name
5510	Accounting of Funds
5511	Maintenance of Fund Balance
5512	Reserve Funds
5520	Extraclassroom Activity Fund
5530	Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings

There were no questions or comments raised.

Education Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Voss to approve the AHERA six-month periodic Surveillance and Inspection Report as of June 6, 2022.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Voss to approve Jacob Reimer and Mariah Kramer as approved Principal MPPR Evaluators for 2022-2023.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Board Goals #4

Increase Student Engagement and Learning – M. Kramer

Dr. Kramer presented very detailed information relating to Board Goal #4 – Increase Student Engagement and Learning. The first component she reviewed was with regard to FastBridge, used for screening for reading, math, and social-emotional learning. She discussed the difference between screener vs. diagnostic, progress monitoring, that it is performed three times per year for students in grades K-12. She provided detailed information on norms vs. benchmarks. She also reviewed New York State Assessment results for grades 3-8 ELA, grades 3-8 Math, grades 4 and 8 science, and Regents Exams. Class averages over a three-year period were also reviewed in detail. Dr. Kramer then discussed graduation rates, chronic absenteeism, Professional Development, and student engagement and achievement. She responded to numerous inquiries about the data provided and interpreting the data compared to the District's results.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Voss to approval the attendance of Jacob L. Reimer, Superintendent of Schools, at the NYSCOSS Summer Retreat in Cooperstown, NY from June 29 – June 30, 2022, and related expenses.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Personnel Items

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to appoint Erin Goodlander as Summer School Director/Coordinator for the 2022 program with classes running from July 5 - July 29, 2022, at a rate of \$45.00/hour.

Yes: 6, No: 0, Mrs. Gow abstained from the vote.

Motion carried.



Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the appointment of the following individuals as Summer School Teachers and Substitute Teachers for the program running July 5, 2022, through July 29, 2022. The teachers' salary will be the higher of \$32.00 per hour or their hourly rate based off their 2022-2023 contractual agreement.

Summer School Teachers	Position
Ashley Jones	Teacher*
Heather Lewis	Teacher*
Shelby Pasquale	Teacher*
Danielle Popovich	Teacher*
John Stodolka	Teacher*
Kyle Sosnowski	Teacher
Ashley Atwater	Substitute Teacher
Cindy Calandra	Substitute Teacher
Lori Costello	Substitute Teacher
Audra Lakeman	Substitute Teacher
James Luckman	Substitute Teacher
Alicia Montesanti	Substitute Teacher
Erin Zablocki	Substitute Teacher
*subject to fingerprint clearance and background check	

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to accept the resignation of Ryan Carberry as a Physical Education/Health Teacher and Athletic Director effective June 30, 2022.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the creation of a full-time Administrative Position - Coordinator of Curriculum and Professional Learning/Assistant Principal.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the contract between the Barker Central School District Superintendent of Schools and the Barker Central Support Staff effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the agreement between the Barker Central School District and Sarah McKee, School Nurse, from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.



Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the agreement between the Barker Central School District and T. Michael Carter, Principal, from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the agreement between the Board of Education and Mariah Kramer, Director of Instructional Services, from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the agreement between the Barker Central School District and Carol Heiligenthaler, Business Administrator, from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the agreement between the Barker Central School District and Jacob L. Reimer, Superintendent of Schools, from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the following resolution: Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the written agreement between the Superintendent of Schools and an employee of the District, executed on May 16, 2022.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve Justin Silvus to present or shadow 15 hours of multi-grade observations in the Elementary School as part of his post-secondary degree in iTeach out of Texas from June 1 - June 17, 2022.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the following individuals as parent/community volunteers: Brittany Chludzinski, Eric Chludzinski, Amber Fuller, Christina Hangartner, Veronica Ramirez, Katherine Sargent, Kaylee Weaver.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

In response to a question from Mrs. Gancasz, Mr. Reimer noted that Mr. Carberry has accepted a new position and will be going home to Akron.



Business & Financial

Items Motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to accept the Warrant Report dated June 13, 2022.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to accept the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2022.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the budget transfers for the 2021-2022 school year as outlined.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the agreement between the Barker Central School District and the Town of Somerset for services for a full-time School Resource Officer for the 2022-2023 school year.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the Shared Employee Contract between the Barker Central School District and the Royalton-Hartland Central School District for Julie Fuerch as the School Lunch Manager effective July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the awarding of the Hay Cutting Contract to Jared Morgan beginning June 14, 2022, for up to a 3-year period with an annual payment to the Barker Central School District in the amount of \$1,875 per year.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the results from the 2022-2023 School Budget & Election Vote.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the Agreement of Lease between the Research Foundation for the State University of New York and Barker Central School District June 27 - July 29, 2022.
Yes: 7, No: 0
Motion carried.



Mr. Sweeney inquired about how many bids were received for the hay bid and was informed that there was only one received from this bid process.

**End of Public
Session**

Motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris to adjourn public session at 8:36 p.m., and move into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

**Executive
Session**

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, to approve the adjournment of the Executive Session at 9:15 p.m., and return to Public Session.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

**Public Session/
Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Ecker, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, that the Board approve the end of the Public Session and adjournment of the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Yes: 7, No: 0

Motion carried.

Prepared by,

Mary H. Eadie
District Clerk