



BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Herbert F. Ludwig Auditorium
Tuesday, July 6, 2021

PRESENT R. Atwater, H. Ecker, C. Gancasz, E. Gow, J. Sweeney, V. Voss

EXCUSED M. Clemens-Harris

ALSO

PRESENT J. Reimer, M. Carter, M. Eadie, C. Heiligenthaler
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**CALL TO
ORDER**

President Atwater welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag was given.

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed. Mrs. Ecker noted agenda item 8.F. under Personnel Items should reference grade 1 and not grade 4. Motion by Mrs. Ecker, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, to approve the agenda as amended.

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

**ACCEPT
MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes. A motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meetings dated of June 14, 2021, and the amended from May 10, 2021, as presented.

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC
FORUM**

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Principal's Update – M. Carter

Mr. Carter commented that graduation went very well given the quick turnaround to have it move inside in the auditorium. He thanked everyone for their patience and support during year-end, as well as to Mss. Pattison and Stratton, and Messrs. Donner and McGee in regard to graduation.



Summer school will begin tomorrow. Faculty were in today to prepare. The numbers are low in comparison to past years. Current numbers for Pre-K and Kindergarten with 15 spots available for each group are 9 and 12 respectively. Grades 1-4 each have 20 spots available, and currently have 12, 12, 13, and 5 taken. The school is cold calling elementary families whose children were not recommended for summer school and offering spots given many families have turned down the summer school option. There are approximately 35 students in the High School participating in the credit recovery program. The elementary students will be escorted to their rooms tomorrow, and the high school students will be directed to the auditorium for orientation. He noted that Mss. Goodlander and Thibault did a great job developing the program this year, and that Mrs. Goodlander is transitioning from her elementary special education role into the ISS role at the High School.

The interview process for the High School Math and the AIS positions will commence this week.

Mr. Carter noted that the public forum for the Code of Conducts and Safety Plans was held today and no outside people attended. The only change made to the Code of Conducts was in regard to language pertaining to ammunition which was a recommendation of the regional BOCES. These will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Financial Update - C. Heiligenthaler

Ms. Heiligenthaler provided an update for the business department noting it is a challenging time closing out one year and commencing another. The external auditors have met with the District and BOCES about the year-end audit and will be on site July - mid-August with most work being performed electronically. Expenses at year-end 2020-2021 were just below \$16.4 million with expenses for utilities finalized, and with transportation still pending. She anticipated the District will use approximately \$2.7 million in reserves to close the gap.

SUPERINTENDENT'S

INFORMATION Mr. Reimer commented that the 2020-2021 school year has ended. He discussed how it is difficult to measure the year from opening to closing, but that everyone did a great job meeting the challenges. He does not know what the next school year will look like at this point in time as there are still a number of details school districts are waiting for guidance on. He did note that government may be leaving it up to the localities to decide. The remote learning option may need to be discussed during August which was not an option the past year as it was required. He noted it was very difficult to do remote learning, and although the teachers did do it, he recommended not doing it for the upcoming school year unless required. He noted that there is discussion with regard to COVID testing in order to return to school and Niagara County is looking at grants to try to do this if required. If this is needed, the District would contract it out and cover the expense with stimulus funds if not covered by grants. If it is not needed, the funds would be used elsewhere. Determination on testing is pending federal and state guidance.



Mr. Reimer noted that September 1st will be the staff’s first day back and students’ first day will be September 7th. He is hoping masks will not be needed but this is yet to be determined.

Facilities has all ready begun its summer cleaning of the building and parts of the high school and elementary have been completed.

EPCs continue to move along. The HVAC/light/weatherproofing approval was received last week. Day Automation and its contractors are ahead of schedule, completed the cabling, and are now working on the controllers and coordinating the work with staff. The lighting component should be completed the last week in August as a few parts are outstanding but three quarters of the order has been received. The weather-stripping around the door entrances will also be completed during the summer before school starts.

Mr. Reimer discussed the policy schedule as the Board has completed the three-year cycle of all the policies. He inquired about the level of Board review (deep-dive or higher level), spacing of policy distribution, if they wanted to quicken the pace now that they have run through the policies once or leave the same, etc. After discussion, the Board agreed to keep the pace and expectations of policy review the same as the last three-year review cycle. As such, Mr. Reimer noted he would provide a new three-year cycle for review and approval at the August 2nd or 30th meeting which would result in the commencement of policy review in September.

Mr. Reimer talked about creation of committees to provide more avenues to discuss and look at District-related items such as a budget and/or facilities. The purpose of this type of committee(s) would be for input to the District vs. decision making committees. The committee(s) would bring back information and input to the Board which would make the decision(s) as part of their fiduciary duty. The committee(s) could be made up of three board members, staff and community members. If a facilities committee was developed, it might look at the needs of the District, what is out there for it in the future to keep up. Mr. Reimer stated that if the Board was interested in developing committee(s) he would put a plan in place to develop for their consideration. Mrs. Ecker felt it was a good idea, especially to bring in the community to keep with understanding so what information being provided is based on fact vs. rumor. Mrs. Voss concurred. Mr. Atwater felt this was important, especially in relation to facilities. The Board concurred to have Mr. Reimer bring forward a proposal at an August meeting.

**POLICIES/
PLANS**

None

EDUCATION A motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the overnight Varsity boys and girls cross-country trip to the McDaniel-Baxter invitational from Friday, September 17, 2021 – Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Chenango Forks, NY.

Yes: 6, No: 0
Motion carried.



A motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the following books be declared excess property and that the Superintendent, or his designee, be authorized to dispose of said items as outlined below:

55 - Science Student Textbooks ISBN: 0-02-281213-X Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005	2 - Teacher's Edition - Life Science ISBN: 0-02-281237-7 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005
2- Teacher's Edition- Physical Science ISBN: 0-02-281239-3 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005	2- Teacher's Edition - Earth Science ISBN: 0-02-281238-5 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005
2- Test Preparation and Practice Workbook ISBN: 0-02-281723-9 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005	2- Assessment Book ISBN: 0-02-281963-0 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005
2- Cross Curricular Projects ISBN: 0-02-281963-1 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005	2- School to Home Activities Workbook ISBN: 0-02-281977-0 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005
2- Activity Resources Workbook ISBN: 0-02-281060-9 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005	2- Transparencies ISBN: 0-02-281729-8 Science MacMillan McGraw-Hill Published 2005

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the transportation agreement between Barker Central School District and Stephanie Diamond for the 2021-2022 school year for summer transportation from July 8, 2021 - August 18, 2021.

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz to approve the transportation agreement between Barker Central School District and Dawn & Frank Croisdale for the 2021-2022 school year for summer transportation from July 12, 2021 - August 20, 2021.

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

ITEMS

A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the appointment of the Erin Goodlander as Director of Summer School for the 2021 Summer School Program running from Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - Thursday, August 5, 2021 with a stipend of \$3,040.

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.



A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the appointment of Meg Denny as a Substitute Teacher at a per diem rate, as well as a Substitute Teaching Assistant and Substitute Teacher Aide at a rate of \$12.50 per hour effective July 1, 2021.

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the appointment of Brenda Sutch as a Part-time Food Service Helper effective August 19, 2021 at a rate of \$12.50/hour subject to fingerprint and background clearance.

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the following 2021 Falls sports appointments for the 2021 - 2022 school year as outlined below:

Sport	Name	Step	Stipend
Varsity Cross Country	Paul DerSarkissian	4	\$5,176
Varsity Cross Country Assistant	Sharon Lamb	4	\$5,176
Modified Cross Country	Bill Wilson	4	\$2,382
Golf	Robert Mucha	4	\$4,062
Varsity Field Hockey	Karin Menz	1	\$4,906
Modified Field Hockey	Aileen Hinton	4	\$2,382
Field Hockey Assistant	Bill Moeller	volunteer	
Field Hockey Assistant	Jeff Costello	volunteer	
Field Hockey Assistant	Jessamine Pavlock	volunteer	

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the appointment of Deanna Luckman as a Student Teacher from SUNY Buffalo State for the 2021-2022 school year from September - December 2021 with Mrs. Dissek in Grade 1 as part of her Childhood Education Masters program,

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the appointment of Marissa Jowdy as a Student Teacher from Niagara University for the 2021-2022 school year from September - December 2021 with Mrs. Voutour in Kindergarten as part of her Early Childhood Education undergraduate program.

Yes: 6, No: 0

Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the revised appointments from June 14, 2021 Board of Education Meeting for the following individuals as 2021 Summer Instrumental Music Program Teachers at a rate of \$35.00/hour from Monday, July 5, 2021 - Thursday, August 5, 2021 not to exceed the caps as outlined below:

Teacher	Cap Hours	Cap
Cheryl Johnson	40	\$1,400.00
Jeff Rappold	83	\$2,900.00
Elaine Rappold	0	\$0
Amanda Burdick	57	\$2,000.00
	Total	\$6,300.00



Yes: 6, No: 0
Motion carried.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

ITEMS A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to accept the Warrant Report dated July 6, 2021.

Yes: 6, No: 0
Motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Gancasz, seconded by Mrs. Ecker to approve the budget transfers for salary code adjustments for fiscal year 2020-2021 as presented.

Yes: 6, No: 0
Motion carried.

END OF PUBLIC

SESSION Motion by Mrs. Ecker, seconded by Mrs. Gancasz, to end the Public Session and enter into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation, negotiations, and a legal matter.

Yes: 6, No: 0
Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION Motion by Mrs. Ecker, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, to approve the adjournment of the Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. and return to Public Session.

Yes: 6, No: 0
Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION/
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Ecker, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, that the Board approve the end of the Public Session and adjournment of the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Yes: 6, No: 0
Motion carried.

Prepared by,

Mary H. Eadie
District Clerk