



BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Board Room
Monday, May 13, 2019

PRESENT M. Clemens-Harris, H. Ecker, L. Mead, J. Sweeney, V. Voss

EXCUSED R. Atwater, C. Gancasz

ALSO

PRESENT J. Reimer, M. Carter, M. Eadie, D. Farese, C. Heilenthaler, J. Hoar, M. Bundrock
Public: 10

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Vice President Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
The Pledge to the flag was given.

**APPROVE
AGENDA**

Mr. Reimer noted under Personnel, Letter G, that additional names were received after the release of the Board packages for parent/community volunteers. Therefore, the agenda should be amended under that area to reflect the addition of Jake Linkowski and Kimberly Potter. With no other changes recommended, a motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mrs. Clemens – Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

**ACCEPT
MINUTES**

Motion by Mrs. Ecker, seconded by Mr. Mead, to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2019 and April 23, 2019 meetings.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC
FORUM**

No items were brought forward.

PRESENTATIONS

Elementary Update

Mr. Hoar provided an update on the elementary area's upcoming activities including spirit days, Grandparents/Special Person Day with the support of Ms. Obermiller for students without a guest, an upcoming concert, and noted recent



events including NYS math testing, Earth Day/cleanup day, Pre-K Open House, and the Jungle Book viewing by its participants.

Junior/Senior High School Update

Mr. Carter noted that the Prom was held this past Friday with no problems occurring. He discussed the positive impact the SROs on campus are having with building rapport, class participation and other work they are involved with. He commented that the Washington DC 8th grade trip departs tomorrow morning. He updated the Board on the YMCA before/after school care program being evaluated, and an informational night on May 9th with approximately ten in attendance. Additional information will be sent home to all parents of elementary students, and the YMCA will hold registration nights in Barker if needed to make it more convenient for parents/guardians. He noted that as a result of the scheduling changes, a writing skills course has been added to the curriculum for all Grade 8 students and will run ten weeks opposite courses such as health, gym, tech and will educate the students on baseline writing skill sets.

Financial Update

As a follow-up to the discussion on the Summer Recreation Program last month, Ms. Heiligenthaler distributed a spreadsheet developed with Mrs. Bundrock with payment options for the Board to consider. It also outlined the potential revenue that could be generated to offset the expense. The analysis was developed and based upon past enrollment, and addresses staffing requirements necessary to adhere to by the Health Department based on the ages of the participants. The Board discussed the ages of participants in relation to student workers. After the discussion, it was agreed that the Summer Recreation Program would be for grades K – 8.

After discussion, with questions being responded to, a motion was made by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, with a follow-up question subsequently being responded to, the Board agreed to approve the Summer Recreation Program running from Monday, July 8, 2019 – Friday, August 2, 2019 for Grades K – 8, and the participation fee of \$30.00 per person, \$20.00 per person if a student is only participating in the Music Program, and non-district residents would pay the full cost of the program at the calculated rate per person.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Curriculum Update

Mrs. Farese congratulated Mrs. Bundrock on the completion of her administrative internship. She noted that the staff has been very busy with year-end Special Education requirements. She recognized some of the District's accomplishments to date, which included Grade 5 and 6 Spark's program which reduced behavior issues while increasing student's academic skills. The impact throughout the entire elementary building has been positive with spirit building amongst the staff, students and community. Mrs. Farese noted that meetings continue to be held to coordinate possibilities for Cornell Cooperative programs next year. She recapped the ELA/Math scoring from last week, as well as provided information about



upcoming field testing for grade 6 ELA, and other testing. She provided enrollment numbers for the Universal Pre-K (UPK) registration held on May 10th of 23 children, noting that the count is a current reflection of all the known possible attendees. She stated 34 students must be enrolled for the full UPK grant funding to remain intact.

NHS

INVITATION Ms. Bundrock and Miss Jessica Haseley were in attendance to represent the National Honor Society. Ms. Haseley invited the Board to attend the Senior Citizens' breakfast with its "Surfs Up" theme, being held on Tuesday, May 21st from 7:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the HS Cafeteria.

Miss Haseley was excused from the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION

Mr. Reimer noted that the Request for Proposal for the Capital Outlay project for this year was delayed as it would be more economical and efficient, as well as enhance the outcome of the proposed work if combined with the upcoming Capital Outlay. He noted that these projects can be rolled over year to year, the difference being the aid received would be received the year after.

He noted that the Erie-Niagara Superintendents Association's Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner (SARD) will be held on May 16th, and Miss Haseley, along with Misses Moeller and Ewald will be honored for the academic accomplishments.

He stated that the RAPTOR system has been in place for a month and the staff continues to receive positive feedback on its implementation. He asked if anyone had questions or additional feedback to let him know.

Mr. Reimer met with the principals, Mr. Szczerbinski, and members of the SRO team, including a new addition of Ms. Reed to discuss involvement and ongoing activities of the SRO Team, in particular, having them audit and test the District's safety plans and analyze if adjustments need to be made. This process may delay the District Safety Plan public hearing slated for June. He also noted continued positive momentum with rapport building with the staff and students by the SROs, as well as providing examples of work in the classroom, student behavior issues, etc. Mr. Reimer provided an update on the development of the advocacy toolkit, with the sample letters nearing completion. He noted that the BTU has been fantastic helping with respect to this project, including having a NYSUT representative become involved by looking at the foundation aid and trying to push our issues in order to receive a more appropriate percentage/proportion of the foundation aid which would help offset the District's revenue situation.

Mr. Reimer discussed in greater detail, the Universal Pre-K program, as well as the registration/enrollment process which included a possible lottery draw, and related items. He stated as the District continues to look at all of its programs, it must look



at the services provided to all, which includes its ability to service everyone with UPK needs. He noted the requirements of staffing for the UPK program which is for every 18 students there must be one teacher and one teacher aide. If a class size ranges from 19 – 20 (20 being the maximum allowed) the staffing increases by one aide. The District must therefore decide what is most efficient and cost effective for the District while addressing the needs of as many as possible. The analysis must include projected class sizes, transportation, and other needs once enrollment closes June 5th. Mr. Reimer outlined the registration process, the lottery system, as well as the possible option for placement of students by location as it relates to transportation routes to minimize the need for additional runs. Mr. Reimer noted that a decision must be made in June in order to give parents time to set up accommodations and be prepared.

Two guest of the meeting left at 7:50 p.m.

POLICIES Upon motion by Mrs. Ecker, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, the Board agreed to move the second reading and approve the following policies:

1. 4240 Evaluation of the Superintendent and Other Administrative Staff;
2. 4310 Superintendent of Schools;
3. 4320 Superintendent - Board of Education Relations;
4. 4410 Professional Development Opportunities;
5. 4420 Compensation and Related Benefits;
6. 5110 Budget Planning and Development;
7. 5120 School District Budget Hearing;
8. 5130 Budget Adoption; and
9. 5140 Administration of the Budget.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

The Board then reviewed the first reading of the following:

1. 5150 Contingency Budget
2. 5210 Revenues
3. 5220 District Investments
4. 5230 Acceptance of Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the School District
5. 5240 School Tax Assessment and Collection/Property Tax Exemptions
6. 5250 Sale and Disposal of School District Property
7. 5310 Bonding of Employees and School Board Members
8. 5320 Expenditures of School District Funds
9. 5321 Use of District Credit Card

Mr. Reimer discussed Policy 5240, the reason to add in the Veterans Exemption information, and whether or not to leave the policy as one or separate into two. If the Board decided to split, he recommended first paragraph with recommended changes be Policy 5240 School Tax Assessment and Collection, and the remainder of the policy, with no adjustments being recommended, become a new policy, Policy 5241 Tax Exemption. After discussion, the Board agreed to split Policy 5240 as noted above.



There were not additional concerns with the recommended changes for the policies presented for the first reading.

EDUCATION None.

PERSONNEL

ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve Sabrina Fuller as a Substitute Teacher for Grades Pre-K - 6 effective May 14, 2019 at a per diem rate.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the change in appointment from April 9, 2019 of Alexandra Lakeman as a Substitute Teacher at a per diem rate, as well as a Substitute Teaching Assistant and Substitute Teacher Aide at a rate of \$11.10/hour to include all grades, Pre-K - 12, effective May 14, 2019.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the change in appointment from April 9, 2019 of Emily Annable as a Substitute Teacher at a per diem rate to include all grades, as well as appoint her as a Substitute Teaching Assistant and Substitute Teacher Aide at a rate of \$11.10/hour also for all grades, Pre-K - 12, effective May 14, 2019.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the appointment of Jessica Matijevich as a Substitute Nurse at a per diem rate, and as a parent/community volunteer to chaperone the 2019 8th Grade trip effective May 14, 2019.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the following individuals as 2019 Summer Instrumental Music Program Teachers at a rate of \$18.00/per from Monday, July 8, 2019 through Thursday, August 8, 2019.

Teacher	Rate	Cap
Cheryl Johnson	\$18.00/hour	\$1,800.00
Jeff Rappold	\$18.00/hour	\$1,500.00
Judy Peterson	\$18.00/hour	\$1,500.00
Amanda Burdick	\$18.00/hour	\$1,500.00
Total		\$6,300.00

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the permanent appointment of Bruce Spring, Director of Facilities I, effective May 7, 2019.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.



Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the following Parent/Community Volunteers, including the two mentioned resulting in the agenda change: Kevin Cole, Sabrina Fuller, Desiree Goodale, Rob Holm, Jake Linkowski, Jessica Matijevich, Kim Potter, Jennifer Raduns.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the following individual to present to or shadow classes as part of the post-secondary education requirements: Alexandra Guido, and Cameron Seib.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the acceptance of the letter of resignation from Sharon Lamb, Teacher, for the purposes of retirement with commendation and regret, effective June 30, 2019.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, to accept the Warrant Report dated May 13, 2019.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, to accept the Treasurer's Report dated March 2019.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, to approve the books as presented to the Board of Education in their meeting package be declared excess property and that the Superintendent, or his designee, be authorized to dispose of said items as presented.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, to approve the resolution to close school on Friday, May 24, 2019 if no additional emergency school closings are used between today's date and May 24, 2019.

RESOLVED, that the Barker Central School District will be closed on Friday, May 24, 2019 for classes as an extension of the Memorial Day holiday, subject to no additional emergency closing dates being utilized between now and the end of day, May 24, 2019.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, to approve the Board of Education Meeting Calendar for the 2019 - 2020 School Year

1. Wednesday, July 8, 2019 - Reorganizational Meeting
2. Monday, August 12, 2019
3. Monday, September 9, 2019



4. Tuesday, October 15, 2019
5. Monday, November 18, 2019
6. Monday, December 16, 2019
7. Monday, January 13, 2020
8. Monday, February 10, 2020
9. Monday, March 9, 2020
10. Monday, April 6, 2020
11. Wednesday, April 22, 2020 - BOCES Vote, Time TBD
12. Monday, May 11, 2020
13. Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM - Annual Meeting/Election & Budget Vote
14. Monday, June 8, 2020

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

END OF PUBLIC

SESSION Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, to end the Public Session and enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Superintendent's Evaluation; Negotiations; and a Student Matter.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mrs. Clemens-Harris, to approve the adjournment of the Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and return to Public Session.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mrs. Ecker, to approve the end of the Public Session and adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary H. Eadie
District Clerk