

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Jeff Black, Matthew Kahm, Karen Loucks, Dr. Diana Maguire, Dr. Mathanakaran, Maggie Nuss, Scott Simpson, Michele Spring, Julia DeRose (Student Board Member), Madelyn Price-Costa (Student BOE Member)

Absent: Crystal Wilczewski

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk; Jon Luce, Athletic Director; Michael Bushnell, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Kevin Straub, Director of Technology; Curtis Peters, Transportation

Others Present: 1 visitor

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.*

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the February 24, 2026, Board of Education Meeting.

8 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

**Motion-To Adopt
BOE Agenda**

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

Congrats/Celebrations

a) I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Barb Smith, our Elementary STEM teacher, for organizing and leading our very first

- STEM Night at Allegany-Limestone Elementary School. This event took place on Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 6-7:30 PM. Through her vision and countless hours of preparation, the evening brought together more than 200 students, families, staff, and community members to celebrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Mrs. Smith partnered with CABOCES, Jamestown Community College, St. Bonaventure University, Napoleon Engineering, and the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department to provide engaging, hands-on STEM experiences for our families. I would also like to recognize the staff, students and volunteers who helped make the night such a success! Our staff includes: Marilyn Strong, Becca Stayer, Stephanie Cottillion, Katie Kellogg, Suzie and Jeff Ciminesi, Rachel Volz, Tammy Peters, Joy Wilber, Erin Anastasia and Patty Saglimben. Our student volunteers included: Zoey Bush, Drake DeLong, Evan Bradley, Vivi Oh, Mason Hess, and Aria Pettengill. In addition, thank you to Alex Scalise and Kim Stebbins and students Ronin Haseley and Aralyn Jennings from our music department for organizing a dinner fundraiser in support of the drama club. The collaboration and energy displayed that evening truly reflect the best of Allegany-Limestone, and we are incredibly grateful to Mrs. Smith for her leadership and dedication!
- b) On Friday, February 13th, our elementary school held its first-ever "Gator Get Together," an event where staff shared their personal hobbies and passions with students during a dedicated one-hour block of the school day. Students were able to choose the activity they wished to attend, creating opportunities for connection, student voice, and shared interests across grade levels. This event was the result of intentional work by our Elementary School Improvement Team, aligned to goals established through our 2025 Strategic Planning process. The day was a tremendous success and provided a meaningful, engaging experience for both students and staff!
 - c) Congratulations to Cait Conroy for taking home 1st place at the Section 6 State qualifier in skiing.
 - d) Our musical "9-5" was a great show. The advisors and students worked hard and it played out on stage. A big thanks to Alex Scalise and Kim Stebbins for all of their direction and dedication.
 - e) Our Friends of Rachel club created and hung hundreds of customized hearts with inspiring messages on all of the students' lockers to celebrate National Give a Heart Day. They brought much joy to many. Thank you to Mrs. Lacroix and all of the Friends of Rachel club students.

- f) One of Mr. Savidge's NVESTNUS teams brought back their cash earnings after a competition at BONAS and donated it to our very own "Big Rich." A great job to these students for showing what kindness truly means.
- g) Our Senior Class hosted a Valentine's Dance for our middle schoolers and the event did not disappoint. Huge thanks to our seniors for planning a night full of smiles, music, and school spirit!
- h) Congratulations to our MATHCOUNTS team on a 3rd place finish at the regional competition during the break. Top scorer for the team was Kornelius Notthem-Kettler. Other team members are Jensen Haseley, Lilly Mascioni, and Sadie Smith. Next up - the state competition this month! Thank you to Ms. Stamets for coordinating this great opportunity.

- 7) Consent Agenda:
Motion by Kahm Second by Simpson
To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of
Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on February 3, 2026.

- b) Action Items – Personnel

Substitute Teachers

Jason Karl
Madison Moen

Substitute Teacher Aides

Jason Karl

School Volunteers

James Pettit
Tayler Lawson
Jamie Button
Sean Marvin

Student Observers

Abigail Peck at ALES
Grace Ring at ALES
Nicole Peterson at ALES/MHS

SBU Student Teacher

Brianna Slingerland with Tom Davis-3/16/26-5/8/26

SBU Clinical Student

Sydney Segroe

c) Action Items – Business

To accept the Warrant Reports for January 2026:

General Fund	\$ 997,977.89
School Lunch Fund	\$ 31,619.58
Capital Project	\$ 81,442.70

To place on file, the Budget Report thru January 2026.

To accept the Treasurer's Reports and Extraclassroom Activities Reports for January 2026.

Disposal of Outdated/Old Items

468 library books from ALES Library

119 Technology books from MHS

- d) CSE Minutes-February 3, 2026, February 5, 2026, February 10, 2026, and February 12, 2026
504 Minutes-February 3, 2026, February 5, 2026, February 10, 2026, and February 12, 2026

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Presentations-

Presentations

- a) Budget Presentations-Technology, Buildings and Grounds, Transportation and Athletics

9) Discussion-

Discussion

- a) Final Reading Revised Policy 1620-Annual Organizational Meeting
b) Final Reading Revised Policy 1640-Absentee, Military, and Early Mail Ballots
c) Final Reading Revised Policy 7513-Medication and Personal Care Items
d) Final Reading Revised Policy 7521-Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions and/or Anaphylaxis

10) Superintendent's Report-

Superintendent's Report

- a) Capital Project construction starting-coordinating and meetings
b) Negotiations for Support Staff starting soon

11) President's Report-

President's Report

- a) Thank you, Maggie Nuss, for putting together the Teachers' Association basket for the pancake dinner
b) BOCES Annual Dinner and Meeting invitation-if you would like to attend, please let Kristin Colburn know
c) March 24, 2026 is the next BOE Meeting

12) Student Board Member Report-

Student BOE Report

- a) Winter Break
- b) 2nd quarter Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance
- c) Snowmobile riding to school
- d) Helpful behavior tickets a hit
- e) Winter sports
- f) Scholar Athletes
- g) NHS holding Blood Drive Feb 27
- h) March 2 Doctor Seuss Day at ALES
- i) Pancake Dinner on March 12 at ALES
- j) Blanket Making night on March 10

13) Committee Reports-None

14) Correspondence-None

15) Action Item- Business

- a) Motion by Simpson Second by Nuss
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt revised Policy 1620-Annual Organizational Meeting.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-To Adopt Revised Policy
- b) Motion by Kahm Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt revised Policy 1640-Absentee, Military, and Early Mail Ballots.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-To Adopt Revised Policy
- c) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Simpson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt revised Policy 7513-Medication and Personal Care Items.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-To Adopt Revised Policy
- d) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt revised Policy 7521-Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions and/or Anaphylaxis.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-To Adopt Revised Policy
- e) Motion by Black Second by Simpson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Allegany-Limestone Central School District and the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association for sick day donation.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-To Accept MOA

- f) Motion by Simpson Second by Nuss
To nominate Candace Clemens to the CABOCES School Board.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried **Motion-To nominate Candidate**

- g) Motion by Simpson Second by Black
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to award the following contract, in association with the 2025-2026 Capital Outlay Project, which represent the lowest responsible bid received.
Motion-To Award Contract to Lowest Bid

General Construction	Duggan & Duggan General Contractor, Inc.	\$180,000
8 Yes	0 No	0 Abstain Motion carried

16) Action Item- Personnel

- a) Motion by Loucks Second by Simpson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept with regrets the retirement resignation of **Ann Burgess** from the position of Keyboard Specialist, effective May 29, 2026.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried **Motion-To Accept Resignation**

17) New Business-None

- 18) Adjournment
Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Nuss
To adjourn at 7:36 p.m.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried **Motion-To Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 2/24/26