

Date: Tuesday, March 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, Crystal Wilczewski, Michele Spring, Madelyn Price-Costa (Student BOE Member)

Absent: Scott Simpson, Julia DeRose (Student Board Member)

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk; Joe Steger, MHS Principal; Maren Bush, ALES Principal; Alicia Bockmier, Director of Special Education; Erin Anastasia, Director of Educational Services; Rhonda Herbert, Food Service Director

Others Present: 5 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.*

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Nuss Second by Spring

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

**Motion-To Adopt
BOE Agenda**

8 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

a) On Monday, March 2nd, 29 National Honor Society students joined us celebrating "Read Across America Day"! NHS students joined a variety of classrooms and partnered with our

elementary students reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books! Thank you to Mrs. Finn for organizing this yearly event! Our elementary students and staff always look forward to it!

- b) We enjoyed another feel good concert by Jared Campbell on March 10th. Jared is a singer/songwriter who travels to local school districts across the state sharing positive messages of kindness, character and respect! Special thank you to Greta Gregory for organizing this event!
- c) ALES participated in the Olean Public Library's Bookmark Competition. Each year they present students with a theme to create a bookmark for. This year was "Open a World of Magic with a Book." Grades 1-5 were eligible to participate in this contest with a winner being chosen from every class, and then an overall school winner also being selected. The Celebration and displaying of bookmarks were held in the Gallery at the Olean Public Library on Saturday March 14th at 1pm. The winners from ALES are as follows:
1st Grade-Aubrey Marino, Quinn Peters, Maggie Lamb, Natalia Coder, 2nd Grade-Sullivan Mummery, Ashton Milliman, Bohen Sheer, Memphis Paonessa, 3rd Grade-Louis Filjones, Ronan Pettit, Olivia Bradley, Ronnie Babb, 4th Grade-Connor Morrison, Alexis Boerger, Flora Porcello, Isabella Thierman, 5th Grade-Whitney Simpson, Kaleigh Abrams, Drake DeLong, Brecken Wight, OVERALL School Winner: Adelaide Hall- Grade 4
- d) Well done to our Middle School and Elementary Odyssey of the Mind teams for advancing to the state competition in Syracuse this weekend! Both teams are eagerly anticipating the World Finals in Iowa. Sincere appreciation goes to Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Stebbins for their outstanding coaching and commitment to the OM program.
- e) The Natural Helpers Club successfully held its annual retreat at Allegany State Park this past weekend, welcoming 54 students. They participated in many team building exercises and learned much about how to be a "Natural Helper" in our school. Thank you to Mrs. Bogart and all staff members who contributed to making this retreat a meaningful and rewarding experience.
- f) Congratulations to Ms. Stamets on her well-deserved, upcoming induction into the Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame on March 28. Those interested in attending the ceremony may register online using the link on social media.
- g) Congratulations to all of our All-County students who participated recently in the All-County Festival.

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

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on February 24, 2026.

b) Action Items – Personnel

Substitute Teachers

Aubrey Luce
Quincy Stebbins
Madalyn Colburn

Substitute Teacher Aide

Aubrey Luce

Substitute Food Service Worker

Desire Lamb

Removal of Substitute Teacher

Laura Decker

School Volunteers

Christopher Conkey
Daniel Francis
Dawn Francis
Seher Rabia Rowther
Madeline McConnell

2025-2026 Spring Coaches

Modified Baseball-Mike John Jr.
Modified Boys Track-Michael Wolfgang
Assistant Varsity Softball-Jon Luce

c) Action Items – Business

To accept the Warrant Reports for February 2026:

General Fund	\$ 485,003.67
School Lunch Fund	\$ 48,822.28
Special Aid Fund	\$ 1,794.37
Capital Project	\$ 52,224.00

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

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

Disposal of Outdated Items from Bus Garage

3 bus doors
2 yellow lights

1 1960 bus engine cover
4 red lights
4 head lights
14 shocks

- d) CSE Minutes-February 24, 2026, February 26, 2026, March 3, 2026, March 5, 2026, March 10, 2026, March 12, 2026, and March 17, 2026
504 Minutes-February 24, 2026, March 3, 2026, March 5, 2026, and March 17, 2026

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Presentations-

Presentations

- a) Budget Presentations- Food Services, Curriculum/PD, Building Principals, and Special Education

9) Superintendent's Report-

Superintendent's Report

- a) Spring sports started this week
b) MHS Chorus Concert on March 26, 2026
c) Lockdown drill took place on 3/24/26 at MHS
d) WNYESC Awards-Congratulations to Jon Luce and Maggie Nuss

10) President's Report-

President's Report

- a) April 21, 2026 is next BOE Meeting
b) Deadline for Board Petitions is April 20, 2026

11) Student Board Member Report-

Student BOE Report

- a) Progress Reports on March 27, 2026
b) Many activities taking place with clubs and field trips
c) NHS Read Across America with ALES
d) April 24, 2026-Community Kindness Day
e) Winter Sports Banquet-March 23, 2026

12) Committee Reports-Budget met tonight before Board Meeting

13) Correspondence-None

14) Action Item- Business

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Black
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the 2026-2027 school calendar.

Motion-To Adopt School Calendar

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- b) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Wilczewski **Motion-Approval of BOE Meeting Schedule**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting schedule.
 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- c) Motion by Black Second by Nuss **Motion-To Set Date**
 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, it is necessary to set the date of the District's budget hearing: WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1716 and 2004 of the Education Law, it is necessary to provide for publication of the notice of the annual meeting and election of the district, as well as notice of the budget hearing of the District; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Allegany-Limestone Central School District: That the provisions of this resolution shall be effective regardless of anything to the contrary in the Board Policy Manual, or the previous minutes of this Board, or otherwise; That it is hereby determined, pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, that a public hearing of this District, for presentation of the proposed school district budget, shall be conducted on May 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Allegany-Limestone Middle-High School Room 42; That, pursuant to Section 2004 of the Education Law, the annual meeting and election of the District shall be held on May 19, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., in the Allegany-Limestone Middle-High School Gym for qualified district voters from the Towns of Allegany, Carrollton, Hinsdale, Humphrey, and Olean, for the purpose of voting on the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the District's estimated expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education and for the transaction of such other business as may be authorized by law; That the District Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of the following notice in the Olean Times Herald, four times within the seven weeks preceding such District meeting, the first publication in the newspaper to be at least 45 days before said annual meeting and election. That the District Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the use of voting machines for said District meeting and election and for the printing of ballot labels to be used in said machines, which ballot labels shall be printed in the form required by the Rules of the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon, and each proposition to be submitted shall be so printed thereon in full with the words YES and NO so printed for each proposition.
 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- d) Motion by Loucks Second by Spring **Motion-To Adopt Rules for Voting Machines**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the Rules for Use of Optical Scan Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Proposition to be Placed Thereon:
 1) The form of ballot and the voting procedure shall conform substantially with the operational requirements of the optical scan voting machines to be used by the District, and with any requirements prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York for use of optical scan voting machines.

- 2) The optical scan voting machines shall be those owned by the District, but if the District's machines are not available, optical scan voting machines may be obtained from some other source satisfactory to the Board of Education.
- 3) For each optical scan voting machine used, one (1) qualified voter of the District shall be appointed by the Board of Education to act as Election Inspectors.
- 4) The Board of Education shall pay all expenses necessary or incidental to the use or rental, as the case may be, of optical scan voting machines, including but not limited to the operation, calibration, maintenance and securing thereof and the training of the Election Inspectors in the use thereof.
- 5) Immediately before any optical scan voting machine is used at meetings, elections or votes, annual, special or however otherwise denominated or designated, the Election Inspectors shall examine and calibrate it and see that the machine is, in all respects, in proper condition for use. The Election Inspectors shall also ensure that the configuration of the voting area provides for voter privacy.
- 6) Each optical scan voting machine shall remain locked against voting, and the paper ballots cast through the optical scan voting machine shall be secured and retained, for the period of thirty (30) days following the meeting, election or vote at which same has been used and as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of existing or threatened contest over the result of the meeting, election or vote, except as otherwise provided by the Education Law of the State of New York.
- 7) Any proposition to be voted upon, when presented other than by the Board of Education and except where required by law to be stated in the published notice of meeting, election or vote, must be set forth in such manner as to conform to the requirements of the Education Law of the State of New York, and must be presented in a petition bearing the signatures of twenty-five (25) qualified voters, or 2% of the number of qualified voters voting in the previous annual vote - whichever is greater, of the School District (except where the number of signatures is specified in said Education Law in which case the provisions of the Education Law shall apply) and filed with the Board of Education not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting, election or vote, unless otherwise prescribed by law.
- 8) Any question or proposition to be voted upon when required by law to be stated in the published notice of meeting, election or vote and prescribed other than by the Board of Education, must be presented by petition as set forth in rule 7 above and filed with the Board of Education not less than fifty-five (55) days before the meeting, election or vote unless otherwise prescribed by law.
- 9) Any question or proposition to be presented by the Board of Education must be set forth in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, election or vote, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published notice of the meeting, election or vote, in which event such resolution must be adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fifty (50) days before the meeting, election or vote, except that the fifty (50) day time limitation shall not apply to a special meetings called under the provisions of Section 2007 subdivision 3, paragraph a. of the Education Law of the State of New York.

- 10) In the event that any question or proposition to be voted upon is too lengthy to be placed upon the ballot to be used in conjunction with the optical scan voting machines, an abstract of such question or proposition shall be placed thereon in such form as may be prescribed by the Board of Education of the District, concisely stating the purpose and effect and setting forth and indicating generally and briefly the subject matter of the question or proposition. Wherever the question is excessively lengthy as above described, a sufficient number of copies thereof shall be available at the voting place in order that each voter may be furnished with a copy thereof before voting.
- 11) Where circumstances require that the form of ballot, type or ballot label be different from that prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York, the form of ballot, type or ballot label shall conform to that required by such circumstances.
- 12) Except as may otherwise be required by law, the Cattaraugus County Board of Elections shall have no jurisdiction with regard to the use of optical scan voting machines in connection with any school district meeting, election or vote.
- 13) Except as may be otherwise required by law, the Board of Education shall have sole discretion in determining when optical scan voting machines shall be used.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

e) Motion by Black Second by Nuss

Motion-Appoint Voting Inspectors

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint voting inspectors at the rate of \$160 per election for the budget vote and Board of Education election on Tuesday, May 19, 2025 from noon to 8:00 p.m. In the event that this Board of Education is unable to hold a meeting to appoint a qualified voting inspector of this School District to fill a vacancy caused by the refusal of the person herein designated to accept his/her appointment or the failure of such person to serve, the District Clerk is hereby authorized to fill such vacancy.

Voting Inspector
Voting Inspector

Carolyn Hemphill
Denise Gabler

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

f) Motion by Kahm Second by Wilczewski

Motion-Accept Cooperative Bidding

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Allegany-Limestone School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of supply of natural gas. And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Allegany-Limestone School District of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o... And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, Allegany-Limestone School District of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, Allegany Limestone School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, Allegany-Limestone School District of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education Allegany-Limestone School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education Allegany-Limestone School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding... And...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Business Administrator on behalf of the Board of Education, Allegany-Limestone School District of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

g) Motion by Nuss Second by Kahm

CLASSIFYING THE PROPOSED ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE
CENTRAL SCHOOL 2026-27 CAPITAL OUTLAY EXCEPTION PROJECT
AS A TYPE II ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEQRA.

Motion-Lead Agency
Capital Outlay

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.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- h) Motion by Black Second by Loucks **Motion-Lead Agency Capital Outlay**
DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR THE ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026-27 CAPITAL OUTLAY EXCEPTION PROJECT

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 March 24, 2026, 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 2026-27 Capital Outlay Exception Project for the Allegany-Limestone Central School District.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

15) Action Item- Personnel

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Kahm **Motion-To Accept Resignation**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Joseph Haskins** from the position of Automotive Mechanic, effective March 27, 2026.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- b) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Loucks **Motion-To Accept Retirement Resignation**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept with regrets the retirement resignation of **Bonnie Robinson** from the position of Teacher Aide, effective March 31, 2026.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- c) Motion by Wilczewski Second by Loucks **Motion-To Accept Retirement Resignation**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept with regrets the retirement resignation of **Rose Ruffner-Stayer** from the position of School Counselor, effective July 1, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- d) Motion by Nuss Second by Spring **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Sharon Nolan** to the 10-month, part-time probationary position of Food Service Helper, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin March 25, 2026, and end March 26, 2027. (S. Elwell)
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- e) Motion by Black Second by Wilczewski **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Ammiel Benedict** to the 10-month, part-time probationary position of Teacher Aide, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin April 1, 2026, and end, April 1, 2027. (B. Robinson)
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- f) Motion by Kahm Second by Spring **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Alek Shubert** to the 12-month, full-time probationary position of Cleaner, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin April 2, 2026, and end, April 2, 2027. (A. Nolan)
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- g) Motion by Nuss Second by Wilczewski **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Jeanne Malmgren** as a Long-term Substitute Teacher, effective March 19, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- h) Motion by Black Second by Spring **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Brady Stein** as a Long-term Substitute Teacher, effective March 30, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- i) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Wilczewski
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to transfer and appoint **Kara Mascioni** to the position of AIS Teacher effective July 1, 2026, who holds a Professional NYS Certification in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) and was tenured on September 1, 2011. **Motion-To Transfer And Appoint**

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- j) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the FMLA **Leave** leave of employee #1411 effective (estimated) March 27, 2026, to June 30, 2026. **Motion-To Accept**

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- k) Motion by Black Second by Nuss
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Maren Bush**, who holds a Professional School District Leader Certificate/Professional School Building Leader, in the Administrative tenure area, effective July 1, 2026. **Motion-Approval of Tenure**

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

16) New Business-None

17) Adjournment

Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran
To adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Motion-To Adjourn

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 3/24/26