

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

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

Absent: Jeff Black

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk

Others Present: 7 visitors

1) Call to Order

Call to Order

2) Pledge to Flag

3) Changes to Agenda-Add Executive Session to discuss the discipline of a particular person.

Changes to Agenda

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.*

Public Comment

Kim Higley spoke to thank the Board of Education for their contribution to the ALTA Pancake Dinner in March.

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Simpson Second by Spring

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the April 21, 2026, Board of Education Meeting.

**Motion-Approval of
BOE Agenda**

8 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

**Congrats/
Celebrations**

- a) On April 2nd ALES concluded their March Book Madness bracket with an assembly to read the top two books! Book 1, "Don't Trust Fish", was read out loud by Erin Anastasia and book #2, "Dog vs. Strawberry" was read out loud by Maren Bush. Students voted and it was a 1-point swing making "Dog vs. Strawberry" the overall 2026 champion! Special thank you to Suzie Zimbardi for organizing this yearly event!
- b) Special thank you to our PTO for hosting the spring book fair.
- c) Our Seniors had an awesome trip to Florida! There were many reports about what a great time they had. Thank you to all advisors, students, and chaperones who made the time to coordinate and take the students to Florida for this once in a lifetime trip!
- d) Some of our rockstar Nvestnus students placed 2nd and 3rd place at their competition this past Friday, with one team taking away cash prizes for which was given to Big Rich to help defray expenses for his daughter's diagnosis. Great job girls and great job Mr. Savidge!
- e) The MHS hosted a Sabres spirit day last Friday to enter a competition to have Sabretooth visit our school. Many students participated and we took a great picture together at the end of the day for submission in the competition.
- f) Last week, we had 16 female students participate in Women in Sports day at St. Bonaventure University. Thank you to Mr. Wilber and Mr. Anderson who stepped up in a big way for Mrs. Arnold and Ms. Snyder, who usually take the girls.
- g) Art Club took their annual trip this past weekend to Toronto. 18 students had a great time and experienced all that Toronto had to offer. Thank you to Ms. Rinamon and all of the chaperones for providing this wonderful opportunity.
- h) Congratulations to Alexis Wojewoda-Ko on being OTH Youth of the Week.
- i) Thank you to the six ALCS Alumni who judged the Nvestnus Competition.

7) Consent Agenda:

Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran

To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of
Consent Agenda**

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

b) Action Items – Personnel

Substitute Teachers

Kevin Edwards-Hardy

Substitute Food Service Workers

Jiaojiao Zhao

Nicole Willsie

JoAnn Kohl

School Volunteers

Bonnie Robinson

Brianna Bouge

Removal of Substitute

Phil Quinlan

c) Action Items – Business

To accept the Warrant Reports for March 2026:

General Fund	\$ 1,675,320.87
School Lunch Fund	\$ 34,165.54
Special Aid Fund	\$ 780.04
Capital Project	\$ 130,154.17

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

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

- d) CSE Minutes- March 5, 2026 (amended), March 24, 2026, March 26, 2026, March 31, 2026, and April 2, 2026

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Presentation-

Presentation

- a) Barb Smith and Lindsay Simpson-STEM Night Recap

9) Superintendent's Report-

Superintendent's

- a) Support Staff contract meetings will start soon.

Report

10) President's Report-

President's Report

- a) Two Board Meetings in May- May 5 Budget Hearing at 6 pm and May 19 Budget Vote-Vote runs Noon-8:00 pm

11) Student Board Member Report-

- a) Quarter 4 has started
- b) Senior Trip to Florida was great
- c) Latin Awards
- d) Seal of Biliteracy
- e) Torch Run/Unified Sports
- f) Art Club Toronto Trip
- g) NYC Drama Club Trip
- h) NvestNuss Competition
- i) NHS/NJHS Community Clean up
- j) Friends of Rachel Club-Kindness Day

Student BOE Report

12) Committee Reports-Curriculum Meeting on May 5 at 5:30 pm

Committee Reports

13) Correspondence-Thank you card from Maren Bush.

Correspondence

14) Action Item- Business

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the District Budget Plan for the 2026-2027 school year in an amount not to exceed \$29,854,715.

Motion-To Adopt District Budget Plan

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- b) Motion by Kahm Second by Spring
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Property Tax Report Card for 2026-2027 school year.

Motion-Approval of Property Tax Report Card

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- c) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Loucks
To set the 2026-2027 tuition for non-resident students at \$2,580 for grades Kindergarten- 12th.

Motion-To Set Tuition Rate

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- d) Motion by Wilczewski Second by Kahm
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the 2026-2027 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

Motion-To Adopt BOCES Admin. Budget

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

e) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson

**Motion-To Vote for
BOCES Board**

Be it resolved that, the Allegany-Limestone Central School District Board of Education casts its vote for three vacancies on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to be filled at the annual election to be held April 21, 2026 (no more than one person residing in a particular component school district may be elected to serve on the Board of Cooperative Services at one time):

CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY

Area 1-Vacancy-3-year term

Ronald "Keith" Loines X
5 Meadowbrook Court
Wellsville, NY 14895

Area 4-Vacancy-3-year term

Candace Clemens X
3423 Fortune Drive
Allegany, NY 14706

Area 9-Vacancy-3-year term

Danielle O'Connor X
2706 NY-394
Ashville, NY 14710

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

f) Motion by Simpson Second by Kahm

**Motion-To Participate in
Cooperative Bidding
Program**

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

15) Action Item- Personnel

a) Motion by Nuss Second by Spring

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept with regrets the retirement resignation of **Sharon Batesky** from the position Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2026.

Motion-To Accept Retirement Resignation

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- b) Motion by Wilczewski Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Spencer Mummery** from the position Math Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- Motion-To Accept Resignation**
- c) Motion by Simpson Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Kelsie Simon**, who holds a NYS Provisional School Counselor certificate, in the School Counseling tenure area, effective July 1, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- Motion-Approval of Tenure**
- d) Motion by Loucks Second by Nuss
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Katherine Kellogg**, who holds a NYS Professional Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certificate, in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective August 30, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- Motion-Approval of Tenure**
- e) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Kelly Jo Nitsche**, who holds a NYS Professional Students with Disabilities (All Grades) certificate, in the Special Education tenure area, effective August 30, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- Motion-Approval of Tenure**
- f) Motion by Spring Second by Kahm
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Daniel Straub**, who holds a NYS Professional Speech and Language Disabilities certificate, in the Speech and Language Disabilities tenure area, effective August 30, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- Motion-Approval of Tenure**
- g) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Benjamin Westland**, who holds a NYS Permanent Biology & General Science 7-12 certificate, in the Science tenure area, effective August 30, 2026.
- 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- Motion-Approval of Tenure**

- h) Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Jordan Geary**, who holds a NYS Professional Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certificate, in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective August 31, 2026.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-Approval of Tenure
- i) Motion by Wilczewski Second by Miller
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Caroline Miller**, who holds a NYS Professional Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certificate, in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective August 31, 2026.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-Approval of Tenure
- j) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Tamara Peters**, who holds a NYS Permanent Elementary Education (Grades PreK-6) certificate, in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective August 31, 2026.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-Approval of Tenure
- k) Motion by Simpson Second by Spring
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Marilyn Strong**, who holds a NYS Initial Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certificate, in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective August 31, 2026.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-Approval of Tenure
- l) Motion by Simpson Second by Loucks
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Hannah Schifley**, who holds a NYS Initial Mathematics 7-12 certificate, in the Math tenure area, effective August 31, 2026.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-Approval of Tenure
- m) Motion by Kahm Second by Nuss
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby accepts the terms of an authorizes the Superintendent to execute a memorandum of agreement among the District, the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association and Hannah Good providing for the extension of the probationary appointment of Hannah Good in the Elementary tenure area through June 30, 2027.
8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
Motion-To Accept and Execute MOA

- n) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson Motion-Approval of Appointment
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to conditionally appoint, **Chad Carlson**, who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Health Education, to the position of Health Teacher in the Health tenure area for a four (4) year probationary period to commence on August 27, 2025, and end on August 27, 2029. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Chad receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of the 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The expiration date of this probationary appointment is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible and considered for tenure, the teacher must meet all requirements of education law and corresponding regulations. The salary will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule outlined in the collective bargaining agreement with the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association and the Board of Education based upon Schedule B, Step 4. (T. Hopkins)

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- o) Motion by Nuss Second by Spring Motion-Approval of Appointment
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to conditionally appoint, **Catherine Stevens**, who holds a Professional New York State Teaching Certificate in Latin 7-12, to the position of Latin Teacher in the World Languages tenure area for a three (3) year probationary period to commence on September 1, 2026, and end on September 1, 2029. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Catherine receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 2 of the 3 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The expiration date of this probationary appointment is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible and considered for tenure, the teacher must meet all requirements of education law and corresponding regulations. The salary will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule outlined in the collective bargaining agreement with the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association and the Board of Education based upon Schedule B, Step 11.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- p) Motion by Kahm Second by Simpson Motion-Approval of Appointment
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Lindsey Wemert** to the 12-month, full-time probationary position of Provisional Keyboard Specialist, per Exempt Agreement. The probation period will begin May 26, 2026, and end May 26, 2027. (A. Burgess)

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- 16) New Business-School Board Association Dinner is at Moonwinks
April 30-Tony Giannicchi will be presenting

New Business

- 17) Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran
To enter Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss the
discipline of a particular person.

**Motion-To Enter
Executive Session**

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- 18) Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran
To Re-enter Regular Session at 7:37 p.m.

**Motion-To Re-enter
Regular Session**

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- 19) Adjournment
Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran
To adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Motion-To Adjourn

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 4/21/26