

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 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, Crystal Wilczewski, Michele Spring, Julia DeRose (Student Board Member), Madelyn Price-Costa (Student BOE Member)

Absent: None

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk; Erin Anastasia, Director of Educational Services

Others Present: 8 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 Simpson Second by Spring

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the May 5, 2026, Board of Education Meeting.

**Motion-To Adopt  
BOE Agenda**

9 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

**Congrats/Celebrations**

- a) During the week of May 4-8th we are celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation week! This year's ALES theme is from the movie "Wicked". We will enjoy theme days, contests, food and other activities to celebrate and show appreciation for all they do!
- b) Our PTO is hosting a Boys' Night Out Dance for elementary students and their special guests on Friday, May 8th.
- c) Congrats to Damon Bouge, ALES School Psychologist, for the new addition to his family. He and his wife welcomed baby girl Noelle!
- d) Congrats to Becca Stayer, ALES School Librarian, for the new addition to her family. She and her husband welcomed baby boy Charles Russell Stayer, "Charlie".
- e) Each year, Mr. Weiss, our 7th grade ELA teacher, enters his students into a "Young Writers" competition. This year's theme was "Stranger Saga" and 52 students were published into the book. Great work to all of our students and to Mr. Weiss for providing this opportunity!
- f) Our Drama Club had a wonderful visit to New York City last week. They saw many sights and sounds, experienced performances and tried lots of different foods. A big thank you to Ms. Scalise, Mrs. Stebbins and Mr. Rohrabacher for providing this great experience for our students.
- g) Three of our students traveled to Syracuse last week to participate in the Skills USA state competition. Luke Mascioni received First Place for Small engine repair, Aidan Adams and Ann Phetteplace received Third Place for Audio (Radio) Production. Congratulations!

7) Consent Agenda:

Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks  
To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of  
Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on April 21, 2026.
- b) Action Items – Personnel

**Substitute Teachers**

Kathy Young  
Julie Hall  
Brianna Slingerland  
Connor Ellison  
Kearstin Foster

**Substitute Cleaner**

Dustin Graham

**School Volunteers**

Zachary Kriner

c) Action Items – Business

**Disposal of Items**

Bleachers at Bus Garage Football Field

Advantco Heating/Warmer in Elementary Kitchen

- d) CSE Minutes- March 24, 2026, March 26, 2026, March 31, 2026, April 2, 2026, April 16, 2026, April 20, 2026, and April 27, 2026  
504 Minutes-April 16, 2026

9 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

8) Presentation-

**Presentation**

- a) Clothing Closet- Raelynn Jones and students
- b) March 13<sup>th</sup> PD Activities and Survey Results, High Tech High Visitation, ALES GLIT Meetings, and District ESSA Data-Erin Anastasia

9) Superintendent's Report-

**Superintendent's Report**

- a) 60 Plus Budget Meeting
- b) Junior Interviews-strong student interviews took place

10) President's Report-

**President's Report**

- a) Next BOE Meeting is May 19 at 7:30 pm

11) Student Board Member Report-

**Student Board Member Report**

- a) Attendance Awards
- b) Junior Interviews
- c) Spring Sports
- d) STEM Fair
- e) Unified Sports Day
- f) Final Club Meetings being held

12) Committee Reports-Curriculum met on May 5 at 5:30 pm; Budget Hearing at 6:00 pm on May 5

**Committee Reports**

13) Correspondence-Thank you card from Tammy Peters

**Correspondence**

14) Action Item- Personnel

- a) Motion by Simpson Second by Kahm  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Scott Fisher** from the position Bus Driver, effective May 1, 2026.

**Motion-To Accept Resignation**

9 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

- b) Motion by Simpson Second by Spring **Motion-To Accept Resignation**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Jacob Boerger** from the position of part-time Bus Driver, effective May 1, 2026.
- 9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- c) Motion by Simpson Second by Loucks **Motion-To Accept Resignation**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Lindsey Wernert** from the position of Teacher Aide, effective May 25, 2026.
- 9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- d) Motion by Nuss Second by Wilczewski **Motion-To Accept Resignation**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Lynzie Rinamon** from the position Art Teacher, effective June 30, 2026.
- 9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- e) Motion by Simpson Second by Loucks **Motion-To Accept FMLA Leave**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the FMLA Leave for employee #226 effective May 4, 2026 to May 25, 2026.
- 9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- f) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson **Motion-To Accept FMLA Leave**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the FMLA Leave for employee #154 effective May 18, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
- 9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- g) Motion by Simpson Second by Spring **Motion-To Accept Personal Leave**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the Personal Leave (Child-rearing) for employee #1343 effective September 1, 2026 to October 27, 2026.
- Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried
- h) Motion by Kahm Second by Loucks **Motion-Approval of Appointment**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to conditionally appoint **Marcus Grove**, who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in School Counseling, to the position of School Counselor in the School Counseling tenure area for a four (4) year probationary period to commence on July 1, 2026, and end on July 1, 2030. 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. (R. Ruffner-Stayer)

9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- i) Motion by Black Second by Nuss                      **Motion-Approval of Appointment**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Jacob Boerger** to the 10-month, full-time probationary position of Bus Driver, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin May 4, 2026, and end May 4, 2027. (S. Fisher)

9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- j) Motion by Black Second by Mathanakaran                      **Motion-To Recertify Administrators as Lead Evaluators**  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to recertify administrators **Tony Giannicchi, Kevin Straub, Erin Anastasia, Maren Bush, Alicia Bockmier and Joseph Steger** as Qualified Lead Evaluators for teachers and principals having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9(b).

9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- k) Motion by Simpson Second by Loucks                      **Motion-To Amend**  
 To amend the following motion:  
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the tenure appointment of **Jordan Geary**, who holds a NYS Professional ~~Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)~~ **Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)** certificate, in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective August 31, 2026.

9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- 15) New Business-May 19 is the Board/Budget Vote from Noon to 8:00 pm in the MHS Gym.                      **New Business**

- 16) Motion by Black Second by Simpson                      **Motion-To Enter Executive Session**  
 To enter Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss an appeal related to a student discipline matter.

9 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

- 17) Motion by Nuss Second by Black  
To re-enter Regular Session at 8:18 p.m.  
9 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

**Motion-To Re-Enter  
Regular Session**

- 18) Motion by Simpson by Second by Nuss

**Motion-Discuss Appeal**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has discussed and considered the appeal of a disciplinary matter involving a particular student; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education reviewed the record of the Superintendent's Hearing, and all documentation and information submitted in support of the appeal; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered and deliberated regarding the appeal.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision regarding the discipline of a particular student.

9 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain            Motion Carried

- 19) Adjournment  
Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks  
To adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

**Motion-To Adjourn**

9 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain            Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk  
Date: 5/5/26