



The Oath of Office was administered to Carol Woodward on July 15th in the District Office

Members Present: Sylvester Cleary, Amy Drozdziel, Patricia Dugan, Bruce Ellis, Rodney Rogers, Carol Woodward Excused: David Caccamise

Administration: Whitney Vantine, Patrick Moses, Carolyn Robertson

District Clerk: June Prince

Other: Anthony Bernardi, Debbie Cook, Barb Faxlanger, Bob & Denise Howard, Peggy Prince, Kendelle Sutton, Jasmine Willis – Observer

A Public Hearing was held at 6:00 pm regarding revisions to the Code of Conduct with Patrick Moses giving a synopsis of the changes.

Public Hearing Code
of Conduct revisions

No public comments were made.

A Public Hearing was held at 6:06 pm regarding revisions to the School Safety Plan with Carolyn Robertson giving a synopsis of the changes.

Public Hearing
School Safety Plan
revisions

No public comments were made.

1. Call To Order

Sylvester Cleary opened the meeting at 6:08 pm.

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Administration of Oath to Dr. Whitney Vantine

The Oath of Faithful Performance was administered to Dr. Whitney K Vantine, Interim Superintendent.

4. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved

Bruce Ellis made the motion, seconded by Rodney Rogers to approve the agenda.

All voted yes.

5. Public Comment (Please limit comments to five minutes per person)

Bob Howard

6. Supervisory Reports

None

7. Board Reports



A. President

Board Reports

Sylvester Cleary welcomed Dr. Whitney Vantine.

Regarding the exit polls filled out at our budget vote, it was noted by board members that approximately twice as many people are getting information regarding our schools through our district newsletter than other sources; and that we should consider making newsletters available more frequently.

B. Committees

Amy Drozdziel is organizing a committee to meet after the beginning of the school year regarding the Farm 2 School project.

C. Superintendent

Dr. Vantine reported on his activities during his first days in the District.

Kendelle Sutton, our new math teacher in grades 7-12, was introduced and welcomed.

8. Discussion Items

Dedication of Bell Tower in memory of Agnes Howard

9. Old Business

Sylvester Cleary appointed Carol Woodward to serve on the Audit Committee.

10. New Business Consent Agenda

Amy Drozdziel made the motion, seconded by Carol Woodward, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve agenda items 10A-D12.

A. Meeting Minutes

July Regular &
Special Meeting
Minutes Approved

1) Approve the Board of Education Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2014

2) Approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2014.

B. Financial Items

Warrant & Claims
Auditor Report, Extra
Curricular Report
Approved

1) Warrant Summary Report and Claims Auditor Report June 2014.

2) Extra-Curricular Reports June 2014.



3) Budget Transfers 2013-14

Budget Transfers
2013-14/ 2014-15
Approved

Transfer From		Transfer To		Amount	Reason
A2250-490-00-36	BOCES PROGRAM & SVCS FOR SWD	A2250-470-00-40	TUITION	\$65,900	Special education tuition to other districts
A2110-120-00-0	TEACHERS K-3 SALARIES	A2110-140-00-00	SUBSTITUTE TEACHING	\$7,036	Substitute teachers & tutoring
A2110-120-00-0	TEACHERS K-3 SALARIES	A2810-150-00-00	GUIDANCE SALARIES	\$6,721	Guidance office salaries

4) Budget Transfers 2014-15

Transfer From		Transfer To		Amount	Reason
A1680-490-00-36	BOCES CENTRAL DATA PROCESS	A2630-490-00-36	BOCES COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUC	\$29,480	BOCES technology asst budget code correction
A2630-460-77-40	SOFTWARE	A2630-200-04-40	HARDWARE	\$5,165	Hardware purchases

5) Purchases

Purchases & Blanket
Purchase Orders
Approved

Archie Donough Sanding	Refinish HS Gym Floors	\$15,500.00
Bob's Mobile AC Service	Bus Heaters	\$ 6,500.00
Cengage Learning	Textbooks	\$ 2,475.28
EBackPack	Subscription	\$ 2,737.50
Glynn Geotechnical Eng	Capital Project	\$ 6,175.00
McIntosh & McIntosh PC	Survey & Maps	\$ 2,100.00
PC University Distributors	Smartboard Projectors	\$21,120.00
Stohl Environmental	Asbestos Testing	\$ 4,855.00
US Postal Service	Postage	\$ 2,600.00

6) Blanket Purchase Orders for the 2014-15 school year.

Bimbo Foods	Food Products	\$ 5,000.00
Boyle's Motor Sales	Bus Parts	\$ 3,500.00
Corr Distributors	Cleaning Supplies	\$16,000.00
Elevator Maintenance of Bflo	Elevator Service	\$ 3,660.00
The Evans Agency	Insurance	\$87,401.00
Jamestown Soap & Solvent	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 4,300.00
Maplevale Farms Inc.	Food Products	\$25,250.00
New York Bus Sales	Bus Parts	\$ 5,200.00
NOCO Energy Corp	Fuel	\$83,000.00
Perry's Ice Cream	Food Products	\$ 2,500.00
Scott Electric	Electrical Supplies	\$ 2,500.00



Silver Creek Auto Parts	Transportation Parts	\$ 6,000.00
Smith's True Value	Maintenance Parts	\$ 3,000.00
Upstate Niagara	Milk Products	\$22,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Broadband, cell, MIFI	\$ 3,080.00
Will Foods LLC	Food Products	\$12,000.00

- 7) Approve the 2014-15 tax levy for the approximate amount of \$3,677,155.
- 8) Approve the Business Administrator to issue corrected tax bills as needed and act as the substitute tax collector.
- 9) Accept the New York State Comptroller's audit report for the period July 1, 2012- February 6, 2014 and approve the District's corrective action plan.

Approved Tax Levy
and C. Robertson
to Correct Tax Bills
and Act as
Substitute Tax
Collector.

NYS Comptroller's
Audit Report
7/1/2012 – 2/6/2014
& Corrective Action
Plan Accepted

C. Personnel

- 1) Appoint Kendelle Sutton, who is initially certified in Mathematics 7-12 and Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12 Generalist, to a 1.0 FTE probationary position in the Mathematics tenure area effective September 1, 2014. Salary for the 2014-15 school year will be A3 of FTA contractual rate plus 10 blocks of 3 graduate hours and a Masters. The probationary period will be 9/1/2014 – 8/31/2017.
- 2) Anne Borrello, who is on the Preferred Eligibility List, is being returned to a 1.0 FTE probationary position in the Elementary tenure area effective September 1, 2014. Ann Borrello, who has professional certification in Childhood Education Grades 1-6 and Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6, is credited with completing 1 year of her original probationary period. The balance of the probationary period will be September 1, 2014- August 31, 2016. Salary will be A3 of the FTA contractual rate plus 17 blocks of 3 graduate hours and a Masters.
- 3) Approve Donald Einhouse Jr. as an Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2014-15 season at a salary to be determined by the FTA contract.
- 4) Approve Elyssa Adams as a certified substitute teacher:
- 5) Approve Wendy Lord as a substitute aide and substitute cleaner.

K. Sutton approved
as 1.0 FTE Math
Teacher Effective
9/1/2014

A Borrello Recalled
from PEL as 1.0 FTE
Elem Teacher
Effective 9/1/2014

Coach Approved
2014-15

Substitutes
Approved

D. Other

- 1) Approve IEP Recommendations #7025, 6226, 6371, 1307, 9098, 1490, 8775
- 2) Approve the Final Amended AS-7 contract for services purchased from Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES for the 2013-14 year.

IEP
Recommendations

Final Amended AS-7
Contract Approved



- 3) Approve the Superintendent entering into an agreement with the Silver Creek Central School District to share the following fall sports:

Shared Fall Athletic Programs with Silver Creek Approved

Varsity Soccer (Boys), Modified Soccer (Boys), Modified Soccer (Girls), Varsity Soccer (Girls), Varsity Cross Country (Boys and Girls), Modified Cross Country (Boys), Modified Cross Country (Girls), Cheerleading, Varsity Football, JV Football, Modified Football.

- 4) Approve the tuition exemptions for:

Tuition Exemptions
Greenough,
Fiebelkorn, Kwilos,
Dunn, Patton
Approved

Tyler Greenough, son of Scot Greenough
Melissa Fiebelkorn, daughter of Sheila Fiebelkorn
Jesse and Hannah Kwilos, children of Allison Kwilos
Mary and Matthew Dunn, children of Jennifer Dunn
Antonio and Julianna Patton, children of Anna Patton

- 5) Approve handbooks for 2014-15 school year

Athletic, HS Student
Handbook, Elem
Handbook, Elem
Parent Handbook
Approved

Athletic Handbook
HS Student Handbook
Elementary Student Handbook
Elementary Parent Handbook

Code of Conduct
Approved

- 6) Approve revised Code of Conduct

- 7) Approve revised School Safety Plan

School Safety Plan
Approved

- 8) Accept a donation in the amount of \$220 from B. LeBarron for the Character Initiative Project.

Donation Accepted
Character Initiative
Project

- 9) Surplus the following items:

Surplus Vehicles

- 1 - 2002 Chevy/Impala (car #95) 120,754 miles (Gasoline)
- 1 - 1982 John Deere tractor model 301A, front loader, flail mower, 2 wheel drive (Diesel)
- 1 - 2008 Bluebird 65 passenger bus (#106) 54,000 miles - Trade In
- 1 - 2008 Bluebird 65 passenger bus (#107) 61,500 miles - Trade In
- 1 - 2009 Chevy 20 passenger bus (#113) 74,500 miles - Trade In

- 10) Approve the following resolution retroactively to July 1, 2014:

To appoint and indemnify Dr. David O'Rourke, District Superintendent of Schools, Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES, as Search Consultant for the position of Interim Superintendent for the Forestville Central School District at no compensation. The Board further agrees to reimburse the Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES for any incidental costs associated with the search process.

O'Rourke Appointed
as Search
Consultant for
Interim
Superintendent
effective July 1, 2014



11) Approve the following resolution:

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O'Rourke Appointed
as Search
Consultant for
Superintendent.

12) Approve the dedication of the Bell Tower in memory of Agnes B. Howard. It will be formalized during the opening school ceremonies on September 3, 2014.

Dedication of Bell
Tower in Memory of
Agnes Howard
Approved.

All voted yes.

Patricia Dugan made the motion, seconded by Bruce Ellis, upon recommendation of the Superintendent to approve agenda item D13.

13) Approve the following resolution:

End GEA Resolution
Approved

Calling upon the New York State Legislature to end Gap Elimination Adjustments when adopting New York State's 2015-16 Annual Budget.

Whereas: The NY State Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NY State balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then:

Whereas: The GEA since its inception has reduced state aid to our Nineteen School Districts by enormous amounts of money that have affected the cutting of programs in our county.

Whereas: The reduction in aid associated with the GEA has resulted in a cost shift to the local property tax payers in Chautauqua County and

Whereas: This cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures being implemented to balance our Schools budgets, including the reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services, and the reductions of school district reserve funds;

Whereas: Efforts by Chautauqua County Schools Districts to sustain programs and services and contain budgets are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, state mandated increases in pension costs, and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and

Whereas: State Funding is constitutionally mandates and essential to meet all mandates and obligations to maintain the quality of education in the Chautauqua County Schools; and



Whereas: New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving very little additional aid when compared to 2008-09; and

Whereas: Some school districts have even experienced state aid decreases from 2008-09 to 2014-15;

Resolved, That the Forestville Central Schools Board calls upon the New York State Legislature to end Gap Elimination Adjustments when they adopt New York State's 2015-16 Annual Budget.

AYES: Amy Drozdziel, Patricia Dugan, Bruce Ellis, Carol Woodward, Sylvester Cleary

NOES: Rodney Rogers

ABSENT: David Caccamise

Motion was carried.

Carol Woodward made the motion, seconded by Amy Drozdziel, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve agenda item D14.

14) Approve the following resolution:

A Resolution In Support of a Berger Commission Approach to Reforming Allocation of School Aid in New York State

Support Berger Commission Approach to Reforming Allocation of School Aid Resolution Approved

Whereas: all New York State public school students have a state constitutional right, upheld by the Court of Appeals in its 2006 ruling on the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) suit, to a "sound, basic education", and

Whereas: the State of New York has "frozen" implementation of the Foundation Aid formula it agreed to execute to satisfy the Court of Appeals decision rendered in the CFE suit, and

Whereas: a comparative study of our nation's fifty state school funding systems ranks New York State second nationally, with a letter grade of A for Funding Adequacy, but condemns our state's flawed and inequitable approach to allocation of school aid with a letter grade of F, and a bottom-tier national ranking of 42nd in Funding Distribution, and

Whereas: the State of New York has shifted a significantly larger share of the costs of PK-12 education back onto local tax payers over the past decade, thus disproportionately hurting low property wealth school districts, and the students attending those districts, and

Whereas: New York State has enacted Local Property Tax Levy Cap legislation that virtually assures that existing per pupil funding disparities will widen each year, and



Whereas: , the costs of resolving New York's school funding equity problem are, based on past state legislative performance, highly likely to continue to increase in every year that school funding allocation decisions remain in the hands of the state legislature, and

Whereas: New York's highly politicized system for allocating school funds places great pressure upon even the most conscientious state legislator to act in a selfish manner for the benefit of residents of their own legislative district even in violation of the state constitution's guarantee, upheld by the Court of Appeals, that ALL children receive a "sound, basic education" with the consequence being that students of other legislative districts and regions have their educational opportunities curtailed,

Therefore, the Chautauqua County School Boards Association, calls for the immediate establishment of a non-political School Funding Equity Commission that follows the model used by New York State when it established the Berger Commission to resolve the politically sensitive issue of hospital closure and repurposing,

Specifically, our Association endorses the plan recommended in the 2014 Rural Schools Association Legislative Position Paper calling for the following actions to occur:

1. Education funding allocation decisions be de-coupled from the legislature by empowering a team of nationally recognized school finance experts to design a new school finance system that is research based and fair to all New York students and school districts,
2. That this team of nationally recognized school finance experts be charged to operate independently of political influence, and design a system for allocating school funds that is equitable, predictable, sufficient, transparent and readily comprehensible by New York residents,
3. That the recommendation of this School Funding Equity Commission become law at a date certain unless that recommendation were to be specifically turned down by a vote of both houses of the legislature,
4. That the School Funding Equity Commission be charged to develop a plan with a three year phase-in to cushion districts from any dislocation a new funding system might impose, and
5. That after six years (three year phase -in and three years operation) a similar Commission be charged to review the impact of the new funding approach and make recommendations for improvements.

AYES: Amy Drozdziel, Patricia Dugan, Bruce Ellis, Carol Woodward, Sylvester Cleary

NOES: Rodney Rogers



ABSENT: David Caccamise

Motion was carried.

11. Correspondence/Information

Jim & Paula Knoop

12. Adjournment

Patricia Dugan made a motion, seconded by Amy Drozdziel to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm.

All voted yes.

June Prince
District Clerk