

ALEXANDER CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education Meeting

The mission of the Alexander Central School District is to challenge students to be confident, contributing learners within a structured, safe and caring environment

Date: April 23, 2018
Kind: Regular
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: MS/HS Conference Room 112

Members Present: Richard Guarino, Vice-President
Brian Paris
John Slenker
Molly Grimes

Member Absent: Reed Pettys, President

Also Present: Catherine Huber, Superintendent
Tim Batzel Shannon Whitcombe Matthew Stroud Gretchen Rosales
Aaron Forgnone Bob Hollwedel Sharleen Dunbar Lisa Lyons
Kelli Sandow Jerome Morrison Howard Owens Scott Wessel
Casey Scott Mari Egloff Wade Smith
Ann Miller, District Clerk

An Executive Session meeting of the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District was held in the Dr. Huber’s office on Monday, April 23, 2018. Vice-President, Rich Guarino called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Res. No. 130: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Brian Paris at 6:17 PM that the Board move directly into Executive Session to discuss matters related to student discipline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

Res. No. 131: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Brian Paris that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

Catherine Huber, Clerk Pro Tem

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District was held in the MS/HS, Conference Room 112 on Monday, April 23, 2018. Vice-President, Rich Guarino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER

Res. No. 132: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Brian Paris. Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District, approves the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

PRESENTATIONS

Bob Hollwedel and Aaron Forgnone shared their proposals two new courses: Introduction to Agriculture, Specialized Course in Technology for Science credit and an AP Computer Science Principles. The Board was excited about the prospect of reintroducing an ag curriculum for students.

ROUNDTABLE

Board Member reports: John Slenker reviewed The Port Chicago 50 by Steve Sheinkin. He agreed that the book would be an excellent addition for use in Mrs. Wright’s classroom.

Superintendent's Report:

Student Celebrations:

- Several Alexander students submitted digital works to this year's DIGIES awards. The DIGIES is an annual digital media festival run each spring by the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership and is open to students who reside in western New York State. The twelfth annual DIGIES will be held at the Strong National Museum of Play on Wednesday, May 16. The DIGIES recognizes student successes in four categories: audio, graphic arts, interactive media, and video. DIGIES submissions from Alexander are coordinated by our district librarian, Kristie Miller. The following students made submissions this year:
 - Niamo LaDuke - the video she made is part of an independent study with Mr. Forgnone in which she made a guitar
 - Madison Phillips submitted a "9/11 Memory Project" video from the 9/11 elective with Mr. McCracken
 - Each section of Mr. McCracken's Global 1 classes submitted a video on the "Fall of the Roman Empire"
 - Students from Mr. Dolph's class in conjunction with Mrs. Papili submitted book commercial videos:
 - Dork Diaries by Rachel Kelly
 - The Impossible Quest by Lilly Szymkowiack
 - Chester and Gus by Bryanna Snyder
 - Hunger Games by Paige Bryant
 - Tomorrow Girls Behind the Gates by Teagan Harder
 - Hadley Korzelius and Jameson Hargrave from Mrs. McCracken's Class in conjunction with Mrs. Papili submitted a video entitled "African Elephants Main Idea and Details"
 - Mrs. McCracken's class submitted five Chatterpix - digital animations - of students talking about what occupations they would want to be when they grow up:
 - Hadley Korzelius
 - Tucker Wall
 - Aiden Cyprus
 - Jameson Hargrave
 - Deborah Heineman
 - Autumn Wiater, Leo Egloff, and Oliver Fernaays from Mr. Hamm's class submitted a Google Slides presentation, entitled, "Jacques Cartier"
- Ninth grader Mikayla Hickey has been selected as a recipient of the **2018 National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award!** The award recognizes 500 exceptional NJHS students nationwide. Selected students are those who have demonstrated excellence in the five pillars of NJHS: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Mikayla will receive a \$500 award, which will be placed in a college savings account.

Other Updates:

- Our Capital Project Committee is making remarkable progress as we collaborate around the recommendation to the Board of Education regarding our next project. Thank you to the faculty, staff, administrators, parents, and community members for their enthusiasm, engagement, and willingness to devote their time and energy toward crafting a vision of our District's future. A special thank you to student representative Mikayla Hickey.
- Congratulations to Math teacher, Sarah Perry, who was invited to present at the NYS Rural Schools conference in July. Mrs. Perry's presentation "The Relationship Between Flipped Classroom Intervention Program and Improving Instructional Delivery" addresses the need for adapted instructional methods to encourage student engagement in light of evolving expectations for college and career readiness. The presentation is based on Mrs. Perry's research which investigated the flipped classroom model in relation to student engagement. The study found that the model increased student engagement, provided opportunities for more cognitively demanding tasks, improved teacher-student interactions and decreased the number of disengaged students. Congratulations to Sarah!

- Congratulations to our MS/HS Assistant Principal, Gretchen Rosales, who was invited to present at the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) in October 2018. Her presentation, “Changing the Lead: Student Led Conferences” focuses on the power of shifting the lead to the students in parent/teacher conferences. Students are coached and supported by their mentor teacher and learn to manage interactions with adults as well as how to engage in reflective goal setting process. This process has proven especially beneficial to students with disabilities. Congratulations Gretchen!
- Dr. Huber was chosen to participate in the AASA Women’s Leadership Consortium. AASA is the national superintendent’s group and the Women’s Leadership Consortium was started to address issues unique to women aspiring to leadership positions and to explore ways to reduce barriers to these types of positions. Dr. Huber was one of twenty female superintendents and public/private sector business leaders from across the country chosen to participate in the consortium.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community members commented on the Code of Conduct, tutoring, and the role of the Board.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Res. No. 133: Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by Molly Grimes. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the personnel actions as presented.

- a. Appointment of Voting Inspectors/Volunteers
- b. Appointment of Additional Instructional/Service Staff Substitutes for 2017-2018
- c. Appointment of Additional Spring Sports Volunteer Assignments for 2017-2018

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

BUSINESS MATTERS

Res. No. 134: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Molly Grimes. The Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District, by resolution, casts its vote on the proposed administrative budget for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for 2018-2019, in the amount of \$2,725,686.

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

Res. No. 135: Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by John Slenker. Resolved, that the Board of Education casts its vote in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the four (4) nominees: Matthew Crane, David Woodruff, Patrick Burk, Christy Crandall Bean.

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

Res. No. 136: Motion offered by Molly Grimes and seconded by Brian Paris. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Budget Report Card as presented.

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Res. No. 137: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Brian Paris. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Consent Items as presented.

- a. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting 4-11-18
- b. Acceptance of Internal Claims Audit report 4-13-18
- c. Acceptance of March Treasurer’s Report
- d. Acceptance of March Extra Class Multiple Acct. Report & Bank Reconciliation
- e. Acceptance of March Appropriation Status Report
- f. Acceptance of March Revenue Status Report
- g. Acceptance of Warrants: Federal #15 and General Fund #18
- h. Approval of CSE/CPSE Recommendations
- i. Approval of Non-Public Transportation for 2018-2019
- j. Approval to Surplus

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

PERSONNEL
ACTIONS

APPROVAL
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BUDGET

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CONSENT
ITEMS

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Res. No. 138: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Brian Paris at 7:27 P.M. that the Board move directly into Executive Session to discuss matters related to personnel and students.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 4 No - 0 Motion carried

Ann M. Miller, District Clerk

Executive Session began at 7:30 P.M.

Res. No. 139: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Molly Grimes that the meeting be adjourned. Vice-President, Rich Guarino adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Catherine Huber, Clerk Pro Tem