

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: August 8, 2018
Kind: Regular
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: MS/HS Conference Room 112

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

Also Present: Catherine Huber, Superintendent
Tim Batzel Shannon Whitcombe Matthew Stroud Gretchen Rosales
Ryan Keating Shea Schreiber Brian Dills Jane Dills
Lisa Atkinson Caitlin Sengbusch Allison Boldt
Ann Miller, District Clerk

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District was held in the MS/HS, Conference Room 112 on Wednesday, August 8, 2018. President John Slenker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Res. No. 14: Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Brian Paris. Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District, approves the agenda as presented.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried

PRESENTATIONS

The Board celebrated Brian Dills for being honored as the NYS Tech-Mech of the Year. The NYS Tech-Mech of the Year is sponsored by the NYS Education Department and Pupil Transportation Safety Institute in recognition of outstanding performance in the repair and maintenance of vehicles used to transport New York’s children to and from school.

Ryan Keating presented the District’s Professional Development Plan.

Senior Class Adviser Lisa Atkinson presented information on some options for the senior class trip. The Board gave nodding approval to move forward with plans.

ROUNDTABLE

Board Member reports:

Brian Paris mentioned the Alexander students that attended a Muckdogs game were noticeably well behaved.

Sara Fernaays expressed appreciation for the summer recreation program.

Rich Guarino shared that he was pleased ACS continues to offer the summer recreation program.

Molly Grimes shared how much the students enjoyed the summer recreation field trips this year. She asked about modified boys soccer, the school calendar, and the STEAM schedule in the elementary building.

CALL TO
ORDER

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

Superintendent's Report:

Celebrations:

- Congratulations to Tim Batzel, Lori Laney, Barb Krazmien, and Jodi Hollwedel on a very successful audit. The results of the audit speak to the high quality of work this team engages in on a daily basis. Thank you for your outstanding work!
- Thank you to our Buildings & Grounds crew who have been working tirelessly to get the buildings ready for the school year. Your good work is appreciated!
- Thank you to the faculty, staff, and administrators who have participated in our interview processes this summer. Hiring the best people to teach our learners is some of our most important work. The professionalism, thoughtfulness, and care demonstrated throughout these processes is a testament to the commitment of our District to hire the best.
- Congratulations to the Summer Rec staff for another outstanding summer!
- Congratulations to our Transportation Department on their spotless lift inspector. The inspector complimented our team for their attention to maintenance and cleanliness. Another feather in cap of our Transportation Department. Well done!
- Our New Teacher Institute takes place on August 27-29. NTI is part of our overall commitment to new teacher induction and support. Our new teachers participate in our mentor program in addition to meeting monthly with Ryan Keating, our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to ensure that our new teachers are well supported and continue to learn and grow.

Other News:

- Our playground is undergoing a facelift thanks to the PEP grant. We appreciate the patience of the community this summer as the work takes place on the playground. The fitness stations around the path in the Outdoor Classroom will be installed later this summer as well. Thanks to our PEP grant team and our Buildings and Grounds crew for making this work happen.
- There will be a Public Hearing to discuss the Veterans' Tax Exemption on October 3, 2018 at 5:45 P.M.
- The October 17, 2018 board meeting has been cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Res. No. 15: 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 Probationary Instructional Staff
- b. Appointment of Non-Probationary Long Term Substitute, Art Teacher
- c. Appointment of Additional Extra-Curricular Assignments for 2018-2019
- d. Appointment of Additional Summer 2018 Curriculum Work
- e. Appointment of Additional Summer 2018 Work Days
- f. Appointment of Mentors for 2018-2019
- g. Appointment of Chaperones for 2018-2019
- h. Appointment of Instructional Staff Substitutes for 2018-2019
- i. Appointment of Fitness Center Supervisors for 2018-2019
- j. Appointment of Additional Fall Sports Volunteer for 2018
- k. Appointment of Additional Summer 2018 Transportation Employee
- l. Appointment of Additional Summer 2018 Maintenance Employee
- m. Appointment of Service Staff Substitutes for 2018-2019
- n. Appointment of CSE/CPSE Parent Committee Representatives for 2018-2019
- o. Acceptance of Resignation, Special Ed. Teacher
- p. Acceptance of Resignation, School Monitor

Yes – 4

No - 0

Abstained – 1

Motion carried

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BUSINESS MATTERS

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Second Reading of Revised Board Policy #5660 "Meal Charging and Prohibition Against Meal Shaming".

Res. No. 16: Motion offered by Molly Grimes and seconded by Brian Paris. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the business matter as presented.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried

Res. No. 17: Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Molly Grimes. **WHEREAS** the Board of Education authorized the Alexander Central School District to raise for the current budget for the 2018-19 school year a sum not to exceed \$6,155,855. The tax levy will be funded as follows:

2018-2019 TAX WARRANT

TAX LEVY	\$6,154,675
WARRANT	\$6,155,855

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education fixes the equalization rate by town to confirm the extension of taxes as they appear on the attached described tax roll.

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED that the above described tax roll, authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2018 and to end on October 31, 2018, giving the tax warrant an effective period of sixty days, at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting to the Board of Education in writing.

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

- First 30 days – Free period
- Second 30 days – 2% Interest

This warrant is issued under the authority of Article 15 of the Education Law. It is to become effective after it has been signed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education. Also, in accordance with Chapter 73, Laws of 1977, this district has not retained funds in excess of 4% of the budget that could be applied to reduce the tax levy.

Given under our hand this 8th day of August 2018.

Res. No. 18: Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Brian Paris to amend the above Tax Warrant to read:

- First 31 days – Free period

AMEND TAX WARRANT FIRST 31 DAYS - FREE PERIOD

This was amended due to the fact that the 30th day this year is a Sunday.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried

Res. No. 19: Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by Rich Guarino. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School does hereby approve the transfer of the excess fund balance not to exceed \$700,000 from 2017-18, \$200,000 to 2018 Capital Reserve, \$50,000 to Bus Reserve, \$250,000 to the 2018 Capital Equipment Reserve, and \$150,000 to the Employees Retirement Contribution Reserve.

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER EXCESS FUND BALANCE

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Res. No. 20: Motion offered by Sara Fernaays and seconded by Rich Guarino. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Consent Items as presented.

CONSENT
ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes of Reorganization and Regular Meeting 7-11-18
- b. Acceptance of Internal Claims Audit report 6-29-18
- c. Acceptance of June Treasurer’s Report, Extra Class Multiple Acct. Report & Bank Reconciliation, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report
- d. Acceptance of Warrants: Federal #18, General Fund #22, #23, School Lunch Warrant #11
- e. Superintendent to approve change orders up to and including \$20,000
- f. Approval of Amendment to Board Calendar of Meeting Dates
- g. Approval Certifying Teacher and Principal Lead Evaluators for District’s APPR Plan per Section 3012-d
- h. Approval of GCASA MOA
- i. Approval of the Professional Development Plan
- j. Approval of Contract between Alexander Central School and Pavilion Central School
- k. Approval of Contract between Alexander Central School and Pembroke Central School
- l. Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation for 2018-2019
- m. Acceptance of Bid
- n. Acceptance of Bid

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried

Res. No. 21: Motion offered by Sara Fernaays and seconded by Molly Grimes at 7:47 P.M. that the Board move directly into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried

Ann M. Miller, District Clerk

Executive Session began at 7:52 P.M.

Res. No. 22: Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Sara Fernaays that the meeting be adjourned. President, John Slenker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Catherine Huber, Clerk Pro Tem