

The meeting of the Board of Education of Massena Central School was held February 16, 2017 at the High School. Vice President Bronchetti called the meeting, which was held in Room 314, to order at 6:33 PM

PRESENT: Vice President Bronchetti, Trustees Fontaine, Haggett, LeBire, MacKenzie, Perretta, Premo, and Superintendent Patrick H. Brady. Alternate Student Ex Officio Rachel Hurlbut was present.

ABSENT: President Boyce, Trustee Faucher

IN ATTENDANCE: District principals, administrators, members of the community and members of the media

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution offered by Trustee LeBire
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to personnel appointments and negotiations.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Executive Session began at 6:34 p.m.

Loren Fontaine, Clerk Pro-Tem

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CLERK PRO-TEM

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints Trustee Fontaine as Clerk Pro-Tem for the Executive Session.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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OPEN SESSION

Resolution offered by Trustee MacKenzie
Resolution seconded by Trustee Premo

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education returns to open session at 7:17 p.m.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

A BUDGET 2017-18 PRESENTATION WAS GIVEN BY SUPERINTENDENT BRADY AND COMMENTS/QUESTIONS WERE INVITED AFTER THE PRESENTATION.

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MINUTES

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Minutes of the January 19, 2017 Meeting.

Ayes 6* Nays 0 Motion Carried

* Trustee Perretta had briefly stepped out of the room at the time of this action.

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ROBOTICS TRIP - MONTREAL

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Haggett

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Robotics Trip to Montreal, Quebec, Canada from March 22 – March 25, 2017.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION – 485A APPROVAL – VILLAGE OF MASSENA ONLY

Resolution offered by Trustee Premo
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

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MOTION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

Trustee Fontaine asked the Board to “table” or defer consideration of this resolution, and consider the resolution concerning 485-A approval for the **Town of Massena** first.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education consider the resolution for the Town of Massena, 485-A Tax Exemption prior to consideration of the resolution for the Village of Massena.

Ayes 6 Nays 1 (Perretta) Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION – 485A – TOWN OF MASSENA ONLY

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Haggett

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has enacted legislation to authorize municipalities to permit a real property tax exemption for developers and building owners to convert non-residential real property to residential housing units and commercial mixed uses in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a; and

WHEREAS, a school district may also authorize an exemption for this purpose in the same manner and to the same extent as a municipality that lies within the geographic boundaries of the school district has authorized the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Massena (the “Town”), which is located within the geographic boundaries of the School District, authorized an exemption pursuant to Section 485-a by local law on or about _____; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Massena (the “Village”), which is located within the geographic boundaries of the School District, authorized an exemption pursuant to Section 485-a by local law on or about July 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the School District has reviewed the particulars of various non-residential real property that could be converted to residential housing units and commercial mixed uses in both the Town and the Village; and

WHEREAS, the School District has reviewed the existing residential housing unit and commercial mixed use development in both the Town and the Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The School District hereby finds that additional residential housing units and commercial mixed use development in the Town would be a benefit to the School District.
2. The School District hereby finds that the adoption of a real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a, which is applicable to property in the Town, would encourage and foster the development of residential housing units and commercial mixed uses in the Town.
3. The School District hereby adopts an exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a within the Town in the same manner as adopted and authorized by the Town.

- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the assessors of the Town of Massena and the St. Lawrence County Office of Real Property, and shall be applicable to all assessment rolls prepared on or after March 1, 2017.

Ayes 4 Nays 3 Motion **DEFEATED**
 (Perretta, Bronchetti, Premo)

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RESOLUTION – 485A APPROVAL – VILLAGE OF MASSENA ONLY

Resolution offered by Trustee Premo
 Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has enacted legislation to authorize municipalities to permit a real property tax exemption for developers and building owners to convert non-residential real property to residential housing units and commercial mixed uses in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a; and

WHEREAS, a school district may also authorize an exemption for this purpose in the same manner and to the same extent as a municipality that lies within the geographic boundaries of the school district has authorized the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Massena (the "Town"), which is located within the geographic boundaries of the School District, authorized an exemption pursuant to Section 485-a by local law on or about _____; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Massena (the "Village"), which is located within the geographic boundaries of the School District, authorized an exemption pursuant to Section 485-a by local law on or about July 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the School District has reviewed the particulars of various non-residential real property that could be converted to residential housing units and commercial mixed uses in both the Town and the Village; and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the existing residential housing unit and commercial mixed use development in both the Town and the Village; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Village has identified a need to redevelopment of the downtown corridor by encouraging investment, occupancy and renovation through a real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a.
- 2. The School District hereby finds that additional residential housing units and commercial mixed use development in the Village would be a benefit to the School District.
- 3. The School District hereby finds that the adoption of a real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a, which is applicable to property in the Village, would encourage and foster the development of residential housing units and commercial mixed uses in the Village.
- 4. The School District hereby adopts an exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 485-a within the Village in the same manner as adopted and authorized by the Village.
- 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the assessors of the Town of Massena and the St. Lawrence County Office of Real Property, and shall be applicable to all assessment rolls prepared on or after March 1, 2017.

Ayes 6 Nays 1 (Perretta) Motion Carried

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DONATIONS TO THE DISTRICT

Resolution offered by Trustee Haggett
 Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves and gratefully accepts the donations to the District per the attached sheet of donors.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT – MOA WITH MFT

Resolution offered by Trustee Haggett
 Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute an MOA for the granting of .8 Union Release Time to the Massena Federation of Teachers President from March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018 for the purpose of conducting Union business.

Ayes 6 Nays 1 (Perretta) Motion Carried

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ADDITIONAL TEACHER ASSISTANT POSITION

Resolution offered by Trustee LeBire
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the establishment of an additional teacher assistant position due to the "take back" of a BOCES service for a special education student in the District.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Resolution offered by Trustee Fountaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

WHEREAS, the Massena School District is a Participant in the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Medical Plan (the "**Consortium**"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the municipal participants in the Consortium, including this body, have approved and executed a certain Municipal Cooperation Agreement (the "**Agreement**"), which provides for the operation and governance of the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law (the "**Insurance Law**") and the rules and regulations of the New York State Superintendent of Insurance set forth certain requirements for governance of municipal cooperatives which offer self-insured municipal cooperative health insurance plans; and

WHEREAS, Section 4705 of the Insurance Law outlines required language to be included in the Agreement of a self-insured municipal cooperative issued a Certificate of Authority pursuant to Article 47 of the Insurance Law; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Financial Service recently completed an audit of the Consortium to include the language contained in the Agreement citing several required amendments; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on October 18, 2016, the Consortium's Board approved an amendment to modify the Agreement as directed by the New York State Department of Financial Services, all as more fully set forth in the 2016 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "**2016 Amendment**"); and

WHEREAS, Section Q of the Agreement requires that any change or amendment to the Agreement shall require the unanimous approval of the Participants, as authorized by their respective boards of education; and

WHEREAS, the Massena School District has determined that it is in the best interest of its constituents who are served by the Consortium to amend the Agreement as set forth in the attached 2016 Amendment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Massena Central School District approves the following:

Section 1. The 2016 Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Medical Plan attached to this Resolution is approved.

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Section 2. The Massena Central School District Clerk is hereby authorized to execute this Resolution to indicate its approval, deliver a copy thereof to the Board of the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School District Employees Medical Plan, and take any other such actions as may be required by law.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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TAX CORRECTIONS

Resolution offered by Trustee Haggett
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Tax Corrections per the attached memorandum from BOCES Business Manager, N. Brouillette.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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BUDGET STATUS REPORT

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Budget Status Report as presented by the BOCES Business Manager, N. Brouillette.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer Report as presented by the BOCES Business Manager, N. Brouillette.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2016

Resolution offered by Trustee Haggett
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for December 2016 as presented by District Treasurer E. LaGarry.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2017

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Premo

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for January 2017 as presented by District Treasurer E. LaGarry.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT GENERAL – JANUARY 2017

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Premo

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Audit Report (General) for December 2016 as prepared by M. Schneider, Internal Claims Auditor.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT BOCES – JANUARY 2017

Resolution offered by Trustee Premo
Resolution seconded by Trustee Haggett

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Audit Report (BOCES) for December 2016 as prepared by T. Supernault, BOCES Internal Claims Auditor.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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REVIEW POLICY 7550

Resolution offered by Trustee MacKenzie
Resolution seconded by Trustee Haggett

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the review of Policy 7550 – Dignity for All Students Act.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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FIRST READING OF POLICIES

Resolution offered by Trustee Fountaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Premo

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 7360 – Weapons and Guns Free Schools
- Policy 7370 – Student Use of Computerized Resources
- Policy 8214 – Animals on School Property

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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SECOND READING/ADOPTION OF POLICIES

Resolution offered by Trustee MacKenzie
Resolution seconded by Trustee Haggett

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- Policy 5681 – School Safety Plans
- Policy 5683 – Fire and Emergency Drills
- Policy 7250 – Graduate Outcomes
- Policy 7311 – Loss or Destruction of Property
- Policy 7312 - Dress Code
- Policy 7313 – Suspension
- Policy 7314 – Detention
- Policy 7316 – Student Use of Electronic Devices
- Policy 7320 – Alcohol, Drugs
- Policy 7322 – Use of Breathalyzers
- Policy 7330 – Searches and Interrogations
- Policy 7350 – Corporal Punishment

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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RESCIND POLICY 7335

Resolution offered by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves rescinding Policy 7335 – Questioning of Students.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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CSE-CPSE REPORT

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the CSE-CPSE report for the following meetings: CPSE Meetings: 1/23 and 2/6/17; CSE Meetings 11/29/16, 12/19/16, 1/13, 1/17, 1/18, 1/19, 1/20, 1/23, 1/25, 1/26, 1/30, 2/1 and 2/6/17; Section 504 Meetings 1/9, 1/13, 1/17, 1/31, and 2/7/17.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL

Per the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, Patrick H. Brady, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel action items:

Items 1-25

Resolution offered by Trustee LeBire
Resolution seconded by Trustee Fontaine

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Items 26-37:

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Premo

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Item 38:

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Premo

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Items 39 – 41:

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee Premo

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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ADJOURNMENT

Resolution offered by Trustee Fontaine
Resolution seconded by Trustee MacKenzie

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourns at 8:34 PM.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Candace M. Prairie
District Clerk