

**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: September 5, 2018  
Kind: Regular  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Place: District Auditorium

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      Kathy Busch      Shea Schreiber      Lester Roberts  
Becky Cokelet      Brian Cieslinski      Fran Schwartz-Wallace      Paul Hess  
Allison Sealy      Lisa Atkinson      Brian Farnsworth  
Ann Miller, District Clerk

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District was held in the District Auditorium on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. President John Slenker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO  
ORDER

**Res. No. 23:** Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by Molly Grimes. Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District, approves the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

Yes – 5      No - 0      Motion carried

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Goals and 2018-19 Preview:*

Dr. Huber reviewed the District Goals (2017-2021) and progress made toward those goals. Mr. Stroud and Mrs. Whitcombe previewed the year in the elementary and MS/HS and the work being done in alignment with District goals.

*Capital Project:*

Brian Cieslinski (SEI) reviewed the proposal for a \$12 million capital project that includes a transportation facility, renovation of elementary classrooms, a connecting sideway, and lights on the football field. The project will have zero tax impact. The Board gave nodding approval to move forward on this project with a proposed district vote date of December 19, 2018.

**ROUNDTABLE**

*Board Member reports:*

Sara Fernaays mentioned that her children had a great first day back at school. Everything seemed to run smoothly. Her 5th grader really enjoyed his STEAM class.

Rich Guarino noted a great first day of school for our students. He appreciates all the hard work done by our bus drivers.

Molly Grimes asked if there had been any further discussion for progress notes to be sent out to elementary parents any sooner in the elementary. She suggested having a designated elementary schoolwide school supplies drop off day for all grade levels in the elementary.

Brian Paris is looking forward to the first football game this Friday.

John Slenker noted that planning for transportation will always be a challenge and he thanked Shea Schreiber for a job well done dealing with those challenges.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Student and Staff Celebrations:

- Welcome back to our staff and students!
- Thank you to our Buildings and Grounds crew for their remarkable work over the summer getting school ready for the first day of school.
- Thank you to Student Council for planning the first annual Back to School Carnival that took place today on the front lawn of the school. What a fantastic way to start the new year!

Other News:

- In our continuing efforts to make our school as safe as possible, we notified our families in a letter this summer about the need for photo ID at the door as well as restricting left turns out of the parking lot from 7:00-9:00 AM and from 2:00-4:00. Our parking lot drop off patterns that we implemented last year continue this year as well. Thank you to our community for their cooperation as we work together to create the safest conditions possible for our students.
- At the request of the Field of Dreams, a gate has been installed at the access road to the fields. The gate will be open daily from 2:00-9:00 Monday - Friday to accommodate practices and games at the Field of Dreams. Please note that a four foot path remains next to the gate to provide pedestrian access. We are grateful for our continued partnership with the Field of Dreams.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**Res. No. 24:** Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Sara Fernaays. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the personnel actions as presented.

- a. Appointment of Probationary Instructional Staff
 

<i>Allison Sealy</i>	<i>School Psychologist</i>
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- b. Appointment of Non-Probationary Long Term Substitute
 

<i>Jessica Spiesz</i>	<i>Elementary Teacher</i>
<i>Kim Pesany-Au</i>	<i>Art Teacher</i>
- c. Appointment of Additional Mentor for 2018-2019
 

<i>LeAnn Brewster</i>	<i>Allison Sealy, Mentee</i>
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- d. Approval of Additional Summer 2018 Work Days
 

<i>Kathy Beck</i>	<i>1 work day</i>
<i>Kim Keicher</i>	<i>1 work day</i>
- e. Appointment of Additional Instructional Staff Substitute for 2018-2019
 

<i>Mary Winiecki</i>	<i>Teacher/Teacher Assistant</i>
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- f. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer
 

<i>Martin Kehoe, Esq.</i>	
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- g. Appointment of Part-time Non-Probationary Staff
 

<i>Michael Atkinson</i>	<i>Student Helper</i>
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- h. Appointment of Additional Service Staff Substitutes for 2018-2019
 

<i>Stephen George</i>	<i>Teacher Aide</i>
<i>Dee Green</i>	<i>Monitor</i>
<i>Mary Winiecki</i>	<i>Teacher Aide</i>
- i. Acceptance of Instructional Resignation/Discontinuances
 

<i>Caitlin Sengbusch</i>	<i>LTS Art Teacher (Resignation)</i>
<i>Katherine Michalak</i>	<i>Substitute Teacher/Teacher Assistant (Discontinuances)</i>
<i>Nancy Wuest</i>	<i>Substitute Teacher/Teacher Assistant (Discontinuances)</i>
- j. Acceptance of Non-Instructional Resignations/Discontinuances
 

<i>Larry Cassatt</i>	<i>Building Maintenance Mechanic (Resignation)</i>
<i>Dee Green</i>	<i>School Monitor (Resignation)</i>
<i>Katherine Michalak</i>	<i>Substitute Teacher Aide (Discontinuances)</i>
<i>Nancy Wuest</i>	<i>Substitute Teacher Aide/Monitor (Discontinuances)</i>

Yes – 5                      No - 0                      Motion carried

PERSONNEL  
ACTIONS

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Res. No. 25:** Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by Molly Grimes. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Consent Items as presented.

- a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting 8-8-18
- b. Acceptance of Internal Claims Audit reports 7-31-18 and 8-14-18
- c. Acceptance of Warrants: General Fund #1, 2
- d. Approval of CPSE Recommendations
- e. Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation for 2018-2019
- f. Approval to accept Tonawanda Valley Federal Credit Union as a depository bank
- g. Approval to accept Corrective Action Plan for Extra Classroom Audit
- h. Approval of Alexander Central School District 3-year Technology Plan 2018-2021
- i. Acceptance of Impartial Hearing Officers Compensation Rates for 2018-2019

Yes – 5            No - 0            Motion carried

**Res. No. 26:** Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Brian Paris that the meeting be adjourned. President, John Slenker adjourned the meeting at 8:33 P.M.

CONSENT  
ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Ann M. Miller, District Clerk