

ALEXANDER CENTRAL SCHOOL

Board of Education Meeting

Date: August 30, 2017
Kind: Regular
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Secondary School Library

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

Also Present: Catherine Huber, Superintendent
Tim Batzel Shannon Whitcombe Matthew Stroud Kathy Busch
Kelly Ruhlman Courtney Diemert Rosemary Howard Mari Egloff
Ann Miller, District Clerk

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Alexander Central School District was held in the Secondary School Library on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. President Reed Pettys called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER

Presentations:

Dr. Huber, Mrs. Whitcombe, and Mr. Stroud presented on the District goals, a review of the 2016-17 school year, and the priorities for the District in 2017-18.

The District goals (2017-2021) are aligned with the District mission statement. The mission statement offers a focus on teaching and learning and the learning environment. Our goals will fall into these two categories.

Teaching and Learning:

- All students will read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- All students will demonstrate increased levels of proficiency and mastery on standardized measures.
- All administrators/faculty/staff will engage in collaborative processes to move the work of the District forward.
- All administrators/faculty/staff will focus on creating the conditions for student engagement.

Learning Environment:

- Our technology infrastructure will continue to evolve in order to support teaching, learning, and collaboration.
- Policy review work will ensure fair and consistent organizational practices.
- Fiscally responsible budgets will be developed to support the work of our District.
- Our next capital project will be planned and initiated.

Res. No. 35: Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by John Slenker. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Consent Items as presented.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting 8-9-17
- b. Acceptance of Internal Claims Audit 8-14-17
- c. Acceptance of Warrants: Capital #1, and General Fund #1, #2
- d. Approval of CSE/CPSE Recommendation
- e. Superintendent to approve change orders up to and including \$20,000
- f. Appointment of Additional Fall Sports Volunteer for 2017-2018
- g. Approval of Additional Summer 2017 Work
- h. Appointment of Mentors for 2017-2018
- i. Approval of Extra Curricular and Department Chair Assignments for 2017-2018
- j. Approval of Professional Development Plan
- k. Approval of Service Staff Substitutes for 2017-2018

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Res. No. 36: Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Molly Grimes. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the bid for a 2017 Dodge Caravan as presented.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT BID,
2017 DODGE
CARAVAN

Res. No. 37: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Rich Guarino. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the bid for the Auditorium Projection Upgrade as presented.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT BID,
AUDITORIUM
PROJECTION

Res. No. 38: Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by Molly Grimes. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the bid for Campus Signage as presented.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT BID,
CAMPUS
SIGNAGE

Personnel Action:

Res. No. 39: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Molly Grimes. Resolved, that the Alexander Central School District Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jeffrey Walker, part-time bus driver, effective July 1, 2017, for personal reasons.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGN
J. WALKER, PT
BUS DRIVER

Res. No. 40: Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by John Slenker. Resolved, that the Alexander Central School District Board of Education accepts the resignation of Amy Wright, teacher aide, effective August 31, 2017, to accept another position.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGN
A. WRIGHT,
TEACHER AIDE

Res. No. 41: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Rich Guarino. Resolved, that the Alexander Central School District Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kelly Ruhlman, cleaner, effective August 31, 2017, to accept another position.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGN
K. RUHLMAN,
CLEANER

Res. No. 42: Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Brian Paris. Resolved, that the Board of Education, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints Courtney Diemert, who has Provisional Certification, to the position of School Social Worker, for a probationary period of four years, to commence on September 1, 2017, and to expire on August 31, 2021, and who holds a valid New York State Certification in this area, and has New York State Education Department approval of fingerprinting. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that she be paid on Step 1 of the Agreement with the Alexander United Teachers.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT SCH
SOCIAL
WORKER,
COURTNEY
DIEMERT

Res. No. 43: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Rich Guarino. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Amy Wright to a six month probationary position of Teacher Assistant, with a probationary period to commence on September 1, 2017, and ending on February 28, 2018, and who has New York State Education Department approval of fingerprinting, and be it further resolved that she be paid at the rate of \$17,500 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT
TEACHER
ASSIST, AMY
WRIGHT

Res. No. 44: Motion offered by Brian Paris and seconded by John Slenker. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Kelly Ruhlman to a four year probationary position of Teacher Assistant, pending successful completion of teacher assistant certification requirements, with a probationary period to commence on September 1, 2017, and ending on August 31, 2021, and who has New York State Education Department approval of fingerprinting, and be it further resolved that she be paid at the rate of \$17,500 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

APPOINT
TEACHER
ASSIST, KELLY
RUHLMAN

Res. No. 45: Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded by Molly Grimes. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Sandra Dolph to the six month Civil Service probationary position of Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017 and ending on February 28, 2018, who has New York State Education Department approval of fingerprinting, and be it further resolved that she be paid at the rate of \$11.15 per hour, as specified in the Alexander Service Employees Contract.

APPOINT
TEACHER AIDE,
SANDRA DOLPH

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

Res. No. 46: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Brian Paris. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint Bethany Hoover to the six month Civil Service probationary position of Teacher Aide, effective September 1, 2017 and ending on February 28, 2018, and upon New York State Education Department approval of fingerprinting, and be it further resolved that she be paid at the rate of \$11.15 per hour, as specified in the Alexander Service Employees Contract.

APPOINT
TEACHER AIDE,
BETHANY
HOOVER

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

Audience Participation:

Mary Egloff thanked the Board for providing the summer recreation program. The biggest complaint she heard was the community wanting older students to participate. Mari reminded the Board of her concern for the safety of students walking through the high school parking lot to the elementary school. She also noted her concern for late notification for school supplies needed for her children. Dr. Huber noted the District is taking active steps to remedy both of her concerns.

BOARD MEMBER’S REPORTS

- Rich Guarino reminded board members to be thinking about who would like to go to the NYSBA conference in October.
- Traveling to Europe this summer with Alexander staff and students, John Slenker noted being impressed with this well planned program.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Student Celebrations:

- Last spring Alexander students traveled to Pioneer Central School to perform in a NYSSMA sanctioned spring solo festival, the purpose of this festival was to audition from Area All State band, chorus, and orchestra. Recently the selection committees met and here are the results:
 - Conference All State mixed choir: Nicholas Allen
 - Sr. High Area All State Choir: Cayna Bliss, Kathleen Nola, Eric Stroud
 - Sr. High Area All State Band: Carson Daley, Nicholas Allen
 - Jr. High Area All State Choir: Shawn Calmes, Natalie Whitmore, Aivery Alberts, Nolan Quackenbush
 - Jr. High Area All State Band: Kyle Delelys, Nicole Hume, Lydia Daley

Thank you:

- We welcomed our new MS/HS students and Grade 6 students at orientation on August 24th. Thank you to Mrs. Whitcombe, Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Cangialosi, Ms. Hill, and all of the Grade 6 teachers who coordinated and participated in the orientation session. Thank you to the PTA for providing pizza for both orientation sessions.
- Thank you to the community members - including Mrs. Grimes and Mr. Slenker - who joined us for the Outdoor Classroom clean up on August 26th. The Outdoor Classroom is an Alexander treasure. We appreciate the support with upkeep!
- Shea Schreiber and the transportation team met on Monday for their annual refresher. The group was enthusiastic, engaged, and ready to roll next week!
- Our New Teacher Orientation kicks off tomorrow with an action packed schedule. Thank you to Ryan Keating and the Leadership Team for their planning and participation in this critical piece of teacher induction.
- Thanks to Matthew Perry who is ready to launch our new website at noon on Friday!

Updates:

- Alexander is participating in the STEM to STAMP initiative with other GVEP districts. STEM to STAMP is a collaborative, non-binding partnership to build on K-12 initiatives and programs highlighting STEM related career paths. This partnership is being formed to enhance the Science and Technology Manufacturing Park (STAMP) in Genesee County which a regional economic development and growth focus as part of the region's 2015 Upstate Revitalization Initiative.
- We have joined the Genesee Area School Boards Association for 2017-18.
- Last spring, we provided gmail addresses to all of our faculty and staff. With that infrastructure in place, we are now able to deliver pay stubs electronically. We are shifting to electronic pay stubs for the 2017-18 school year.
- Our parking lot got some long needed attention and repaving this week. The parking lot will be striped on Sunday or Monday so the lots will be ready for the opening of school.
- You approved our Professional Development Plan on tonight's agenda. NYSED requires Board approval of the PDP by September 1st of each year. We plan to turn that plan over to our Curriculum Council for a major revision of the plan during the upcoming year. We will present that update when the work is complete.

Important Dates:

- Please join us on Thursday, August 31st at 8:00 for New Teacher Orientation introductions.
- Please join us on Friday, September 1st at 11:30 in the Outdoor Classroom for our 12 month employee and New Teacher Orientation picnic.
- The Senior Dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 20th
- Graduation is on June 23rd at 2:00.

Res. No. 47: Motion offered by John Slenker and seconded by Rich Guarino at 7:55 P.M. that the Board move directly into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel issues.

Yes – 5 No - 0 Motion carried.

Ann M. Miller, District Clerk

Executive Session began at 8:00 P.M.

Res. No. 48: Motion offered by Rich Guarino and seconded John Slenker by that the meeting be adjourned. President, Reed Pettys adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Catherine Huber, Clerk Pro Tem

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

ADJOURNMENT