

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The regular meeting was held on January 20, 2022 in the cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Building.

Members Present:

Robert Tabor, President
Kevin Lennebacker, Vice President
April Aramini
Amy Garretson
Greg Lowry

Members Absent:

Others Present

TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent of Schools
Rachel Wright, Elementary Principal/Curriculum Coordinator
Kevin Keane, Secondary Principal/Director of Technology
Bonnie Georgi, Director of Special Education
Denise Wist, School Business Official

Laura Carson, District Clerk

5 Visitors

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tabor.

President Tabor led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Lusk spoke about the holiday spirit days that were held, the work with the positivity project and she shared concerns with the lunch room floors/carpets. Mrs. Wright shared there is a posting to cover the leave of absence, PAX training (student self-management) is being held with faculty and two parents, Mrs. Urban is working with two literacy programs and classroom observations are going well. Mrs. Georgi spoke about the special education teachers attending conferences in person, data is up and running, only half of the digital equity survey have been returned which is unfortunate because there would be grant monies for the community and annual reviews will begin in a couple of months. Mrs. Wist spoke about the department budget meetings being held, the executive budget is in the Board shared drive, as of now the Governor is increasing foundation aid by 3%, looking to add the purchase two buses to the budget vote, CASEBP Health Ins. is looking at a 3-4% increase, working on the tax cap, the overall fiscal rating is good except for teacher turnover, and working with BOCES on the ELC (pandemic) Grant. Mr. Keane spoke about the positivity project going well, the pause/remote learning happened at a good time, the secondary students had perfect attendance during the pause, thank you to Mrs. Rockwell for her hard work, next week is the last week of the quarter, no Regents are being given, finals for the classes that are ending will be given in class and incompletes are expected.

Additions to the Agenda – None

Correspondence Received – President Tabor spoke about three communications that were received regarding sports, a student and the Cherry Valley and Springfield Libraries submitting petitions at the Feb. 17th Board meeting for the May budget vote.

Superintendent Snyder spoke about the transportation survey and working with the town supervisors, the information is in the shared team drive. The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion meeting was moved from Jan. 19th to March instead. The meeting needs to be a sit down meeting not virtual. Items that have been ordered through the CRRSA Grant are currently on backorder. The ARP Grant had a wrong box checked so that has been resubmitted. The floors that Miss Lusk shared the concern regarding should be worked on during February and April Breaks. The fiscal report had zero points but the teacher turnover was a concern. The faculty & staff spotlight is being shared on the school website, a form was given to all employees to complete. Ms. Snyder is looking to have a senior student spotlight starting in February. There is a School Based Health Center survey (nine questions) that is being sent out tomorrow. The space has been reviewed and all of the work should be completed in-house except for the sewer line. The funding for the center is looking really good. Otsego County reached out regarding a grant for having a mental health satellite in the school. The hope is to have a therapy dog in the school on Friday's from 9:30-11:30. It is planned that there will be a drama production on April 1 & 2. There is a meeting with Sharon Springs CSD coming up regarding spring sports. Looking at having uniforms instead of just t-shirts. There is still the need for some coaches. Superintendent Snyder also shared some information regarding the building condition survey that started out at 13.5 million. She and Mrs. Wist have it down to 5.5 but she needs an idea from the Board of what dollar figure to get it down to. Ms. Snyder also spoke about the budget and only expanding where we can. The retirement letters are due Feb. 1st and it is expected there will be four or six people turning in their letters. Discussion was held regarding the building condition survey: aid back is 82.5%, the back parking lot is in bad shape, the track repair vs replace with it's end of life being 2025, windows replaced, concern with bids coming back high as of right now things seem to be 10-12% higher than they were in the past and the bus wash is still in need of repair. Superintendent Snyder stated the need to prioritize.

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Board of Education Committee Reports - None

President Tabor recognized the visitors and read a brief statement regarding the process with the public speaking during the Board meeting. A visitor shared her concerns with the handling of a dress code concern and spring sports teams being CVS-SS or CVS.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Garretson to enter into Executive Session to review the collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by G. Lowry to come out of Executive Session at 8:02 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Garretson, seconded by A. Aramini.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Consider motion to approve consent agenda items to include RESOLUTIONS 1-1-2022 through RESOLUTION #8-1-2022.

RESOLUTION 1-1-2022
APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 16, 2021

RESOLUTION 2-1-2022
ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORTS – December 2021

RESOLUTION 3-1-2022
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby adjust the 2021-2022 school calendar. The January 31, 2022 Conference Day will now be held on January 14, 2022. January 31, 2022 will now be a day of instruction.

RESOLUTION 4-1-2022
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby approve the equipment inventory removal list 12292021 as per Attachment III D.

RESOLUTION 5-1-2022
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, does hereby approve the removal of several textbooks, workbooks, and other curricular materials that are water damaged and/or not being used by elementary teachers.

RESOLUTION 6-1-2022
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District does hereby ratify the Agreement with the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School Teachers' Association for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

RESOLUTION 7-1-2022
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the leave of absence for Jessica Licenziato, starting on or about February 28, 2022 and returning in June 2022.

RESOLUTION 8-1-2022
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby accept the resignation of Travis Morton, Bus Driver/Cleaner, effective January 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION 9-1-2022
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Travis Morton to a position as a Bus Driver for a probationary period effective January 31, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

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RESOLUTION 10-1-2022

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Dakota Jicha to a position as a Teacher's Aide for a probationary period effective January 21, 2022 through September 20, 2022.

RESOLUTION 11-1-2022

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint the following After School Program assignments for the 2021-2022 school year:
After School Program Activity Leaders - Brittany Hoag and Jennifer LeJeune

RESOLUTION 12-1-2022

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the following as a volunteer for the 2021-2022 school year: Melissa Gridley
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by G. Lowry to enter into Executive Session to review employment history of particular individual(s) or corporation(s), and to review the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:06 PM.

Motion made by G. Lowry, seconded by K. Lennebacker to come out of Executive Session at 8:44 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Lennebacker, seconded by A. Aramini to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Carson, District Clerk