

## Board of Education Minutes

Date of Meeting: February 1, 2017  
Type of Meeting: **REGULAR MEETING**  
Location: Troy Middle School

### I. Call to Order

At 6:00 pm Mr. Schofield, Board President, called the meeting to order.

#### A. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mrs. Carol Harvin  
Ms. Mary Marro-Giroux  
Mr. Tom Mayo  
Mrs. Elizabeth (Denio) Poletto  
Mr. Jason Schofield  
Mr. Michael Tuttmann  
Mr. Bill Strang

Members Absent: Mrs. Ann Apicella  
Mrs. Anne Wager-Rounds

Also Present: Mr. John Carmello, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Donna Watson, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Adam Hotaling, Asst. Superintendent for Business  
Mrs. Kristen Miaski, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. Kathy Ahearn, School Attorney

#### B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00 pm Mr. Schofield made a motion for Executive Session for pending litigation. Invited in were Mr. Carmello, Dr. Watson, Mr. Hotaling, Mrs. Miaski and Ms. Ahearn.

## C. PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:30 pm Mr. Schofield called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Schofield read the following announcements: (1) Troy High School was selected by the New York State Office of for the Prevention of Domestic Violence to help kick off February as Teen Dating Violence and Awareness and Prevention Month. Troy was selected due to the WAVE club that helps end all types of violence, both physical and verbal; and (2) Congratulations to Troy High School junior John McCorkle for winning the school-wide Shakespeare Contest for his monologue from The Tempest. He will go on to compete in the regional competition on March 12 in Albany.

## D. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS NON-ACTION ITEMS

There was no public comment.

## II. Non-Action Items

### A. State Budget Overview - Assemblyman J. McDonald

Presentation was moved to end of the agenda.

### B. Infrastructure Upgrade Capital Project Report - K. Lorcher

Mr. Kersten Lorcher of Mosaic Associates gave a status report on the Capital Project. Work is currently underway at School 14 and Troy High. Zak House parking lot has been paved and in use. The final coat of paving will be finished in the spring.

Phase 1: SED review is in progress; comments have been received. Architectural approval has been received; awaiting MEP approval. Phase 1 includes replacing roofs for Schools 2, 12, 16 CHS and THS; windows for School 2 and School 18; playgrounds for School 14, 16; 18 and CHS. Construction will be begin Summer 2017 and second shift for 2017-18 school year.

Phase 2: SED Level 2 Review. Scope of project includes HVAC systems for Schools 2, 18, CHS and THS. Stage upgrades for Schools 2, 12, 14, 16, 18 and CHS. Construction begins 2018 and second shift for 2018-19 school year.

Substantial completion of Phase 2 in August 2019. Mr. Tuttmann asked about boilers; we are replacing THS boiler. Mr. Lorcher explained that boilers will stay in place for one year, it is too complex to complete during the summer so work will be done on the infrastructure first.

### C. Treasurer's Report - S. Conyers

December 2016. Mrs. Sarah Conyers, District Treasurer, reported on December 2016 financials. Budget transfers were mainly salary related. The auditor reviewed 458 claims totaling \$6.3 million. We are projecting a surplus of \$192,051 in the General Fund (this is .2 percent of the budget). She stated that the balance of the school lunch fund will be spent to purchase updated items needed such as ovens, delivery van and walk-in freezer. There are 2 grants under review. All accounts have been reconciled.

Discussion: Mr. Tuttmann asked about line items for long-term substitutes. These are transfers from daily sub code to long-term code for maternity leaves.

### III. Action Items

#### A. Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve the minutes.**

**Second: Mr. Mayo**

**Carried: 7-0**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, hereby approves the following minutes:

1. [Board Meeting - January 4, 2017](#)
2. [Board Meeting - January 18, 2017](#)

#### B. Superintendent's Recommendations - Human Resources

##### Staff Matters - Unclassified

(reviewed by D. Watson)

**Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve Items 1-12 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Second: Mr. Mayo**

**Carried: 7-0**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, NY, hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following unclassified personnel actions:

1. Unclassified Employee - Retirement

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>% SERVICE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Diane Briggs	Media/Communications	100%	THS	6/30/2017
Nancy LaMarca	Speech/Language	100%	PS-2	6/30/2017

2. Unclassified Employee - Resignation

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>% SERVICE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Melvin Rivers	Student Support Specialist	100%	PS-2	2/1/2017

3. Unclassified Employee - Probationary Appointment

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>% SERVICE</u>	<u>ASSIGN</u>	<u>PROB APP1</u>	<u>PROB APPT</u>	<u>CERT</u>	<u>SALARY RATE</u>
			<u>START DAT</u>	<u>END DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>		
Amanda	Teaching	100%	PS-16	2/2/2017	2/1/2021	TA Level I	\$24,998
Anadio	Assistant						prorated
<b>(Resigned - E. Lennon)</b>							Step 1

Alexandria School	100% CHS	2/2/2017	2/1/2021	School	\$45,955
Phillips Counselor				Counselor,	pro-rated
<b>(L. DiTroia - Transferred to PS-18)</b>				Provisional	(S-1, C-I)

\*In order to be eligible for tenure, an individual receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom teacher or building principal must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of H or E in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the individual receives a rating of I in the final year of the probationary period, he or she will not be eligible for tenure at that time.

4. Unclassified Employee - Temporary Appointment

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>% SERVICE ASSIGN</u>		<u>EFFECTIVE CERT. STATUS</u>	<u>SALARY RATE</u>
Courtney DeMarsh	Building Substitute	100% CHS		2/13/2017 - Child Ed 1-6, 6/30/2017 Initial; Early Child Ed B-2, Initial	\$100/day
Tricia Koberger	SPED Teacher	100% TMS		2/01/2017- Elementary, 3/31/2017 Permanent	\$46,965 pro-rated
<b>(LOA - P. Martone)</b>				Reading, Permanent SPED, Permanent	(S-2, C-I)
Kelsey Korzelius	Elementary Grade 4	100% CHS		2/13/2017 - Child Ed 1-6, 6/30/2017 Initial	\$42,625 pro-rated
<b>(LOA - M. O'Brien)</b>					(S-1, C-A)
Julie McPhail	Building Substitute	100% PS-18		2/2/2017 - Child Ed 1-6, 6/30/2017 Initial	\$100/day
Melvin Rivers	Asst. Director 21st Century Program	100% TMS		2/2/2017 - TA Level I 6/30/2017	\$46,776 pro-rated
<b>(A. Hooker promoted to Director)</b>					

5. Unclassified Employee - Tenure Appointment

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>% SERVICE ASSIGN</u>		<u>TENURE DATE</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>
Tina Dzialo	Special Education	100% CHS		2/3/2017	SPED, Permanent N,K, 1-6, Permanent

6. Unclassified Employee - 2016-2017 Adult-Continuing Education - Spring 2017

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBJECT AREA</u>	<u>HOURS</u>		<u>SALARY RATE</u>
Benjamin Bucinell	Biology	3 hrs/day, 2 days/wk	20 sessions	\$30.00/hour
Brianna Driscoll	Algebra	3 hrs/day, 2 days/wk	20 sessions	\$30.00/hour
Gaynor Hartigan	GED Preparation	3 hrs/day, 2 days/wk	20 sessions	\$30.00/hour
Brian Poland	Chemistry	3 hrs/day, 2 days/wk	20 sessions	\$30.00/hour
David Price	Driver Ed.	3 hrs/day, 2 days/wk	20 sessions	\$30.00/hour + Fees
Benjamin VonEitzen	Chemistry	3 hrs/day, 2 days/wk	20 sessions	\$30.00/hour

7. Unclassified Employee 2016-2017 Student Interns January 2017 - April 2017 (Unpaid)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>AREA OF STUDY</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>ASSIGN</u>
Ashley Bell-Bryington	Russell Sage	Occ. Therapy	Jessica Maloney	District
Amanda Edick	Russell Sage	Occ. Therapy	Jessica Maloney	District
Mary Fletcher	Russell Sage	Occ. Therapy	Jessica Maloney	District
Arianna Mielke	Russell Sage	Occ. Therapy	Jessica Maloney	District
Kate Maresca	Russell Sage	Occ. Therapy	Holly Lockrow	District

Paul Sgoutas	Russell Sage	Occ. Therapy	Holly Lockrow	District
Janelle Stannard	Russell Sage	Occ. Therapy	Holly Lockrow	District
Megan Wenk	Russell Sage	Occ. Therapy	Holly Lockrow	District

8. Unclassified Employees 2016-2017 Parent Engagement Activities - CHS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>SALARY RATE</u>
Theresa Bellerose	Elementary	\$32.00/hour, up to 15 hours
Kyle DePaolo	Elementary	\$32.00/hour, up to 15 hours
Tina Dzialo	Elementary	\$32.00/hour, up to 15 hours
Elizabeth Renfrew	Teaching Assistant [Temporary Teacher]	\$32.00/hour, up to 15 hours
Katelyn Waters	Teaching Assistant	\$26.00/hour, up to 15 hours
Karalina Zimmerman	Elementary	\$32.00/hour, up to 15 hours

9. Unclassified Employee 2016-2017 Mentor-Mentee

<u>MENTEE</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>ASSIGN</u>	<u>MENTOR</u>	<u>SALARY RATE</u>
Samantha Peterson	Special Education	TMS	Kellee Bonenfant	\$625 stipend

10. Unclassified Employee 2016-2017 PS-14 Professional Support

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>SALARY RATE</u>
Danielle Maresco	Elementary	End appointment 4/30/17	N/A
Kaela Weatherwax	Elementary	5/1/17-6/30/17	\$5,000 stipend (pro-rated)

11. Unclassified Employee 2016-2017 Regents Item Mapping

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>	<u>SALARY RATE</u>
Kim Bruton	Science General Fund	\$32.00/hour, up to 12 hours
Rebecca Sparacin	Science General Fund	\$32.00/hour, up to 12 hours
Laura Tedesco	Science General Fund	\$32.00/hour, up to 12 hours

12. Unclassified Employees 2016-2017 Substitutes

NAME	<u>TEACHERS</u>		<u>TEACHING ASSISTANT</u>		<u>HOME TUTOR</u>	
	Certified \$100/day	Uncertified \$90/day	Certified \$12.00/hour	Uncertified	Certified \$32.00/hour	Uncertified
John Arnold	X					
Benjamin Bucinell		X				X
Paul Groff		X		X		
Julie McPhail	X					
Yenni Schwartz				X		
Caitlyn Zautner				X		

Staff Matters - Classified

(reviewed by K. Miaski)

**Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve Items 1-3 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Second: Mr. Mayo**

**Carried: 7-0**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, NY, hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following classified personnel actions:

1. Classified Employee Resignation

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>% OF SERVICE</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Scott McCumber	Laborer	100%	THS	02/06/2017

2. Classified Employee 2016-2017 Parent Engagement Activities - CH

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY RATE</u>
Maurice Friend	School Monitor	\$20.49/hour, up to 15 hours

3. Classified Employee - 2016-2017 Volunteers

<u>PS-16</u>	<u>TMS</u>	
Matthew Flowers	Erika Groff	Brian Matrose
Lauryn Harris	Leila Jabour	Linda Matrose
	Theresa Lyons	

**C. Superintendent's Recommendations - Programs (D. Watson)**

**Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve Item 1.**

**Second: Mr. Mayo**

**Carried: 7-0**

1. Special Education Placements

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Special Education has submitted to the Board of Education students having the registration numbers as listed in 2016-17 classes for students with special needs.

<u>Special Education Placements</u>
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**D. Superintendent's Recommendations - Business Finance (A. Hotaling)**

**Mr. Schofield made a motion to approve Items 1 and 2 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Second: Mr. Mayo**

**Carried: 7-0**

1. Surplus - Computer Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby accepts the inventory list of computer equipment from all elementary schools and THS for surplus:

<u>Equipment Inventory</u>
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## 2. Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby accepts the following donation:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TMS Students	6th Grade field trip	\$271.00

*There was a brief break in the meeting until Assemblyman McDonald arrived.*

## **E. State Budget Overview - Assemblyman J. McDonald**

Assemblyman McDonald attended the Board meeting as a special guest to connect with School Boards and let them know the status of the State budget. Assemblyman McDonald stated that much of the budget is contingent on the Millionaire's Tax. Overall aid increase is proposed at \$950 million at this point. He understands the challenges of charter school tuition. The Governor is looking for Community School support and Troy is doing a great job.

Discussion: Mr. Carmello asked about the status of the Governor's proposal to eliminate foundation aid formula next year. Assemblyman McDonald said the Governor needs to look into this further; the Governor does not oversee State Education Department. The Assembly and the State must vote on eliminating the formula.

Mr. Hotaling commented that he was surprised every district got 1% - even the wealthy districts. Assemblyman McDonald replied that there is not enough money but it's the Governor's choice to spread a little bit everywhere.

Mr. Schofield asked if the State will continue rebate checks. Assemblyman McDonald was not sure.

## **F. Future Meetings**

1. February 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm (CHS)
2. March 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm (TMS)
3. March 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm (THS)

## **IV. Adjourn**

At 7:35 pm Mr. Schofield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Beth Bruno  
Board Clerk

We Can.  
We Will.   
**End of Story**