

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 8, 2019  
Type of Meeting: **SPECIAL MEETING**  
Location: School 14  
Time: 6:00 PM Public Session

### I. Call to Order

#### A. Roll Call

1. Members Present: Mrs. Ann Apicella  
Mrs. Stephanie Fitch  
Mr. Matthew Flowers, Jr.  
Mrs. Carol Harvin  
Mr. Tom Mayo  
Mrs. Ebony Pompey-Conway  
Mrs. Anne Wager-Rounds
2. Members Absent: Mrs. Elizabeth Poletto
3. Also Present: Mr. John Carmello, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Donna Watson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Adam Hotaling, Assistant Superintendent for Business

#### B. Public Session

At 6:04 pm Mr. Mayo called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### C. Public Input on agenda and non-agenda items non-action items

No public comment.

### II. Non-Action Items

#### A. Capital Project Discussion - J. Carmello and A. Hotaling

Superintendent, Mr. Carmello, began the Capital Project discussion by stating this project has been discussed for the past year. He thought the Board was pleased with last week's presentation of ideas, but the main concern was with regard to the building and grounds department moving to the School 14 pool area. He stated that in meetings since last week there have been some additional ideas to alleviate traffic concerns.

Mr. Carmello asked if there were any other concerns. Board Member, Mrs. Fitch, replied asking for more clarification regarding the plans for the Tech Wing at the high school. Mr. Carmello stated that the Tech Wing roof needs to be completely replaced down to the decking. It wouldn't make financial sense to replace the roof and

not upgrade the entire area with a 21st century woodshop, art classes, technology classes, move the 3D printing classes and graphic design classes to the wing for collaboration and sharing of resources. In doing so, Mr. Carmello said he would not recommend putting the building and grounds department back into a facility like this. The only available space on the main campus is by renovating the unused School 14 pool area. Board member, Mr. Mayo and Mrs. Wager-Rounds asked where the maintenance trucks would park if the department moved. Mr. Carmello answered the trucks would remain parked in the back of Troy High School and the offices would be moved to the School 14 pool, as well as a bay to work on the trucks. Mosaic Architect, Kersten Lorcher, showed existing blueprints of the tech wing as well as the School 14 pool area with the proposed renovations.

After a tour of School 14 grounds and pool area, several suggestions were made to find a way to deter traffic from students traveling to the School 14 playground as well as suggesting a different route for maintenance trucks to take back and forth between Troy High and School 14.

Mr. Carmello thanked everyone for their input. He also added the building and grounds department would not enter into School 14 as they would have their own exterior entrances and bathrooms. Mr. Mayo responded that he thinks this is a good idea and did not see a negative impact to the school or students.

Mrs. Fitch asked how many students would use the Tech Wing at the high school. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Watson, responded that many of the Early College in the High School courses that partners with HVCC currently use this space. The district also applied for a competitive grant to also increase studies in STEM related programs. It is the district's hope that every student uses this facility. Mr. Mayo adds that there are already many students graduating with several college credits due to these classes.

Additional questions were asked about the timeline for the project. Mr. Hotaling, Assistant Superintendent for Business, replied that first would be the purchase of the NEFF Center in order to move the ALP students to create swing space at School 12. Plans would be submitted to SED, pending approval work could potentially start in the summer of 2021. The School 12 pool renovation along with the School 14 pool renovation would take place simultaneously. School 18 renovation would be the first major renovation with School 16 to follow and also the Tech Wing. Work is projected to be completed by the summer of 2024.

Mr. Carmello stated that he believes that this would help to graduate all students college and career ready. He adds that other schools are ahead of us. We have teachers, local industry partners and programs, but not the facilities needed to support these programs. This would be a huge academic opportunity for our students.

### **III. Future Meetings**

October 16, 2019 - 6:00pm at School 14  
November 6, 2019 - 6:30pm at TMS  
November 20, 2019 - 6:00pm at School 16

### **IV. Adjourn**

At 7:23 pm, Mr. Mayo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Mrs. Wager-Rounds and carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Theresa Kaniff  
Acting District Clerk

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

