

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Type of Meeting: **REGULAR MEETING**

Location: School 12

I. Call to Order

A. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Tom Mayo, Vice President and Acting President
Mrs. Ann Apicella
Mrs. Carol Harvin
Ms. Mary Marro-Giroux
Mrs. Elizabeth Poletto
Mr. Bill Strang
Mr. Michael Tuttmann
Mrs. Anne Wager-Rounds

Members Absent: None.

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
Mrs. Erin O'Grady-Parent, School Attorney

CAC Present: Mrs. Stephanie Fitch

CAC Absent: Mrs. Mary Ellen Adams
Mr. Ken Hughes

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:30 pm Mr. Mayo, Vice President and Acting President, made a motion for Executive Session for pending litigation. Invited in were Mr. Carmello, Dr. Watson, Mr. Hotaling, Mrs. Miaski and Mrs. O'Grady-Parent.

C. PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:00 pm Mr. Mayo, Vice President and Acting President, called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements:

The District Art Show opening reception will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. Student artwork from throughout the District will be on display in The Atrium until the end of May.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Seth Cohen (TTA President) - Mr. Cohen congratulated Mr. McShane on his appointment as TMS Principal. He also said that the TTA is a strong advocate for the budget and 15 lawns signs will be posted around Troy to encourage residents to vote.

II. Non-Action Items

A. ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM PRINCIPAL'S PRESENTATION - J. CANFIELD

Mr. Jim Canfield, principal of the Alternative Learning Program, gave a powerpoint presentation. ALP believes in educating "every mind, every heart"; all kids can learn; and the importance of caring relationships. Teachers Mr. Millington and Mr. Spruck spoke about giving students a reason to come to school and academic rigor.

Mr. Canfield presented the following data: 75% of students are in good standing; 37% have made honor or high honor roll; 93% of 7th grade students passing as of 2nd quarter; 100% of 8th grade students have completed ELA assessment. Discipline data has dramatically improved since 2014-15 with 177 calls to the police; this year only 5 calls made. This is due to the addition of Assistant Principal Dr. Newman and students want to be involved. Also making a difference is the "intake" process for every student upon enrollment, student assemblies, field trips and awards for positive behavior.

Student programs at ALP include: Black Family Tech Day at RPI, citizenship and character education, My Brother's Keeper, Girls Group, student council and basketball team. Counselor Mrs. VonEitzen said that staff think of ALP students like family. ALP using the APEX digital curriculum program. Twenty-two staff are using APEX and 47 students are actively enrolled in 14 courses. Staff have recently piloted Edmentum. ALP has new Technology Room. Several senior students gave powerful speeches regarding the positive impact ALP has on their lives; a mother also spoke about the caring staff at ALP and thanked Mr. Canfield.

B. 2018-19 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT - J. CARMELLO

Mr. Carmello followed up on questions from the last meeting regarding the tax levy history: 2013/14 was 2.99%; 2014/15 was 2.99%; 2015/16 was 2.49%; 2016/17 was 0% and 2017-18 was .45%. The estimated annual increase based on a \$100,000 home is as follows: 1.27% would be \$27.52; 1.54% would be \$33.38; and 1.82% would be \$39.44 per year. Mr. Carmello stated we are cognizant of the factors outside the District in the City of Troy that also impact our taxpayers. He proposed three tax levy options for the Board's consideration: 1.82% using \$350,000 of fund balance; 1.54% using \$450,000 of fund balance; 1.27% using \$550,000 of fund balance. Mr. Carmello added that the last few years the budget has been skewed to be fiscally responsible for our taxpayers and we are at a tipping point of future years. Citizens Advisory Committee feedback was as follows: Mrs. Adams in favor of 1.27% and Mr. Hughes in favor of 1.54% (via email); Mrs. Fitch stated people will support 1.27% but 1.54% would put us in a better position in the future.

Discussion - Mrs. Wager-Rounds asked how the tax cap impacts future tax levies. As a taxpayer she would like to see 1.27% but does not want to drag down the percentage for next year. Mr. Hotaling responded that it sets the baseline to the next year; becomes the starting point. Ms. Marro-Giroux said that it adds up over the years; if we are over 2% the public does not understand it. Mr. Mayo said it is important how we deliver the message to taxpayers. Mr. Strang said 1.27% feels fiscally responsible and educationally sound. Mr. Tuttmann was in favor of 1.27%. Mr. Carmello polled the Board members regarding the tax levy options. The majority of the Board agreed to set the tax levy at 1.54%.

III. Action Items

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Items 1-2 as a Consent Agenda.

Second: Mr. Strang

Carried: 8-0

A. QUESTAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Questar III - Board of Cooperative Educational Services

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy hereby casts its votes for the following candidates to fill (3) vacancies on the Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene Counties Board of Cooperative Educational services:

- a. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mr. Mark Mann, East Greenbush, NY (District of Residence: East Greenbush Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

- b. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mr. Paul Puccio, Castleton, NY (District of Residence: Schodack Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.
- c. RESOLVED: that the Board of Education casts its vote for the election of Mr. Frank Zwack, Stephentown, NY (District of Residence: Berlin Central School District), to a term as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

2. Questar III BOCES Tentative Administrative Budget 2018-19

RESOLVED: that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the 2018-19 tentative Administrative budget document in the amount of \$6,345,933.

B. Superintendent's Recommendations - Human Resources

Staff Matters - Unclassified

(reviewed by D. Watson)

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Items 1-4.

Second: Mrs. Wager-Rounds

Discussion: Mr. Mayo congratulated Mr. McShane on his appointment as TMS Principal.

Carried: 8-0

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 - Resignation

	<u>TENURE</u>	<u>%</u>		
<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ASSIGN.</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Zipporah Galimore	SDL	100%	District	05/11/2018

2. Unclassified Employee 2018-2019 Probationary Appointment

	<u>TENURE</u>	<u>%</u>		<u>PROB APPT</u>	<u>PROB APPT</u>	<u>CERT</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ASSIGN</u>	<u>START DATE</u>	<u>END DATE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Ian McShane <i>(resign B. Dunn)</i>	Principal	100%	TMS	7/1/2018	6/30/2022	SBL Initial	\$106,693 (Step 5)

3. Unclassified Employee - Temporary Appointment

					<u>SALARY</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ASSIGN</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>CERT STATUS</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Kelsey Ryan	Reading Teacher	PS-14	4/23/18- 6/30/18	Literacy B-6, Initial Early Child Ed B-2,	\$45,394 prorated

(LTS - Patricia Monahan)

Initial; Child Ed 1-6, (S-1, C-E)
Initial; SWD1-6, Initial

4. Unclassified Employee 2018-2019 Winter Coach

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY RATE</u>
Ryan	Varsity Coach Girls Basketball	\$5,392
Meikle		

Staff Matters - Classified

(reviewed by K. Miaski)

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Items 1-3.

Second: Ms. Marro-Giroux

Carried: 8-0

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>ASSIGN</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>% SERVICE</u>
Jordan	Secretary	PS-2	5/11/2018	100%
Doyle				

2. Classified Employee 2017-18 Substitutes

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLERK</u>	<u>SEC/ TYPIST</u>	<u>MONITOR</u>	<u>LUNCH AIDE</u>	<u>TEACHER AIDE</u>	<u>NURSE</u>	<u>BOILER OPER.</u>	<u>MAINT.</u>	<u>LABORER</u>
	\$11/hr	\$15/hr	\$15/hr	\$10.40/hr		\$25/hr	\$19/hr	\$16/hr	\$15/hr
Emily Waters	X								

3. Classified Employee 2017-18 Volunteers

PS-14

Letia Johnson

C. Superintendent's Recommendations - Programs

(D. Watson)

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Items 1-2.

Second: Mr. Strang

Carried: 8-0

1. Contract - Troy Baseball Expo Ltd.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a contract with Troy Baseball Expo Ltd. for parent outreach at School 14 on May 23, 2018 at a cost of \$1055.00 to be paid from Title I funds.

Troy Baseball Expo Ltd.

2. Out of State Conferences

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves attendance at the following out of state conferences:

Conference Name

- a. Community Schools National Forum 2018
Baltimore, MD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid By</u>
May 2-4, 2018	Stephanie Stinney Candace Dobbs	\$1000 per person	Community Schools Grant

- b. Deeper Learning for All
Cambridge, MA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid By</u>
July 9-12, 2018	Shannon Comparetta Lyndsey Lewis Sarah Reedy Caroline Carros Amanda Gregory Lyndsay Cooper	\$2450 per person	School Improvement Grant and Title I

- c. International Literacy Association 2018: Drive Change
Austin, TX

<u>Date</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid By</u>
July 19-23, 2018	Jamie Bowen	\$695 per person	Title III

- d. Literacy Footprints Institute
Amherst, MA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid By</u>
July 30 - Aug. 1, 2018	Genevieve L. Stinson Samantha Higgins Julie Safranko Virginia DonVito-MacPhee	\$685 per person	General Fund

D. Superintendent's Recommendations - Business Finance

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Items 1-4.

Second: Ms. Marro-Giroux

Carried: 8-0

1. Adopt 2018-19 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the statement of expenditures of the Troy City School District for the 2018-19 school year showing a proposed budget of \$111,893,389.00 is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget proposition to be put before voters on May 15, 2018 shall read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Troy City School District, Troy, New York for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$111,893,389.00 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources as provided by the law.

2. Financial Reports

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the February 2018 financial report.

February Financial Reports

3. Infrastructure Upgrade Capital Project - Change Order

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the following change order:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>C/O #</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>AKTOR Corp.</u>	GC5-02	\$596,666.00	(-) \$56,059.00
<u>S&L Roofing & Sheetmetal Inc.</u>	GC1-06	\$1,186,109.00	(+) \$2216.00

4. 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/Items</u>	<u>Value</u>
Junior League of Troy	TMS students (backpack meals for over break)	\$500.00

IV. Board Resolution

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Item 1.

Second: Mrs. Wager-Rounds

Carried: 8-0

1. Approval of Policies

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves revisions to the following policies:

- 4770 [Graduation Requirements](#)
- 4772 [Graduation Ceremonies](#)
- 4773 [Diplomas for Students w/ Disabilities](#)
- 6700 [Purchasing](#)
- 6700R [Purchasing Regulation](#)
- 8414.5R [School Bus Safety and Testing of Drivers Reg](#)

V. Adjourn

1. Future Meetings

- a. May 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (TMS)
- b. May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. (TMS)

2. Important Vote Dates

- a. Voter Registration Day
Tuesday, May 1 at 12-4 pm (PS12)
- b. Budget Hearing
Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 pm
- c. Budget Presentations
 - Monday, May 7
School 2 at 4 pm
CHS at 6 pm
 - Tuesday, May 8
Town Hall Meeting 7 pm
 - Thursday, May 10
School 14 at 5:45 pm
School 16 at 6:30 pm
School 18 at 7:15 pm
- d. Budget Vote and Board Election
May 15 - Voting Hours 7:30 am - 8 pm

At 7:35 pm Mr. Mayo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Strang and carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Beth Bruno
Board Clerk

We Can.
We Will.
End of Story

