

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2020
Type of Meeting: **REGULAR MEETING**
Location: Troy Middle School / Livestream / Video Conferencing
Time: 6:00 PM Executive Session
6:30 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. Elizabeth Poletto
Mrs. Ebony Pompey-Conway
Mrs. Anne Wager-Rounds
2. Also Present: Mr. John Carmello, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Donna Watson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Adam Hotaling, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mrs. Kristen Miaski, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Erin O'Grady-Parent, School Attorney
Mrs. Samantha Schweizer, District Treasurer

B. Executive Session

At 6:00pm Mr. Mayo, President, made a motion for Executive Session for negotiations. Invited in were Mr. Carmello, Dr. Watson, Mr. Hotaling, Mrs. Miaski, and Ms. Erin O'Grady-Parent..

C. Public Session

At 6:32pm Mr. Mayo called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Input on agenda and non-agenda items non-action items

Due to the COVID-19 situation, any public input items are received via email. We received one email from Christine Coonrad which was read during this time.

To My Respected Friends at Our Board,

I have been watching carefully our community's reaction to the recent news of the unthinkable slashing of 23 reading teachers from our students' academic lives. Having children in the District, I have tried to look at it from both sides and truly do understand that making up a shortfall with so many zeros at the end of it is daunting. I will not be the parent who slams her fist on the table and screams at you. But still this cannot be the way to our goal.

By your own admission, your goal is to have the least possible impact on students and learning. The teachers who are currently, for instance, in our elementary buildings are already overburdened with swearing, undisciplined children, who need extra attention in order to learn at even the minimum levels. By taking away Reading Teachers, the extra support they provide to encourage and lift up these kids will disappear. And any hope for the literacy of at-risk upcoming children will disappear.

Our District's #1 Goal was that proficiency on the Grades 3-8 ELA will increase for 20% of Level 1 and 2 students. How in the world will that ever happen now?

There must be another way. I suggested to my husband that you get rid of sports programs and the supplies, and insurance and travel costs associated with them. I'm not sure it is worth \$3 million, but it's not something that affects education and at least would be a start.

Thank you for listening.

Most sincerely,

Christine F. Coonrad

Mr. Carmello states that this email will be sent to Dr. Tracy Ford at School 16 where her children have attended to address some of her concerns.

II. Non-Action Items

A. March Financials - S. Schweizer

Mrs. Schweizer reports that budget transfers were mostly due to end of year purchases. The auditor reviewed 253 claims which totaled \$5.1 million. General fund is projecting 4% fund balance ending this year with a small surplus that the Board could choose to move to reserves. We will be looking closely over the next few weeks at our expenditures and think they may be lower than originally projected due to the closure of school. Grant requests for funds were submitted and received. All accounts have been reconciled.

B. Budget Discussion - J. Carmello

III. Action Items

A. Superintendent's Recommendations - Human Resources - Staff Matters - Unclassified and Classified *(Reviewed by D. Watson and K. Miaski)*

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 and classified personnel actions:

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Items 1-5 as a Consent Agenda.

Second: Mrs. Wager-Rounds

Vote: 8-0

Unclassified Items 1-5 (within linked document)

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Item 1 as a Consent Agenda.

Second: Mrs. Wager-Rounds

Vote: 8-0

Classified Item 1 (within linked document)

[Staff Matters \(Unclassified and Classified\)](#)

B. Superintendent Recommendations - Programs

(Reviewed by D. Watson)

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

Second: Mrs. Wager-Rounds

Discussion: Mrs. Harvin asks if there is a cost savings to merging with other schools for the swim team.

Mr. Hotaling responded that the only savings is the cost of a coach, however it is more about creating enough participants for a swim team.

Vote: 8-0

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 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 classes for students with special needs.

[2019-2020 Special Education Placements](#)

[2020-2021 Special Education Placements](#)

2. 2020-2021 Swim Team Merger (CBA)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Troy High Interscholastic Swim Program merge with Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) to form one team to be named "CBA/Troy" and participate in the Suburban Council for the 2020-2021 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the team be bound by the rules and regulations of the Suburban Council, Section 2 and the New York State Public High School Athletic Program.

3. 2020-2021 Swim Team Merger (Averill Park)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Troy High Interscholastic Swim Program merge with Averill Park Central School District to form one team to be named "Averill Park/Troy" and participate in the Suburban Council for the 2020-2021 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the team be bound by the rules and regulations of the Suburban Council, Section 2 and the New York State Public High School Athletic Program.

C. Superintendent Recommendations - Business Finance

(Reviewed by A. Hotaling)

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

Second: Mrs. Wager-Rounds

Vote: 8-0

1. Change Orders

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

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>C/O #</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Environmental Remediation Services, Inc.	AA-08	\$552,780.00	(\$9,300.00)
DLC Electric LLC	EC-06	\$1,127,000.00	\$17,830.00

2. SEQRA - PS14 Exterior Masonry Project

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Enlarged City School District of Troy (the "District") is proposing to undertake a capital project consisting of exterior masonry work at Public School 14, at a maximum cost of \$100,000 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project entails the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation involving no substantial changes or expansion beyond 10,000 square feet of existing structures and/or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project is a routine activity of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered information and documentation which describes the design and intent of the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific and detailed knowledge of the Board of the proposed Project, and under the applicable standards of New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, hereby determines that the Project is a Type II Action, and that no further action is required to satisfy the requirements of SEQRA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

D. Board of Education Appointment

Mr. Mayo made a motion to approve Item 1 as a Consent Agenda.

Second: Mrs. Wager-Rounds

Vote: 8-0

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints Erin Sheevers as Data Protection Officer for the period of May 6, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

E. Future Meetings

May 18, 2020 - 6:00pm Budget Workshop (if needed)

May 19, 2020 - 6:00pm Budget Workshop (if needed)

May 20, 2020 - 6:00pm Adoption of the Budget

May 28, 2020 - 6:00pm Budget Hearing

June 9, 2020 - Budget Vote

June 10, 2020 - 6:00pm Certify the Vote (Acknowledging the THS Honor Students)

June 17, 2020 - 6:30pm (Acknowledging the district Retirees)

F. Adjourn

At 7:02pm, Mr. Mayo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Mrs. Wager-Rounds and carried by a vote of 8-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Kaniff
District Clerk

