

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 6, 2021  
Type of Meeting: **REGULAR MEETING**  
Location: Troy Middle School  
Time: 5:30 PM Executive Session  
6:00 PM Regular Meeting

### I. Call to Order

#### A. Roll Call

- Members Present: Mr. Matthew Flowers, Jr. Mrs. Diana Heckman  
Mr. Tom Mayo Mrs. Ebony Pompey-Conway  
Mr. Donald Miller Mrs. Anne Wager-Rounds
- Members Absent: Mrs. Ann Apicella  
Mrs. Rosemary Coles  
Mrs. Elizabeth Poletto
- Others Present: Mr. John Carmello, Superintendent  
Dr. Donna Watson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Adam Hotaling, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Anthony Fasano, School Attorney

#### B. Executive Session

At 5:30 pm Mrs. Wager-Rounds made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Invited in were Mr. Carmello, Dr. Watson, Mr. Hotaling, and Mr. Fasano. This was seconded by Ms. Pompey-Conway and carried 5-0.

#### C. Public Session

At 6:03 pm Mrs. Wager-Rounds called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### D. District Announcements

- The Troy High Football team had their first win scoring 8-0. Our homecoming dance is Saturday night, while Monday night will be our homecoming football game. Also, in sports related news, the District's Modified Volleyball team is undefeated!

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

No public comment.

### II. Non-Action Items

#### A. Superintendent Update - J. Carmello

Mr. Carmello gave a brief update about the district's Covid positive numbers. There have been several positive cases so far this year: CHS - 4; PS14 - 8; PS16 - 5; PS18 - 1; PS2 - 7; PS12 - 3; THS - 12; and TMS - 34. The

middle school is a hot spot right now, but the positives are not occurring within school. We are working with the middle school team and monitoring it. The DOH has been great and we are receiving their guidance on all of our cases. Per the governor's order, testing of non-vaccinated staff is anticipated to begin by the end of the month.

**B. June and July Financials - S. Schweizer**

Budget transfers for June are end of year spending adjustments and July transfers are beginning of year spending adjustments. There is a larger than projected surplus due to spending because of the fear of last year's state aid cuts. Hopefully, the audit will be presented at the next meeting and will discuss those findings. Revenues will be in the August financials. The June 30th grants have been submitted and are receiving payments. All bank accounts have been reconciled.

**C. Employee Transfer 2021-2022 School Year (For notification purposes only)**

| <u>NAME</u>    | <u>FROM POSITION</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO POSITION</u>  | <u>TO</u>       |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Elizabeth Burt | Monitor/Secondary    | THS         | Monitor/Elementary  | CHS             |
| Derrick Mauzon | Monitor/Elementary   | PS2         | Monitor/Secondary   | THS             |
| Ashley Butler  | Executive Secretary  | PPS         | Executive Secretary | Business Office |
| Kierstin Spain | Executive Secretary  | HR          | Executive Secretary | PPS             |

**III. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**Mrs. Wager-Rounds made a motion to approve Items 1-2 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Second: Mrs. Pompey-Conway**

**Discussion: None**

**Carried: 6-0**

1. [September 1, 2021](#)
2. [September 15, 2021](#)

**B. Superintendent's Recommendations - Human Resources - Staff Matters - Unclassified and Classified**

*(Reviewed by D. Watson and A. Hotaling)*

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:

**Mrs. Wager-Rounds made a motion to approve Unclassified Items 1-13 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Second: Mrs. Pompey-Conway**

**Discussion: None**

**Carried: 6-0**

**Unclassified Items 1-12 (within linked document)**

**13. Unclassified Employees Student Interns/Observation Hours (Unpaid)**

| <u>NAME</u>          | <u>COLLEGE</u>   | <u>AREA OF STUDY</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATES</u> | <u>SUPERVISOR</u> | <u>ASSIGN.</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Katie England-Lawler | SUNY Plattsburgh | Elementary Education | 10/7/21-5/26/22        | Emily Hodges      | PS14           |
| Blake Alois          | SUNY Albany      | Biology              | 9/20/21-12/6/21        | Devin Robinson    | THS            |
| Abbi Paul            | St. Rose         | SPED                 | 10/7/21-12/23/21       | Michael Viscuso   | PS2            |
| Maria Rice           | St. Rose         | SPED                 | 10/7/21-12/23/21       | Kelly Scofield    | TMS            |
| Lola Sheeran         | St. Rose         | SPED                 | 10/7/21-12/23/21       | Monica Staats     | THS            |
| Justin Fandl         | Siena            | Social Studies       | 10/7/21-12/23/21       | Trevor Taylor     | PS12           |

**Mrs. Wager-Rounds made a motion to approve Classified Items 1-4 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Second: Mrs. Pompey-Conway**

**Discussion: None**

**Carried: 6-0**

**Classified Items 1-3 (within linked document)**

4. Classified Employee Volunteers

CHS - Sage Tutors:

Ryeinne Relyea

John Schmidt

Emma Dematteo

Paige Hall

Amelia Wasilko

Amanda Sanefski

Brooke Pritchard

Katelyn Cary

Nicholas Marsella

Mason Kienit

Ryan Long

Jaclynn Coviello

Joshua Caitlin

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

**B. Superintendent Recommendations - Programs**

*(Reviewed by D. Watson)*

**Mrs. Wager-Rounds made a motion to approve Items 1-3 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Second: Mrs. Pompey-Conway**

**Discussion: None**

**Carried: 6-0**

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 2021-2022 classes for students with special needs.

[2021-2022 Special Education Placements](#)

2. Synonia, Inc d.b.a. Higher Ground Farm (2021-2022 Contract)

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 Synonia, Inc d.b.a. Higher Ground Farm for equine assisted growth and learning support for School 12 from October 2021 through June 2022 at a cost of \$13,780.00 to be paid from the Title IV grant funds.

[Synonia, Inc. d.b.a. Higher Ground Farm \(2021-2022 Contract\)](#)

3. Great Minds PBC (2021-2022 Contract)

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 Great Minds PBC for Eureka Math PL on-site coaching for elementary schools from November 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 at a cost of \$118,500.00 to be paid from the ESSER grant funds.

[Great Minds PBC \(2021-2022 Contract\)](#)

**C. Superintendent Recommendations - Business Finance**

*(Reviewed by A. Hotaling)*

**Mrs. Wager-Rounds made a motion to approve Items 1-2 as a Consent Agenda.**

**Second: Mrs. Pompey-Conway**

**Discussion: None**

**Carried: 6-0**

1. Change Orders

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> |
|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <a href="#">Bette &amp; Cring LLC</a>    | GC-01 TCS    | \$5,646,000.00         | (\$37,500.00) |
| <a href="#">John W. Danforth Company</a> | GC3-12       | \$1,322,600.00         | (\$27,243.00) |

2. Donation

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

| <u>Donor</u>                                    | <u>Amount</u>               | <u>Purpose</u>                   |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| School System Credit Union                      | 10 Backpacks                | School Supplies for District     |
| Gumlaw Family                                   | 3 Violins                   | School 16 Music Program          |
| Sage College Men's and Women's Basketball Teams | Supplies valued at \$225.00 | School Supplies for Carroll Hill |

## **D. Board Resolutions**

\_\_\_ Mrs. Wager-Rounds made a motion to approve Item 1 as listed.

**Second: Mrs. Pompey-Conway**

**Discussion: None**

**Carried: 6-0**

1. TTA MOA - ALP Stipend

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Troy Teachers Association concerning a one-time stipend payment for specified Alternative Learning Program teachers for the 2021-2022 school year, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the written Memorandum of Agreement.

## **E. Future Meetings**

1. October 20, 2021 at TMS at 6:00pm - Principal Presentation
2. November 3, 2021 at TMS at 6:00pm
3. November 17, 2021 at School 16 at 6:00pm - Principal Presentation

## **F. Adjourn**

The Board has been registered to attend the NYSSBA Convention virtually. Mrs. Wager-Rounds will be attending the voting delegate. Mr. Mayo asks if he can receive enrollment reports.

At 6:13 pm, Mrs. Wager-Rounds made a motion to adjourn the public session. This was seconded by Mrs. Pompey-Conway and carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Theresa Kaniff*

Theresa Kaniff  
District Clerk

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