

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2018

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY, 1
HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS, NY 13365.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Coulson, Finkst, Hameister,
Jodway, Mendl, Palmer and Shepardson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

LATE ARRIVALS: None

EARLY DEPARTURES: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Keith T. Levatino, Director of
Technology/Business Operations Mr. Ashraf Allam, Assistant
Superintendent Mr. Bart Tooley, Director of Pupil Personnel/School Safety
Brian Coleman, Benton Hall Principal Mr. Joseph Long, High School
Principal Leeann Dooley, Administrative Intern Jennifer Smith, Director of
Facilities Mr. Michael Kelly and an audience of 5.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Palmer led the Commissioners and those present in the
Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVISIONS

XII. C. Facility Use Request

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

Amy Osborne had one of her cast members from the upcoming musical,
Galen Straney perform a song for the Board.

STUDENT REP. REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino,
Commissioner Shepardson made a motion the Board approve the following
agenda items:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2018.
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Schedule of Claims

Seconded: Commissioner Hameister
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL
MATTERS

A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino,
Commissioner Hameister made a motion the Board accept the 2017-18
Independent Audit report as prepared and submitted by the District's
auditing firm Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP.

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

B. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino,
Commissioner Hameister made a motion the Board accept the budget
report as submitted.

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Director of Technology/Business Operations, Ashraf Allam discussed with the Board the Comptroller's Audit, Capital Project update. The architects are meeting with staff focusing on usable space. Soon we will be inviting community members to meetings for feedback.

He also shared with the Board two separate issues we have had with Brown Transportation drivers.

Middle School Principal, Maria Lindsay shared with the Board that the school year has started off busy and successful. So far they have already had Career Day where 10 different careers were presented as well as Walk to School Day. The first dance of the school year went off without a hitch and the Interest Groups are up and running with the students.

Administrative Intern, Jennifer Smith gave a brief summary to the Board on what she has been working on. She is currently working on updating the Cell Phone Policy, as well as the Attendance Policy.

Benton Hall Academy Principal, Mr. Joe Long shared with the Board that we are continuing ongoing discussion about possibly having a dental hygienist on Board at the school for the 2019-20 school year. BHA students are now broadcasting morning announcements and he is trying to get Steve Murray from WKTV to come and be a guest for the newscast. BHA teachers have also started a new program where they read Bed Time Stories and post them on the Facebook page each Sunday night at 7 pm. We have received a lot of positive feedback from the Bedtime Stories. The Fire Department came this week with their smoke house and the kids enjoyed that, as well. Also, the PE Club started a running club this year and are hoping to finish with a 5K run.

Mr. Brian Coleman, Director of Pupil Personnel and Safety advised the Commissioners that the District's special education pupil count is 249. He informed the Board that he has met with the State to discuss their plan to look at target areas to address. Futures meetings have been scheduled.

On the safety front, he updated the Board regarding safety plans and procedures. The principals are conducting emergency drills and documenting them on google sheets. He also assisted Chief Masi with a presentation/training for staff.

High School Principal, Mrs. Leeann Dooley informed the Board that Lisa Wind was named one of New York State's Master Teachers. Lisa is one of 275 master teachers named recently. We are very proud of her.

Assistant Superintendent/Athletic Director, Bart Tooley provided the Board with a report showing enrollment numbers for both French and Spanish. Discussion is ongoing about continuing two languages.

On the Athletics front he asked the Board for permission to allow Dolgeville to join our boys' volleyball program and the Board gave him their blessing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

PERSONNEL-INSTRUCTIONAL

APPOINTMENT CLASS OF 2020 ADVISOR MONICA TOOLEY

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Monica Tooley to the position of Advisor for the Class of 2020 with a salary as per Little Falls Teachers Association Contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT
MS/HS SCHOOL STAGE
COORDINATOR
AMANDA GRIMALDI

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to appoint Amanda Grimaldi to the position of MS/HS School Stage Coordinator with a salary as per Little Falls Teacher's Association Contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT
MS NATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY CO-ADVISORS
AMANDA DEPAOLO &
SAM DELL'ANNO

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to appoint Amanda Depaolo and Sam Dell'anno to be co-advisors of the one position of MS National Honor Society Advisor with a salary as per Little Falls Teacher's Association Contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson

APPOINTMENT
BHA LEGO ROBOTICS
ADVISOR
TRACY YOUNG

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Tracy Young to the position of BHA Lego Robotics Club advisor with a salary as per Little Falls Teacher's Association Contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Hameister
Ayes All

Motion Carried

COACHING
APPOINTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to appoint the following coaches pending appropriate certifications at a salary as per LFTA contract unless otherwise stated:

Girls Volleyball	JV	Open
Boys Volleyball	JV	Open
Girls Basketball	JV	Kassandra Gonyea
Boys Basketball	JV	Tom Reid
Girls Basketball (2)	Modified	Mike Paragi, Monica Getman
Boys Basketball (2)	Modified	Open, Nick Regan
Girls Volleyball (2)	Modified	Linda Putnam, Denise Scaparo
Wrestling – Assistant	Varsity	Brian Stever
Wrestling	Modified	Marc Verri

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT

LUNCH MONITOR
ROCHELLE CUMM

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to table this appointment pending further discussion.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION DUE TO
RETIREMENT
KAREN ZUIS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to accept the resignation due to retirement from Karen Zuis from her Teacher Aide position effective February 26, 2019.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION DUE TO
RETIREMENT
DONNA TODD

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to accept the resignation due to retirement from Donna Todd from her Cook/Manager position effective June 30, 2019.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

MATERNITY LEAVE
MS GUIDANCE
AMANDA SALLS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to accept the maternity leave request from Amanda Salls. Her expected due date is January 5, 2019 and is expected to go out on maternity leave around that time. She plans on being out for 6-8 weeks after delivery.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Correction of meeting minutes from August 29, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS
CSE/CPSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to arrange for placement as per the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

SUBSTITUTE LIST #2

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to approve the Substitute List #2 for the 2018-2019 school year as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

FACILITY USE REQUEST
YOUTH BASKETBALL
DENNIS HARRIGAN

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion the Board approve the Facility Request from Dennis Harrigan requesting use of the BHA Gymnasium for the purpose of youth basketball. Practice times as submitted.

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

A. Communications
1. Herkimer County BOCES Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Jodway made a motion the Board go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, resignation, discipline, suspension or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Seconded by: Commissioner Hameister
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION

At 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Coulson made a motion the Board return to Regular Session.

Seconded by: Commissioner Hameister
Ayes All

Motion Carried

FUTURE BUSINESS
AND MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
BHA Auditorium

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Commissioner Hameister moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Commissioner Mendl
Ayes All

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Clerk