

REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2018

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
November 14, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BENTON HALL ACADEMY
AUDITORIUM, 15 PETRIE STREET, 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 12.

CALL TO ORDER

President Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA REVISIONS

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

Bailee Smith, a 7th grader spoke to the Board about field trips. Engineering
by Design (1st graders) gave a presentation of some of the things they work
on in class. Margaret Carroll, a 10th grader performed a beautiful clarinet
solo for the Board.

STUDENT REP. REPORT
REPORT

Student Representative Richard Baylor informed the Board that a recent
Red Cross blood drive held at the high school resulted in 31 units of blood
being donated. Seven students attended Youth Summit and fourteen FBLA
students attended the fall district meeting held at BOCES. Little Falls
School hosted Herkimer County All County Festival this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2018.
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Schedule of Claims

Seconded: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL
MATTERS

A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino,
Commissioner Hameister made a motion the Board accept the resolution
granting President Palmer authority to sign the School Collector's Return to
County Treasurer of unpaid taxes.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent/Athletic Director, Mr. Bart Tooley provided the Board with more information on weighted grades. He and the committee met on four separate occasions where they identified issues, concerns and problems. They discussed curving grades, choices of student class choices honors programs. In the end it was decided to go ahead with weighted grades. Advance placement and College Now will receive a 10-point bump-up just on transcript, not report card. This will go into effective immediately.

Director of Technology/Business Operations, Mr. Ashraf Allam informed the Board that we will be conducting a bus study with TAS Co. which is 90% aidable. The study will start in the beginning of December.

Mr. Brian Coleman, Director of Pupil Personnel and Safety – None

Director of Facilities, Mr. Michael Kelly informed the Board that the heating issues have been addressed and the leak repairs have also been addressed. The Roofers have come in to check over the roof.

The architects/engineers/structural engineers were here today to address potential constructability issues with the Capital Project. The team worked well together.

High School Principal, Mrs. Leeann Dooley - None

Benton Hall Academy Principal, Mr. Joe Long informed the Board they recently had their annual Veteran's Day program. They also took part in honoring the Girls Soccer Team in their victory. First quarter reports cards just went out.

Middle School Principal, Maria Lindsay - None

Administrative Intern, Jennifer Smith gave a brief summary to the Board on what she has been working on. Three policies will be presented tonight for readings. She has three other policies currently under review with our lawyer. Forty-eight policies in total need to be reviewed. Ten have already been addressed.

She also informed the Board that the PE Run Club will be participating in the Reindeer Run and that the PTC and Little Falls Hospital have graciously donated t-shirts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

PERSONNEL-INSTRUCTIONAL

APPOINTMENT HS GOV'T ADVISOR ELIZABETH TRACY

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Tracy to the position of Advisor for the High School Government Group with a salary as per Little Falls Teachers Association Contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH ANDREW CASULLO

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to appoint Andrew Casullo to the position of Assistant Football Coach position with the salary as per LFTA contract. Association Contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT
JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
COACH
GINA SHEPARDSON

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to appoint Gina Shepardson to the Girls JV Volleyball Coach position with a salary as per Little Falls Teacher's Association Contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway

APPOINTMENT
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE/
INTERN
NATALIE POWERS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to appoint Natalie Powers as a long-term substitute replacement for the maternity leave of Amanda Salls. Ms. Powers will be completing her internship in cooperation with The College of St. Rose and LFCSD under the supervision of Mr. James Judd while serving as long-term substitute in the Middle School guidance office. She will begin shadowing on December 17, 2018 and continue until May 15, 2019 which is the end of her internship. As an uncertified intern, she will be paid the daily substitute rate while providing coverage for maternity leave only.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT

LUNCH MONITOR
RICHELLE CUMM

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to appoint Richelle Cumm to the 12 hours per week lunch monitor position effective October 11, 2018 at a salary as per CSEA contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION DUE TO
RETIREMENT
MARTHA PAWLUK

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to accept the resignation due to retirement from Martha Pawluk from her Cleaner position effective June 28, 2019.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION DUE TO
RETIREMENT
ANN ROY

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION DUE TO
RETIREMENT
MARY BETH MAROSEK

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to accept the resignation due to retirement from Mary Beth Marosek from her Food Service Helper position effective June 26, 2019.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

None

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 Shepardson

	Ayes All	Motion Carried
SUBSTITUTE LIST #3	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to approve the Substitute List #3 for the 2018-2019 school year as submitted.	
	Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson Ayes All	Motion Carried
FIRST READING OF POLICIES	Let the Minutes show the First Reading of Policies: Policy #7000 – Admission to School Policy #7003 – Admission of Non-Resident Students	
FINAL READING OF POLICY	Let the Minutes show the final reading of Policy: Policy #5200 – School Wellness Policy	
ADOPTION OF POLICY 5200	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to adopt Policy #5200 – Student Wellness Policy with the adoption date of November 14, 2018.	
	Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway Ayes All	Motion Carried
INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS	A. Communications 1. Herkimer County BOCES Minutes	
EXECUTIVE SESSION	At 8:01 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 Shepardson Ayes All	Motion Carried
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION	At 8:22 p.m. Commissioner Hameister made a motion the Board return to Regular Session.	
	Seconded by: Commissioner Mendl Ayes All	Motion Carried
FUTURE BUSINESS AND MEETINGS:	Regular Meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 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 8:24 p.m.	

Clerk