

REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2019

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 13, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BENTON HALL ACADEMY
LIBRARY, 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, High School Principal Mrs. Leeann
Dooley, Middle School Principal Mrs. Maria Lindsay, Benton Hall Academy
Principal Mr. Joe Long, Director of Pupil Personnel/School Safety Mr.
Brian Coleman, Administrative Intern Mrs. Jennifer Smith and an audience
of 3.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA REVISIONS

X.A.2. Varsity Boys Track Assistant Coach Appointment
X.A.3. Amend start date of Reading Specialist
XII.F. Adoption of Policies

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

Mr. William Miller, BOCES Representative provided the Board with an
update on what has been going on at BOCES. He proceeded to discuss the
recent audit report which came back clean. The Remington Pathways
culture has changed and the kids seem to love it. The students are trying to
create a student body and are doing a great job. The sewer project is on
hold indefinitely. The annual meeting will be on April 4, 2019.

STUDENT REP. REPORT
REPORT

Rich Baylor, Student Representative gave a report to the Board covering
many school events including but not limited to senior citizen breakfast,
holiday concert, Drama Club's musical "The Addams Family", GAA
sponsored Semi-formal, Young Art Month Art Show, Lego Robotics trip to
SUNY Poly for competition, Mrs. Milianta's art students painting windows
at Kelly's Meat Market for St. Patrick's Day, National Honor Society
interviews, Girls State interviews, STEAMS to Success at Oneida BOCES,
Blood Drive, FBLA events, athletic events, standings and participants, as
well as multiple Guidance events.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2019.
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Schedule of Claims

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL
MATTERS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Ashraf Allam gave the Board a brief update on the Capital Project informing them that the District is moving right along and are on track. The state has approved the variances to move forward and we are looking into lighting upgrade options.

Mr. Joe Long informed the Board that Kindergarten registration was held last week and so far they have approximately 64 registered. Benton Hall had an unplanned fire drill this week caused by a heat sensor setting off the alarm. The Fire Department arrived and cleared the building rather quickly. He reported that both staff and students handled it great and evacuated quickly.

Mrs. Maria Lindsay informed the Board that the Student Government is participating in Pennies for Patients fundraiser. The Spring Fling was scheduled for March 22. Students with the most overall improved averages will go on a field trip to Boonville to enjoy cross country skiing and sledding. There is an archery competition at Syracuse Fairgrounds this Friday. The Drug Quiz team will be competing tomorrow at HCCC. The Middle School will also be participating in the One City One Book program. The National Junior Honor Society recently inducted 32 members in February.

Mrs. Leeann Dooley informed the Board that they received the grant for the Vaping Detectors and so far it has been successful.

Mr. Bart Tooley informed the Board of a couple of presentations coming up for both students and community regarding the vaping problem, as well as the Sweethearts and Arrows (anti-bullying) presentation.

Mr. Brian Coleman informed the Board that going forward they will be conducting quarterly meetings for the Safety Team. He also updated the Board with current Special Education numbers which have significantly increased since 2017.

Mrs. Jennifer Smith updated the Board with current policy issues.

Mr. Mike Kelly informed the Board of the recently passed fire and sprinkler inspections. Synthesis and the engineers are continuing to work on the lighting issues.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL
SPECIAL EDUCATION
JENNIFER SMITH

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Jennifer Smith to the Special Education Teacher position in the Middle School effective September 1, 2019 with the retention of all tenure and seniority rights she currently holds. Salary will be as per LFTA contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

VARSITY BOYS TRACK
ASSISTANT COACH
BRIAN STEVER

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Shepardson made a motion to appoint Brian Stever to the Varsity Boys Track Assistant Coach position effective March 4, 2019 with a salary as per LFTA contract.

	<p>Seconded by: Commissioner Hameister Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
AMEND START DATE READING SPECIALIST RACHEL POTENSKI	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to amend the official start date of Rachel Potenski, Reading Specialist. She was previously appointed with a start date of March 14, 2019. Her start date will now be on March 28, 2019.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION RESIGNATION DUE TO RETIREMENT TEACHER AIDE RENE EDICK	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to accept the resignation due to retirement from Rene Edick from her position as Teacher Aide in the High School effective June 17, 2019.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
OLD BUSINESS	None
NEW BUSINESS CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to arrange for placement as per the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education as submitted.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Hameister Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
SECOND READING OF POLICIES	<p>Let the Minutes show the second reading of policies: #7002 – Determination of Student Residency #7002.1 – Regulation/LFCSD Parent Affidavit #7002.2 – Regulation/LFCSD Student Affidavit of Emancipation #7004 – Student Dismissal #7005 – Released Time for Religious Instruction #7600 – Providing a Safe Public School Choice to Students Who Have Been Victims of a Violent Criminal Offense</p>
THIRD READING OF POLICIES	<p>Let the Minutes show the third reading of policies: #0015 – Equal Opportunity and Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment) #0015.1 – Report of Possible Harassment, Bullying or Discrimination #6300 – Appointment of Athletic Coaches #6401 – Drug and Alcohol Testing (Transportation) #6401.1 – Acknowledgement, Authorization and Consent Form For Drug and Alcohol Testing</p>
FIELD TRIP REQUEST SENIOR TRIP	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to approve the Senior Trip request from Monica Tooley to take a trip to Jersey Shore on June 7-8, 2019 as submitted. The Board reserves the right to cancel the trip if world events so dictate.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

SCHOOL CALENDAR	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to approve the 2019-20 School Calendar as submitted.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Hameister Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
ADOPTION OF POLICIES	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Hameister made a motion to adopt the following policies:</p> <p>#0015 – Equal Opportunity and Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment (Including Sexual Harassment)</p> <p>#0015.1 – Report of Possible Harassment, Bullying or Discrimination</p> <p>#6300 – Appointment of Athletic Coaches</p> <p>#6401 – Drug and Alcohol Testing (Transportation)</p> <p>#6401.1 – Acknowledgement, Authorization and Consent Form For Drug and Alcohol Testing</p>
INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS	<p>A. Communications</p> <p>1. Herkimer County BOCES Minutes</p>
EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>At 6:40 p.m. Commissioner Hameister 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.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION	<p>At 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Coulson made a motion the Board return to Regular Session.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
FUTURE BUSINESS AND MEETINGS:	<p>Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. BHA Library</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>With no further business at hand, Commissioner Hameister moved to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Seconded: Commissioner Jodway Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.</p>