

REGULAR MEETING  
January 8, 2020

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2020 AT  
6:00 P.M. IN THE BHA LIBRARY, 15 PETRIE ST. LITTLE FALLS, NY  
13365.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Palmer

LATE ARRIVALS: None

EARLY DEPARTURES: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Keith T. Levatino, Director of  
Technology/Business Operations Mr. Ashraf Allam, Director of Pupil  
Personnel/School Safety Mr. Brian Coleman, Director of Facilities Mr. Mike  
Kelly, BHA Principal Mr. Joe Long, Middle School Principal Mrs. Maria  
Lindsay, Michelle Gaspa, Mr. William Miller, BOCES, Stephanie Dietz from  
the R4K program, Amy Bladek, R4K, and an audience of audience of 1.

CALL TO ORDER

President Hameister called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

Ms. Dietz informed the Board that Little Falls will now have the R4K  
program and that Amy Bladek will be in charge.

Mr. Miller gave the Board a brief update on what is happening at BOCES  
including the sewer project and the Remington vote.

STUDENT REP. REPORT

None

AGENDA REVISIONS

VII.a. RFP for Water Testing Services  
VIII.a. Memorandum of Agreement between Little Falls City School District  
and the Little Falls Teachers Association.

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 December 18, 2019  
B. Treasurer's Report  
C. Schedule of Claims

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson

Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL  
MATTERS

A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino,  
Commissioner Coulson made a motion to authorize Madison-Oneida  
BOCES to issue a request for proposals for water lead testing on behalf of  
the Little Falls City School District.

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson

Ayes All

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino,  
Commissioner Shepardson made a motion to authorize Superintendent  
Levatino to enter into an agreement with the Little Falls Teachers  
Association to amend the 2017-2020 contract with the attached  
Memorandum of Agreement.

Seconded: Commissioner Jodway  
Ayes All

Motion Carried

Dr. Levatino informed the Board that the newly formed Student Discipline Committee will have their first meeting next week.

Mrs. Lindsay informed the Board that the Micah Hope Kids Program was a huge success this year with the help of Community Outreach, Fitness Farmacy, Middle School Student Government class, as well as Middle School staff. This year they were able to sponsor 43 middle school students. Last year they were only able to sponsor 20 students.

Mr. Coleman gave an update on the Special Education Department. As of November 26, 2019 we have 245 Special Education students. He also informed the Board that just today we had a Hearing Van at our school testing some of our children for hearing issues at no charge to the school.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hameister gave the Board an update on the Safety Meeting that was held today with Jim Fawcett from Beebe Construction. She reviewed both expectations, as well as protocol/procedures for contractors and school staff while the Capital Project is going on.

#### PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL/ NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

None

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway  
Ayes All

Motion Carried

#### SUBSTITUTE LIST #5

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Shepardson made a motion to approve the substitute list #5 as submitted for the 2019-20 school year.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson  
Ayes All

Motion Carried

#### THIRD READING OF POLICIES

Let the Minutes show the third reading of policies:  
5001 – District Wide Safety Plans and Building Level Emergency Plans  
8300 – Response to Intervention  
8503 – Independent Educational Evaluations

#### ADOPTION OF POLICIES:

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to adopt the following policies:  
5001 – District Wide Safety Plans and Building Level Emergency Plans  
8300 – Response to Intervention  
8503 – Independent Educational Evaluations

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson  
Ayes All

Motion Carried

#### INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

None

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

#### FUTURE BUSINESS AND MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting:  
February 12, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the BHA Library

ADJOURNMENT

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

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson

Ayes All

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Clerk