

REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2020

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY,
February 13, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BHA LIBRARY, 15 PETRIE ST.
LITTLE FALLS, NY 13365.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Jodway and Shepardson

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, Stephanie Johnson, Food Service
Director, and an audience of audience of 2.

CALL TO ORDER

President Hameister called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

STUDENT REP. REPORT
REPORT

None

AGENDA REVISIONS

10.w. – Long-term substitute appointment

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2020
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Schedule of Claims

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL
MATTERS

Discussion was had to purchase a Dodge Caravan for roughly \$24,000
to transport students when needed instead of utilizing a bigger bus and to
save money on gas, as well. It will go up for vote at the March board
meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Stephanie Johnson and Joe Long informed the Board a new plan which is
in place to start March 1, 2020 where they will reduce waste and excess
food in the cafeteria by getting a count from teachers each morning with
which number of students in each class want hot or cold lunch.

Teacher negotiations are starting. We have established and had our first
District wide discipline committee meeting. The first meeting was very
productive. During that meeting we had a technology specialist from the
MORIC come to present historical data going back 5 years. Based on that, I
divided up committee into sub-committees. The leaders/spokespeople for
each committee will report back at the next meeting on February 28, 2020.

We just found out today that we are getting our emergency day back from the November 1, 2019 flood. So we now have 2 official emergency days for the remainder of the school year.

A friendly reminder was given that at the March Board meeting, District Superintendent Sandy Sherwood will be here to go over the BOCES Budget. We will also be asking for approval of the 2019-20 school calendar.

Mr. Coleman reported to the Board they are getting a lot of new evaluation requests. They received four just this week. Safety wise, we are safe.

Mr. Long reported that they are currently selling smencils at BHA.

Mr. Kelly reported that Monday he is meeting with general contractors at the bus garage to see if the garage can support their needs from an electrical stand point. They are also meeting next week to do fire/sprinkler inspections. Starting to pack/move teacher belongings into storage by March 13th.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Five wrestlers will be at Sectionals this weekend so we are proud of them. We also had a bus go to Utica to watch our hockey player perform.

PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL

MATERNITY LEAVE SAMANTHA ELLIOT

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the maternity leave request from Samantha Elliot from her Middle School Spanish position effective on or about April 23, 2020 to extend through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

MATERNITY LEAVE BREANNA KEBLISH

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to approve the maternity leave request from Breanna Keblish from her sixth-grade Math teacher position effective on or about March 25, 2020 to extend through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

MATERNITY LEAVE JENNIFER REID

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to approve the maternity leave request from Jennifer Reid from her Special Education/First-grade co-teacher position effective on or about May 6, 2020 to extend through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION DUE TO RETIREMENT PATRICIA JOHNSON

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the resignation due to retirement request from Patricia Johnson from her teaching position effective June 30, 2020.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

JV BASEBALL COACH
WAYNE RODGER

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Wayne Rodger to the position of JV Baseball Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

MODIFIED BASEBALL
COACH
RICHARD HARTMAN

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Richard Hartman to the position of Modified Baseball Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

VARSITY BOYS TENNIS
COACH
TOM REID

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Tom Reid to the position of varsity Boys Tennis Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

JV SOFTBALL COACH
MARISSA MOWERS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Marissa Mowers to the position of JV Softball Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

MODIFIED SOFTBALL
COACH
MANDI WHITE

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Mandi White to the position of Modified Softball Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

VARSITY ASSIST. BOYS
TRACK & FIELD COACH
BRIAN STEVER

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Brian Stever to the position of Varsity Assistant Boys Track and Field Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

VARSITY ASSIST. GIRLS
TRACK & FIELD COACH
ERICA REFF

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Erica Reff to the position of Varsity Assistant Girls Track and Field Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

MODIFIED GIRLS
TRACK & FIELD COACH
KRYSTA ESTEY

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Krysta Estey to the position of Modified Boys Track and Field Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

MODIFIED BOYS
TRACK & FIELD COACH
CHRISTINA MARTYNIUK

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Christina Martyniuk to the position of Modified Boys Track and Field Coach with a salary as per LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT
BETHANY MIZGALA

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to grant tenure in the area of ELA 7-12 to Bethany Mizgala effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT
HEIDI KREIDER

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Finkst made a motion to grant tenure in the area of Mathematics 7-12 to Heidi Kreider effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT
KARA MILIANTA

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to grant tenure in the area of Art Education K-12 to Kara Milianta effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT
SARAH BARNES

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Finkst made a motion to grant tenure in the area of Business and Marketing Education K-12 to Sarah Barnes effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT
HOPE DAWLEY

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to grant tenure in the area of Elementary Special Education to Hope Dawley effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT
MARGARET MERCURIO

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Finkst made a motion to grant tenure in the area of Social Worker to Margaret Mercurio effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT
ANNMARIE BATOR

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to grant tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher to Annmarie Bator effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT
SARA SALAMONE

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Mendl made a motion to grant tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher to Sara Salamone effective 9/1/20.

	Seconded: Commissioner Coulson Ayes All	Motion Carried
SUBSTITUTE CSE CHAIRPERSON JENNIFER SMITH	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Jennifer Smith to the substitute CSE Chairperson position effective immediately.	
	Seconded: Commissioner Coulson Ayes All	Motion Carried
LONT-TERM SUBSTITUTE KATHLEEN LONG	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Finkst made a motion to appoint Kathleen Long to the long-term substitute position effective immediately through on or about April 27, 2020 at a salary of Step 1 of the LFTA contract.	
	Seconded: Commissioner Coulson Ayes All	Motion Carried
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL BUS MONITOR/AIDE LISA URICH	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Finkst made a motion to appoint Lisa Urich to the position of Bus Monitor/aide on the Edmeston/Richfield bus run effective February 14, 2020 at a salary as per CSEA contract.	
	Seconded: Commissioner Palmer Ayes All	Motion Carried
OLD BUSINESS	None	
NEW BUSINESS CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Finkst made a motion to arrange for placement as per the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education as submitted.	
	Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson Ayes All	Motion Carried
SUBSTITUTE LIST #6	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the substitute list #6 as submitted for the 2019-20 school year.	
	Seconded by: Commissioner Finkst Ayes All	Motion Carried
PROM VENUE CLASS OF 2022	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the request from the Class of 2022 Prom Committee to hold the prom at Rustic Ties in Dolgeville on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 7-11 pm.	
	Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson Ayes All	Motion Carried
SENIOR TRIP CLASS OF 2020	Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to approve the request from the Class of 2020 to go whitewater rafting, Boston Dinner Cruise and Six Flags New England on June 12-13, 2020. The Board reserves the right to cancel the trip if world events so dictate.	
	Seconded by: Commissioner Palmer Ayes All	Motion Carried

FACILITIES USE REQUEST
DENNIS HARRIGAN
LF YOUTH BASKETBALL

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commission Finkst made a motion to approve the facilities use request from Dennis Harrigan on behalf of the Little Falls Youth Basketball program To holt a Youth Basketball Tournament in the MS and HS gyms on March 6th and 7th.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

FACILITIES USE REQUEST
ALEXANDRA PUZNOWSKI
CLASS OF 2022

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commission Coulson made a motion to approve the facilities use request from Alexandra Puznowski on behalf of the Little Falls Class of 2022 to host a fall craft fair on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 10-4 pm. They will need access time at 8 am and will be using the HS gym and library.

Seconded by: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

FIRST READING OF
POLICY

Let the Minutes show the first reading of policy:
7001 – Education of Homeless Children

ADOPTION OF POLICY
#7001

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Finkst made a motion to adopt the following policies:
7001 – Education of Homeless Children

Seconded by: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF DISTRICT
WIDE SAFETY PLAN

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to approve and adopt the District Wide Safety Plan as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

BOCES BOARD 2 Board and BOCES Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

FUTURE BUSINESS
AND MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting:
Wed., March 11, 2020 at 6 pm in the BHA Library
Tues., March 31, 2020 – BOCES Remington vote at the MS – 12-8 pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Seconded: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.