

REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2020

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY,
MARCH 11, 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, 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 Bart Tooley, 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, High School
Principal Leeann Dooley, and an audience of audience of 7.

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

Sandy Sherwood from Herkimer BOCES – Budget presentation

Third Grade Science Curriculum presentation – Mrs. Congdon and Mrs.
Ostasz gave us an over view of the Inspire Program. Mr. Tooley will be
bringing the Inspire Program to the Board for adoption in the near future.

Mrs. Lindsay introduced Sam Dell’Anno as a possibility for admin
internship. She is co-advisor for National Junior Honor Society. Currently
holding a fundraiser for chemo comfort bag drive. Tomorrow is Teacher vs.
Students Basketball game.

STUDENT REP. REPORT

Rich Baylor and Shawn Green winter sports ended. Girls Volleyball played
in sectionals, Girls basketball played in sectionals. 5 out of 10 winter varsity
teams qualified as scholar athletes. Mr. Judd will be accompanying
students to Career Day on March 19th. HS Drama putting on Thoroughly
Modern Millie this weekend. 182 students signed up for spring sports. 19
students interviewed for NHS. Girls state interviews held on March 5th.
Blood drive held today and organized by Mr. Scaparo.

AGENDA REVISIONS

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, 2020
B. Treasurer’s Report
C. Schedule of Claims

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL
MATTERS

A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino,
Commissioner Coulson made a motion to approve the budgetary transfer of
\$23,224.40 from Budget Code A 5540.400-00-0000 to A 5510.210-00-
0000 to pay for a 2019 Dodge Caravan for the purpose of student
transportation.

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

B. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to establish a sub-fund within the Retirement Reserve Fund to be known as the Little Falls City School District Teachers' Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund.

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

C. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to establish an Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund to fund all or part of the payments made for expenditures pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-p.

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Levatino gave the Board an update on the Coronavirus. If one of our students is confirmed to have it we are mandated by NYS to shut down for a minimum of 1 day. Bassett Hospital is setting up sites for testing.

Mrs. Dooley reported that Mrs. Wind is applying for an Amazon grant. We just received word that we were accepted and they are offering 2 AP courses in computer programming for next year. They are also working on offering a program where students will learn to fix computers.

Mr. Coleman informed the Board how much we utilize BOCES services for some of our students that we aren't able to accommodate in house.

Mr. Long updated the Board on Kindergarten registration. 60 kids registered on the first day and 30 registered for Pre-k. R4K coordinator, Amy Bladek has been working hard to identify kids in need and registered.

The dental program is also up and running and going great.

Mr. Kelly doesn't have anything to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL

TENURE APPOINTMENT DARIN LYNCH

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to grant tenure in the area of secondary science to Darin Lynch effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

TENURE APPOINTMENT SAMANTHA ELLIOTT

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to grant tenure in the area of Foreign Language to Samantha Elliott effective 9/1/20.

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE RANDY CURTH	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Randy Curth to the long-term substitute position, on Step 1 of the LFTA contract, effective on or around May 20, 2020 through the end of the 2019-20 school year.</p> <p>Seconded: Commissioner Jodway Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE REGINA MOSES	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to appoint Regina Moses to the long-term substitute position, on Step 1 of the LFTA contract, retroactive to March 2, 2020 through the end of the 2019-20 school year.</p> <p>Seconded: Commissioner Jodway Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE KATHY ALTIERI	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Kathy Altieri to the long-term substitute position, on Step 1 of the LFTA contract, retroactive to March 9, 2020 through the end of the 2019-20 school year.</p> <p>Seconded: Commissioner Jodway Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
RESIGNATION MOD. BASEBALL COACH RICHARD HARTMAN	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to accept Richard Hartman's resignation from his position as Modified Baseball Coach effective immediately.</p> <p>Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
APPOINTMENT MOD. BASEBALL COACH JASON IZZO	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to appoint Jason Izzo to the position of Modified Baseball Coach effective immediately with a salary as per LFTA contract.</p> <p>Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL BUS DRIVER CHARLENE WOOD	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to appoint Charlene Wood to the position of Bus Driver for a Special Education placement bus run effective March 12, 2020 at a salary as per CSEA contract.</p> <p>Seconded: Commissioner Palmer Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
OLD BUSINESS	None
NEW BUSINESS CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to arrange for placement as per the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education as submitted.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Finkst Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
SUBSTITUTE LIST #7	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to approve the substitute list #7 as submitted for the 2019-20 school year.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

BUS USE REQUEST
EMILY ROZONKIEWIECZ

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Palmer made a motion to approve the bus request from Emily Rozonkiewicz to transport parents/relatives of students to the Times Union Center in Albany for American Young Voices concert on June 4, 2020. The bus will leave BHA at 4:30 pm and arrive at Times Union Center at 6 pm. The bus will leave the Times Union Center at 8:30 pm to arrive back at BHA at 10 pm.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

FIRST READING OF
POLICIES

Let the Minutes show the first reading of policies:
4603 – Meals and Refreshments at District Functions
5002 – Emergency Closings
5003 – Fire and Emergency Drills and Bus Emergency Drills
5004 – Short-term Worker Asbestos Notification
5005 – Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance
5006 – Pesticide Alternatives and Notification
5100 – Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Policy
5200 – School Wellness Policy
5401 – Transportation of Students
5501 – Flag Display

PROFESSIONAL DEV.
PLAN

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to approve the Professional Development Plan as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Palmer
Ayes All

Motion Carried

SCHOOL CALENDAR
2020-2021

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Jodway made a motion to approve the 2020-21 School Calendar as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

INFORMATION AND
PROPOSALS

BOCES Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

FUTURE BUSINESS
AND MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting:
Tues., March 31, 2020 – BOCES Remington vote – 12-8 pm
Wed., April 15, 2020 – BOE Meeting

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 7:23 p.m.

Clerk