

REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2020

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Coulson, Dodge, Finkst,
Hameister, Jodway, Mendl, 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, Director of Pupil Personnel/School Safety, Mr. Brian
Coleman and Board Clerk Mrs. Stephanie Beaulieu.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA REVISIONS None

COMMENTS FROM
THE FLOOR None

EXECUTIVE SESSION At 6:01 p.m. Commissioner Dodge 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 Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION

At 8:02 p.m. Commissioner Dodge made a motion the Board
return to Regular Session.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino,
Commissioner Dodge made a motion the Board approve the
following agenda items:
a. Approval of the Minutes of the Re-organizational Meeting of
July 1, 2020 and Special Meeting of July 29, 2020.
b. Treasurer's Report
c. Schedule of Claims

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL
MATTERS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion recommending the Board adopt the 2020-21 Tax Warrant as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

APPOINTMENT
BHA COUNSELOR
CLAIRE MARTUSCELLO

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to appoint Clair Martuscello to the position of School Counselor at Benton Hall Academy on Step 2 of the LFTA contract effective September 1, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION
DIRECTOR PUPIL
PERSONNEL/SCHOOL
SAFETY
BRIAN COLEMAN

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to accept Brian Coleman's resignation from his position as Director of Pupil Personnel/School Safety effective Sept. 30, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

RESIGNATION
CLEANER
NICHOLAS REGAN

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to accept Nicholas Regan's resignation from his position as Cleaner effective July 5, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION
CLEANER
ADAM LAPONE

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to accept Adam Lapone's resignation due to retirement from his position as Cleaner effective July 31, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

RESIGNATION
OFFICE ASST. I
DEBRAH COLEMAN

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to accept Debrah Coleman's resignation from her position as Office Assistant I effective September 30, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT
LUNCH/RECESS MONITOR
CHERYLANN SAUSA

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to appoint Cherylann Sausa to the position of Lunch/Recess Monitor at BHA effective September 1, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

DONATION OF
PRINTER
DSP IMAGES

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino Commissioner Dodge made a motion to accept the donation of a Canon ipf8100 44" printer to Little Falls High School to use as they see fit. Estimated cost of the printer is \$1500. The donation was made by Bob Critser of DSP Images.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

NON-RESIDENT
REQUESTS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to accept the non-resident requests as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

ADOPTION OF
RE-OPENING PLAN

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to adopt the re-opening Resolution.

RE-OPENING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on or about July 13, 2020, the New York State Department of Health issued interim guidance for in-person instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 schools during the COVID-19 public health emergency for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 16, 2020, the New York State Education Department released reopening guidance for schools for the 2020-2021 school year and requiring re-opening plans to be submitted to the New York State Education Department on or before July 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on August __, 2020, the New York State Governor issued an Executive Order concerning the re-opening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year; and,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools, working with teachers, support staff, administrators, and community groups submitted the School District's re-opening plan on July 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, it is understood by all that any re-opening plan for school districts and the inherent implementation of both in-person and virtual or remote instruction will change as circumstances evolve and governmental orders and guidance continue to be issued; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is involved in this critical policy matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby endorses the re-opening plan and efforts of the School District as led by the Superintendent of Schools. The Board recognizes that any such plan must be flexible and adapt to the COVID-19 public health emergency as it evolves and as governmental orders and guidance are issued.
2. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized and expected to modify and implement any re-opening plan or procedures based on such evolving circumstances and governmental orders. The Superintendent of Schools shall report to the Board as appropriate on the status of re-opening and any changes in the plan or procedures that had to be made.

Adopted August 12, 2020

Seconded by: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

FUTURE BUSINESS
AND MEETINGS
ADJOURNMENT

**Regular Meeting: August 12, 2020 @ 6 pm in
the BHA Library.**

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

Seconded: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Clerk