

REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2020

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY,
June 10, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Palmer

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, HS Principal Mrs. Leeann Dooley, MS
Principal Mrs. Maria Lindsay, BHA Principal Mr. Joe Long, Director of
Pupil Personnel/School Safety Mr. Brian Coleman.

CALL TO ORDER

President Hameister called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA REVISIONS

None

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 May 13, 2020 and
Special Meeting of May 20, 2020.
B. Treasurer's Report
C. Schedule of Claims

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL
MATTERS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner
Shepardson made a motion the Board approve the extension of the contract
with Little Falls-Fonda Bus Corp. for a period commencing 9/8/20 and
ending 6/24/21. Total anticipated annual cost is \$810,436.00.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Dr. Levatino – On May 18th, it was announced that Little Falls High
School's, Andrew Fox was elected State President of NYS FBLA for the
2020/2021 school year.

This will be Andrew's 3rd consecutive position at the state level of FBLA. He
is currently serving as the State Executive Vice President. Prior to this, he
served as the State Vice President for District 7. Andrew also is currently
on one of the National FBLA Councils, the Eastern Region Council, where
he serves as the Executive Assistant.

This year, Andrew successfully completed all four levels of the Business
Achievement Awards, a leadership development program on the national
level of FBLA. There are four levels of the BAA, with each level increasingly
challenging students to expand their leadership skills and showcase their

talents. He also completed all three levels of the Community Service Awards, a national program to promote giving back to the community.

Andrew's ambitions don't stop there.

Andrew is also being endorsed by NYS FBLA as the National Officer Candidate to campaign for Eastern Region Vice President. He will campaign (virtually) at the National Conference this June where elections will also be held (virtually).

Graduation plans have been finalized for now per Governor's orders.

Summer School will be done virtually and we are waiting for more updates.

Dr. Levatino also thanked maintenance and buildings and grounds crews, Deb Taylor and her bus staff, as well as Stephanie Johnson and her food service staff.

Mrs. Dooley – Emma Dooley's Art work was the winner of Congressional Art Competition. Her art work will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a full year. Hannah Young was also recognized.

For graduation we are following the guidelines. Friday the seniors will be in caps and gowns. They will parade around the city in their own vehicles and will be given their banners. It's just a chance for them to be together one last time.

End of year is upon us. Staff and students did well. Countless hours went into phone calls and contact to get students engaged. Grades are due next Wednesday.

Mrs. Lindsay – The middle school is wrapping things up. Grade book closes Wednesday. Assignments are due Monday and Tuesday.

8th grade moving over ceremony will be done virtually this year. The link will be sent to students and parents.

Breakfast of Champions is complete. We spent three days with teachers and Commissioner Hameister going to each student's house. They received breakfast in a bag and yard signs were given.

We hope we come back in September under normal circumstances. Pick up/drop off date for students will be June 17th.

Mr. Long – Yesterday and today we visited every kindergartener in our District via bus. Around 8 or 9 staff members were on a decorated bus. It was so special for the students and parents. Out of District kids came beforehand and were able to get pictures taken too.

Our staff has done a great job. I am very proud of our staff, kids and families. This weekend we celebrate our 5th graders. We are working on report cards and teachers are packing up rooms.

Mr. Coleman – Safety Committee – Today we reviewed our District Safety Plan. A public forum will be held on June 24th regarding the same.

CSE – We actually had a better turn out for our meetings and we are looking into continuing this. Unfortunately, re-evaluations were not able to be completed that were previously scheduled. Mr. Coleman provided the

Board with totals for special education students. As far as summer school goes, all but one student decided to continue with virtual learning.

Mr. Tooley – Grading system went a little differently for the 4th quarter. Grades 3-8 were given E, S or U grades. High School went to 4,3,2,1 grading system. A conversion chart was used for this. We are setting up some Professional Development for the Science Pilot that we did last year in order to implement the new science curriculum for next year. The team will be getting together this summer. We are also addressing some professional development issues in math. We are putting together a survey for all of the teachers at the end of the year to see what their needs/wants are. State Ed has given us another year to build Gen. Ed Standards. Athletics is still in a holding pattern awaiting further instruction.

Jennifer Smith – Mrs. Smith has been working behind the scenes for next year. Changes are coming to BHA. K-2 will have a reduction in each section. They will go from 5 classes to 4. Technology instruction needs are being accommodated and we will introduce technology instruction for K-5. Engineering by Design will also be partnering in this.

Mr. Allam – Mr. Allam first made a statement to squash the rumors that the BOE members were given a significant pay increase. He made a statement that BOE members don't get paid at all and that they certainly would not be given a raise.

Technology – We have added two access points within the city to connect to the school network with the help of Martin Babinec and Dave Cassullo.

Budget – The deadline for Budget vote has been extended to June 16th. Ballots can't be turned in by hand after June 9th. A meeting will be held on June 17th at 6 pm to canvass the votes.

Capital Project – Today we hit a milestone. A quarter of the Capital project has been completed. We are still stopping after phase one is complete and won't start phase 2 until the original date.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

PERSONNEL INSTRUCTIONAL

RESIGNATION LAURIE HENNESSY

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Shepardson made a motion to accept Laurie Hennessy's resignation from her position as High School Science teacher effective June 30, 2020.

Seconded: Commissioner Jodway
Ayes All

Motion Carried

HS SCIENCE TEACHER APPOINTMENT NICHOLAS COOKE

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Shepardson made a motion to appoint Nicholas Cooke to the four-year probationary High School Science teacher position effective September 1, 2020 on Step 2 of the LFTA contract.

Seconded: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

Seconded by: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

FUTURE BUSINESS
AND MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting:
Canvas the Votes meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6 pm
Re-organizational meeting Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Seconded: Commissioner Shepardson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Clerk