

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2020

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITTLE FALLS CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Coulson (virtual),
Dodge, Finkst, Mendl, and Shepardson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hameister, Jodway

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 (Virtual),
Director of Facilities Mr. Michael Kelly and Board Clerk Mrs.
Stephanie Beaulieu.

CALL TO ORDER

President Hameister called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MR. MILLER
BOCES UPDATE

Public hearing on SRO. No comments on safety plan from the public. Thank you to everyone for the Remington vote. We appointed a COVID 19 officer, Adam Hutchinson. Steve Cooper will be the new Business Manager. We approved all of the lead evaluators for the teachers which will be all administrators. We have approved the building level plans and also the Superintendent days are being held in case school is closed. We had a positive COVID case in BOCES CTE program. We also had a positive case at Pathways this week. Our Board was concerned about virtual learning due to lack of wifi connections. I feel our protocols at BOCES are working efficiently.

LESLIE SPURGIN
JEREMY GOULD
AUDIT REPORT

Gave a summary of their findings from the independent audit report.

AGENDA REVISIONS

Item 8.d. – Eliminated from Agenda.
Item 10.b. – Add Substitute recommendation.

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 regular meeting of September 9, 2020 and the Special Meeting of September 18, 2020.
- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. Schedule of Claims

Seconded by: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

OTHER FINANCIAL
MATTERS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion approving the Resolution for equipment lease as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Coulson made a motion to approve the list of items to be removed from inventory as submitted.

Seconded by: Commissioner Dodge
Ayes All

Motion Carried

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to approve accept the 2019-2020 Independent Audit Report as prepared and submitted by the District's auditing firm Insero & Co. CPA's, LLP.

Seconded by: Commissioner Finkst
Ayes All

Motion Carried

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to dissolve the Wrestling Club with all remaining funds in the amount of \$1,010.57 to be transferred to the High School Utility Fund.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson
Ayes All

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

We have two very active committees. BOE capital project sub-committee and once a week and additional meetings if needed for the Health Committee. These have both been extremely beneficial. We are looking at bringing back grade 7 on October 19th. Tonight we will be approving an amended calendar for school year 2020-21.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kelly reported out on behalf of President Hameister on Capital Project update. Last week we met with heads of companies and raised concerns about what is really going on. They all accepted where we were and have actually stepped up and some are running two shifts. The pace has picked up dramatically and we are seeing progress on a lot of fronts. The spaces that we need are fully functional. Classrooms are ready for 7th graders to come back into the classrooms and cafeteria. By the first week in November the middle school office should be put back together. Sidewalks and curb work will be done in the next couple of weeks. Cafeteria road is being patched back together and things are really coming together.

Mr. Tooley reported on behalf of Mrs. Tooley that the senior class voted and decided to wear purple caps and gowns for graduation this year.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to approve the following winter coaching appointments:

Girls Volleyball	JV	Marissa Mowers
Boys Volleyball	JV	Denise Scaparo
Girls Basketball	JV	Arielle Raux
Boys Basketball	JV	Tom Reid
Girls Basketball (2)	Modified	Monica Getman, Mike Paragi
Boys Basketball (2)	Modified	Adam Jodway, Jason Izzo
Girls Volleyball (2)	Modified	Linda Putman, Denise Scaparo
Wrestling Assist	Varsity	Sam Milikien
Wrestling Assist. (unpaid)	Varisty	Wayne Rodger
Wrestling	Modified	Marc Verri
Boys Volleyball	Varisty	TBD

Seconded by: Commissioner Finkst

Ayes All

Motion Carried

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
RESIGNATION
CLEANER
STEVE BARRIGER

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to accept the resignation of Steve Barriger from his position as cleaner effective September 14, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson

Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT
CLEANER

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to appoint Brandon Upson to the position of Cleaner at a salary as per CSEA contract with a 3-month probationary period effective October 15, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson

Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT
MORNING DOOR DUTY
KRISTINE DILLON

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to appoint Kristine Dillon to the morning door duty position with a retroactive date of September 1, 2020.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson

Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT
TEACHER AIDE
ALTHEA NOYES

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to appoint Althea Noyes to the 3-months probationary period, 32.5 hours per week position of Teacher Aide with duties in the Library effective October 15, 2020 at a salary as per CSEA contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson

Ayes All

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENT
MONITOR
ERIN CONNOR

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to appoint Erin Connor to the 32.5 hours per week position as Monitor effective October 15, 2020 at a salary as per CSEA contract.

Seconded by: Commissioner Coulson

Ayes All

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to approve the revised school calendar for the 2020-21 school year as submitted.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Finkst Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
NEW BUSINESS	None
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Keith Levatino, Commissioner Dodge 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 RECOMMENDATION	<p>Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Levatino, Commissioner Dodge made a motion to appoint Nagma Antonio as a substitute for the 12.5 hours per week lunch/recess monitor at Benton Hall Academy effective immediately.</p> <p>Seconded by: Commissioner Finkst Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Discussion by Mr. Dodge regarding AP classes. A parent was upset about how many days the class is being instructed and how the students would not be prepared enough for the end of year test.</p> <p>Dr. Levatino corrected the statement and said taking the test is optional. Due to COVID the teacher is taking an intermittent child care leave. The option was to not have it at all or give at least something. So we chose to give at least some part of it. We don't have certified substitutes and you also have to be approved to teach AP courses. He is providing a hand out for the days he is not giving direct instruction. You can still get local credit for the class. If they don't take the AP exam you will not get the credit for it. Commissioner Coulson asked if we could offer some sort of review closer to the exam?</p>
FUTURE BUSINESS AND MEETINGS	Regular Meeting: November 18, 2020 @ 6 pm in the BHA Library.
ADJOURNMENT	<p>With no further business at hand, Commissioner Dodge moved to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Seconded: Commissioner Finkst Ayes All</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.</p>

Clerk