



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 16, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Albany School of Humanities

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ginnie Farrell, President
Sue Adler, Vice President
Kenneth M. Bruce, Secretary
Dr. Rose Brandon
Anne Savage

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, Superintendent
Bill Hogan, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs
Kathleen Culligan, Human Resources Administrator
Jeff Honeywell

ABSENT:

No absences

Call to Order:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Members of the audience were welcomed and thanked for taking the time to attend the meeting.
- The Mission Statement was read.

APPOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION SECRETARY

Dr. Brandon made a motion to nominate Kenneth Bruce to become the new Board of Education Secretary. Ms. Savage seconded the motion to nominate Mr. Bruce.

The Board voted 4 yays and 1 abstention (Mr. Bruce)
Motion passed

Mr. Bruce has been appointed Board of Education Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. V provided information on Students with Disabilities data, Summer school programs and the upcoming Summer Celebration.

DISCUSSION

Grade Configuration/ Robert Hendriks

Mr. Hendriks provided a presentation on Grade configuration and what has been accomplished. The Presentation included meeting dates, priority issues & next steps.

Veterans Tax Exemption/ Bill Hogan

Mr. Hogan provided a presentation on Alternative Veterans Tax Exemption. The presentation provided information on criteria, exemption limits, impacts if passed & not passed, tax shifts, estimated veterans savings & next steps and considerations.

Smart Bonds Act/ Nicole Lindeman

Ms. Lindeman provided a presentation on the Smart Bonds Act. The presentation included the Smart Schools Bond Act purpose, main areas, required elements, requirements, activities to date, & next steps.

Catchment Enrollment for 2015-16 School Year

Dr. V provided information to the Board regarding registration for Kindergarteners that live in their catchment area. The districts intent is to make sure the students are registered and additional support will be provided if and when necessary.

Board Vacancies

Ms. Farrell informed the public with information regarding the Districts vacant Board seats. The Board has unanimously decided not to appoint candidates to fill the open seats until the November 3rd election. Ms. Farrell thanked all of the candidates for their interest and hard work.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION

Facilities

Artificial- Turf Athletic Field Project for Albany High School

Bid Awards & Contracts- Turner Construction Contract

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the Artificial- Turf Athletic Field Project for Albany High School and the Turner Construction Contract. Mr. Bruce made a motion. Dr. Brandon seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (5-0)

Motion passed

District Comprehensive Improvement Plan

This item has been postponed and will be discussed and acted on during the next Board meeting.

ACTION

New Middle School Resolution

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the New Middle School Resolution. Mr. Bruce made a motion. Ms. Adler seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (5-0)

Motion passed

Code of Conduct Policy

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the Code of Conduct Policy. Ms. Farrell made a motion. Mr. Bruce seconded the motion.

The Board voted 4 yays and 1 nay (Ms. Adler)

Motion passed

ROUTINE CONSENT

Proceedings of Meetings

May 21, 2015

June 4, 2015

June 18, 2015

Human Resource Items

Approval of Donation

Charles L. Touhey Foundation, Inc.

\$10,000 Donation to Sheridan Preparatory Academy

Treasurer's Report

Budget Transfers under \$10,000

Budget Transfers over \$10,000

Revenue Status Report

Appropriation Status Report

Real Property Tax Adjustments

Central Treasurer's Report for Extra Classroom Activity Fund

Grant Financials

Authorization to Enter Into Contracts

Field Trips

Approval of the Girls Lacrosse Club

Committee on Special Education

Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education finalized at meetings of **June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, and 30, 2015** are available for review by Board members. In compliance with the Commissioner's Regulations, the superintendent, on behalf of the Board, will notify affected parents of the Board's concurrence with the recommendations of its appointed Committee on Special Education.

Subcommittee on Special Education

Recommendations of the Subcommittee on Special Education finalized at meetings of **June 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, and 26, 2015** are available for review by Board members. In compliance with the Commissioner's Regulations, the superintendent, on behalf of the Board, will notify affected parents of the Board's concurrence with the recommendations of its appointed Subcommittee on Special Education.

Committee on Pre-School Special Education

Recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education finalized at meetings of **June 3, 10, 16, 17, and 23, 2015** are available for review by Board members. In compliance with the Commissioner's Regulations, the superintendent, on behalf of the Board, will notify affected parents of the Board's concurrence with the recommendations of its appointed Committee on Pre-School Special Education.

SET ASIDES

Ms. Adler requested to set aside the following Contracts:

\$64,635.92 & \$342,341.74 Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Center for Educational Leadership and City of Albany Department of Youth & Workforce Services and Williams College.

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve Routine Consent items minus the set asides. Mr. Bruce made a motion. Dr. Brandon seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (5-0)

Motion passed

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the Resolution to Approve Agreement for Cecily Wilson- turner. Ms. Adler made a motion. Ms. Savage seconded the motion.

The Board voted 4 yay and 1 abstention (Dr. Brandon)

Motion passed

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the Boys and Girls Club Contract in the amount of \$342, 341.74. Ms. Adler made a motion. Mr. Bruce seconded the motion.

The Board voted 4 yay and 1 nay (Ms. Adler)

Motion passed

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the Boys and Girls club in the amount of \$64, 635.92. Ms. Adler made a motion. Mr. Bruce seconded.

The Board voted 4 yays and 1 nay (Ms. Adler)

Motion passed

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the YMCA Contract. Ms. Adler made a motion. Mr. Bruce seconded the motion.

The Board voted 4 yay and 1 nay (Ms. Adler)
Motion passed

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the CEL Contract. Ms. Adler made a motion. Mr. Bruce seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (5-0)
Motion passed

The Board did not vote to approve the City of Albany Department of Youth & Workforce Services. The Board would like a presentation provided at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Farrell requested a motion to approve the Williams College Contract. Ms. Adler made a motion. Ms. Farrell seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (5-0)
Motion passed

BOARD COMMITTEES

None

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Report on Boys & Girls Club measurables
- Presentation on Truancy Abatement
- Presentation on vision cards

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Farrell called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Savage made a motion. Ms. Adler seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the Board meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Coon
District Clerk