

# **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**Minutes September 9, 2020**

## **ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Harry Blish, called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Lisa Benedict, Harry Blish, John Cole, Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Christopher Callas

**OTHERS PRESENT** Michael Gill, Martha Clark, Andrew Lutz, Mike Bennett, Julie Lederman, Erin Furstoss

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

#### **Agenda:**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by John Cole and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda for the September 9, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

#### **Minutes:**

August 26, 2020 Regular Meeting - A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2020 Regular Meeting.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF**

Michael Gill - Superintendent ♦ First day with students tomorrow - regional districts have reported that students were happy to be back ♦ Major adaptations in Special Education department – Lori Andreine and Katie Richardson have really stepped up. ♦ Employees daily COVID screening app will be running next week, students' screenings start at home, temperature check upon school arrival ♦ Dept of Health entering data daily for COVID Report Card ♦ BIG THANKS to IT department – getting students set up for virtual learning, fielding numerous service requests ♦ Discussions with Corning Inc.'s Dr. Millicent Ruffin about helping the Heights provide racial equity and social unity.

Principal Report – Andrew Lutz, Elementary School ♦ Very excited for tomorrow to be happening ♦ BIG THANK YOU to all, especially IT Department for getting students set up with laptops ♦ Had 3 Goals this summer – Get the teachers back in; Get the kids back in; Keep them in – build trust with families: get the kids in safe, which means parents won't be able to walk students to classroom this year (Kindergarten), feed them, build them up, send them home clean and going home the right way (on the right bus) ♦ Teachers will make magic happen in the classrooms ♦ Communication is the largest struggle.

Martha Clark – Business Manager ♦ Audit is wrapped up, draft reviewed by Head Auditor ♦ Continuing to see 20% held back in BOCES aid from 19-20 ♦ Executive order extended tolling until 10/4, did not approve extending school tax payment deadline ♦ Busy with transparency reporting, 180 day calendar, bus ban sold 0.68%.

### **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent personnel item(s) with additions F-1a through F2c. Be it further resolved that upon receipt of final clearance from the State Education Department, any conditional appointments shall be changed to regular appointments, reflecting the effective date of said Board meeting.

#### **F-1 Appointments**

- a. The Board of Education approved the following substitutes for the 2020-21 school year  
Substitute Support Staff: Nicole Barron

- b. The Board approved the recommendation to appoint the following list of coaches for the 2020-21 school year pending all certification requirements. Stipends to be approved after determination of adjusted sports' seasons:

Fall	Coach	Winter	Coach	Spring	Coach
Varsity Football	Kyle Erickson	Varsity Boys Basketball	Lenny Smith	Varsity Baseball	Mike Bennett
Assistant Football	John Nolan	Varsity Girls Basketball	Chris Mallette	JV Baseball	Eugene Barber
Modified Football	Jared Slaven	JV Girls Basketball	Paul Richmond	Varsity Softball	Elizabeth Warren
Modified Football	Eugene Barber	Winter Cheerleading	Jessica Smith	JV Softball	Pat Moffe
Varsity Cross Country	Jedediah Twichell	Bowling	Eric Gunderson	Varsity Boys Track	Shane Devlin
Varsity Volleyball	Paul Richmond	7th Grade Volleyball	Betsy Hauptman	Assistant Boys Track	Shawn Nugent
JV Volleyball	Betsy Hauptman	8th Grade Volleyball	Betsy Hauptman	Varsity Girls Track	Kirsten Southard-Twichell
Fall Cheerleading	Jessica Smith	Varsity Wrestling	Kevin Weber	Assistant Girls Track	Betsy Hauptman
				Modified Track	Scott Becker
				Varsity Tennis	Joe Condamé
				Modified Tennis	Mike Cady
				Varsity Golf	Lenny Smith

## **F-2 Resignations / Terminations / Retirements**

- a. Food Service Helper - resignation

Nicole Barron

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of Nicole Barron as food service helper, effective September 3, 2020.

- b. Cleaner - resignation

James Jessmore

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of James Jessmore as a cleaner, effective September 12, 2020.

- c. Business Education Teacher - resignation

James Russ

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of James Russ as a Business Education teacher, Public Information Coordinator, and Apex Site Coordinator (TAE), effective September 7, 2020.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **G-1 Reports - acknowledged**

A motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 6-0 to acknowledge the following consent financial reports:

- a. Budget Status Report as of September 2, 2020
- b. Revenue Status Report as of September 2, 2020
- c. Budget Transfer Report as of September 2, 2020
- d. Treasurer's Report for July 2020
- e. Claims Auditor Report for July 2020
- f. Extra Classroom Report for July 2020

## **FACILITIES**

no report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

no items

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **J-1 – Revenue Anticipated Note**

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to approve the Revenue Anticipated Note resolution:

A REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2020  
DELEGATING POWER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO  
AUTHORIZE, FROM TIME TO TIME AND YEAR TO YEAR, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF  
REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT, NEW YORK, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

### **J-2 – Superintendent Contract Amendment - approved**

A motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 6-0 to approve the amendment to the contract between the Elmira Heights Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools.

## **CONSENT**

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 6-0 to approve the following consent agenda items K-1 through K-2

### **K-1 Policies Revised - approved**

The Board of Education approved the following revised policy, as discussed at the August 26, 2020 Board of Education Meeting:

6221 Part Time and Certified Substitute Teacher Employment                      revised rate of pay

### **K-2 E.O.P. Child Development Head Start - MOU - approved**

The Board approved the recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Elmira Heights CSD and E.O.P. Child Development Head Start for preschool children special education services, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

## **AWARDS/HONORS/ACHIEVEMENT**

No items

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

No items

**DISCUSSION**

N-1 Athletics – Athletic Director Mike Bennett presented the latest information regarding fall sports. News release: Football, Volleyball, Competitive Cheerleading season has been pushed to March 1, 2021 by NYSPHSAA.  
N-2 NYSSBA Conference – Virtual Delegate, will appoint delegate at next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:31pm a motion was made by John Cole, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 6-0 to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:48pm a motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 6-0 to adjourn executive session.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday	September 23, 2020	Regular Board Meeting (if needed)	7:00pm	Community Rm
Wednesday	October 7, 2020	Audit Committee Meeting	6:30pm	Community Rm
Wednesday	October 7, 2020	Regular Board Meeting	7:00pm	Community Rm

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:52pm a motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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Clerk