

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ALBION, NEW YORK 14411  
May 06, 2024 SUMMARY  
OF A REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
7:00 pm**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Mr. Wayne Wadhams, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**RECOGNITION**

**Middle School Student Awards**

Adelaide Pettit - Leadership Award  
Jeffrey Echevarria-Saldivar - Character Award

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**BOARD APPROVED**

**2. PUBLIC FORUM - None**

**3. BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of April 09, 2024 Regular Board Meeting  
Minutes of April 23, 2024 Annual BOCES Budget  
& Election Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report for March 2024
- C. Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Report for March 2024
- D. CSE & CPSE Recommendations
- E. Committee on Special Education Referral Information
- F. Fundraiser Request
- G. Building Use Requests
- H. Budget Transfer Requests:
  - \$87,117.53 - Additional transfer for BOCES adjustments

**BOARD APPROVED**

- I. - \$ 900.00 - Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
(for Information Only)

Board President, Mr. Wayne Wadhams, indicated that Business Item (I) is for information only.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Academic Focus - High School Diplomas - Seals and Pathways - Mrs. Jennifer Ashbery

High School Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Ashbery, reviewed The Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures with the Board.

The Blue Ribbon Commission was established in 2019 by the New York State Board of Regents to rethink measures in New York State's graduation requirements and ensure educational excellence and equity for every student. Through a cross-section of stakeholder groups comprised of educators, administrators, researchers, school counselors, business/industry professionals, higher education professionals, parents and students, the Graduation Measures Initiative was formed to capture input on what today's graduate should look like. Four target areas were identified; consideration of multiple pathways; review of assessment flexibility; understanding of meaningful life-ready credentials and culturally responsive curriculum, instruction and assessment. Current credit requirements for graduation are 22. Albion Central School District's credit requirements are 22.5 that includes a half credit for community service. Next year the district will return to requiring a full 30 hours of community service to fulfill the half credit. This requirement had been changed during COVID.

Multiple pathways recognize the importance of engaging students in rigorous and relevant academic programs. The pathways options recognize students' interest in the Arts, Career and Technical Education (CTE), Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS), Civics, Humanities, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and World Languages allowing an approved pathway to satisfy students' graduation requirements. Four required Regents exams plus one pathway results in a diploma.

The Blue Ribbon Commission made twelve recommendations to the Board of Regents.

- Replace the three diploma types with one diploma, with the option to add seals and endorsements
- Include civic responsibility, cultural competence, financial literacy education, fine and performing arts, STEM credits, and writing for real-world scenarios in diploma credit requirements
- Ensure access to CTE (including internships and work-based learning opportunities)
- Move to model that organizes credit requirements into larger categories
- Reduce and/or modify diploma assessment requirements to allow more assessment options
- Create state-developed rubrics for any performance-based assessments allowed as an option
- Create more specific, tailored graduation requirements to address the unique circumstances of certain groups of students

- Provide exemptions from diploma assessment requirements for students with significant cognitive disabilities and major life events and extenuating circumstances
- Pursue regulatory changes to allow the discretion to confer high school degrees posthumously
- Require that professional development plans include culturally responsive sustaining education practices and pedagogy
- Review and revise the New York State Learning Standards

Looking ahead at Albion High School, a review is being made of the Seal of Civic Readiness - Seal and/or +1 Pathway. The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset and civic experiences. Students would need to earn six points from the required components in civic knowledge and civic participation. A chart was shared with the Board outlining this information. Mrs. Ashbery noted that a Civics Capstone Project, one of the civic participation areas, provides for 4 points and begins in Middle School in some cases. A PILOT of this Seal has been completed by the High School CAS students. These students completed a research project on the cafeteria and were required to present their findings. They will receive a seal on their diploma.

The Seal of Biliteracy Diploma Seal is an award given by a school, district or state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by their high school graduation. A chart of information was shared with the Board outlining the required criteria for demonstrating proficiency in English and proficiency in a world language with point values for each area. This seal ties into a pathway with the additional years of proficiency in the languages. A rubric is used, students earn points for English and the world language and by graduation, earn a seal on their diploma.

Mrs. Ashbery also shared information on the Individual Arts Assessment Pathway - 4+1 Pathway. This graduation pathway option offers students the ability to complete a locally determined three-unit sequence in the arts and demonstrate their growth over time that meets the High School II Accomplished Performance Indicators in the NYS Learning Standards for the Arts through a collection of creative works (portfolio).

In November 2023 the Blue Ribbon Commission presented its final report to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will begin policy discussions related to any future changes to the state's graduation measures. The New York State Education Department will develop the framework for school districts across the state that are in line with the updated policies and regulations. This information will drive any changes at Albion Central School District.

Mrs. Manfreda added that June 10<sup>th</sup> is the initial date for information to be provided to the District. If one diploma is to be offered, students would have the opportunity to earn seals. The Regents diploma will still be offered.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### A. Health & Safety Committee

Board Member, Mr. Schmitt, shared that the Health & Safety Committee met. He noted that an unplanned evacuation had taken place at the high school caused by too much dust in a sensor. Students were evacuated to the elementary school in the pouring rain, with no chaos, and the Board received timely notification. Future drills will be planned after the renovation of the high school gym is completed. The District-Wide Safety Plan is phasing in unannounced drills and while some schools may have graphic drills, Albion Central School does not. The committee is supportive of unannounced drills. We do have some drills involving students and teachers that use make-up, etc.; that are serious, controlled and the public knows about them. Some concerns were also expressed regarding drywall dust caused by work in the construction project as it continues.

### B. Finance and Audit Committee

Mr. Kast, Chairperson of the Finance and Audit Committee shared that a meeting had been held this evening. A review of the enacted budget completed in April resulted in restoring all save harmless Foundation Aid cuts (which doesn't affect Albion); there is also no guaranteed 3% minimum increase to Foundation Aid, Albion will receive 2.25%; the inflationary factor was pushed up to 2.8% compared to the 2.4% proposed by the Governor but below the 4.1% current law level; and allocation of \$2 million to study the Foundation Aid formula with recommendations due by December 2024. Our proposed 2024-2025 budget aligns very close to the state allowance. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a second SRO and additional Bus Aides. More information will be provided for discussion with the full Board of Education.

Mr. Schmitt explained to government students present at the meeting that while it may appear the Board approves many items rather quickly, the Board is given the opportunity to review the materials, ask questions and receive feedback prior to the meeting. He noted that this evening's Board packet is 288 pages in length. If Board members weren't able to review the packet prior to the meeting to address any questions they might have, the meeting would be much longer. Minutes of every Board meeting are recorded and shared.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### A. Guidelines for Board of Education Members and Administrators

### B. ACS New Board Member Orientation Manual

Superintendent Edwards shared the Guidelines for Board of Education Members and Administrators along with the ACS New Board Member Orientation Manual. These documents were provided to the Board for their review. The documents will be reviewed annually and adopted at the June Board Meeting.

Superintendent Edwards asked Board Members to provide him with any changes to be made to the documents.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Personnel

1. Resignations:

- a. Rebekah Thompson  
Position: Cleaner @ HS  
Effective: 04/12/24
- b. Michael Fahy  
Position: Math Teacher @ HS  
Effective: 06/30/24
- c. Peter Kemblowski  
Position: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective: 04/22/24

2. 2023-2024 Appointment:

- a. Tamarha Guevara  
Position: Cleaner  
Start Date: TBD  
Civil Service Classification: Non-Competitive  
Probationary Period: TBD, \*pending Drug  
Testing, Physical and  
TB Test  
Salary: \$32,760

3. 2023-2024 Extra-Curricular Athletic Appointment:

- a. Jessica Grimes  
Position: Supporting Softball Coach

4. 2024 Summer Camp Program Appointments:

**Summer Swim Program**

Position: Donald Adams - Summer Swim Lesson Instructor  
Dates: 06/27/24 - 07/26/24  
Monday - Friday  
Times: 8:00 am - 2:25 pm  
Salary: \$20 per hour

Family Swim  
06/27/24 - 07/26/24  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Summer Memberships available: \$20 Individual;  
\$25 Family or \$3 @ the door (non-members)

## Summer Recreation Program 2024

- 1. Position:** Boys' Soccer Camp Lead Instructor      **Bridgette Varin**  
**Dates:**                    06/17/2024 - 06/20/2024  
**Times:**                    3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Grades 3-8)  
Monday-Thursday  
**Salary:**                    based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 2. Position:** Girls' Soccer Camp Lead Instructor      **Maggie Orbaker**  
**Dates:**                    06/17/2024 - 06/20/2024  
**Times:**                    3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Grades 3-8)  
Monday-Thursday  
**Salary:**                    based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 3. Position:** Boys' Soccer Camp Lead Instructor      **Bridgette Varin**  
**Date:**                      08/05/2024 - 08/08/2024  
**Times:**                    6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Grades 9-12)  
Monday-Thursday  
**Salary:**                    based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 4. Position:** Girls' Soccer Camp Lead Instructor      **Maggie Orbaker**  
**Date:**                      08/05/2024 - 08/08/2024  
**Times:**                    6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Grades 9-12)  
Monday-Thursday  
**Salary:**                    based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 5. Position:** Boys' Basketball Camp Lead Instructor      **Jeff Radder**  
**Dates:**                    06/10/2024 - 06/13/2024  
**Times:**                    3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Grades 3-5)  
Monday-Thursday  
**Salary:**                    based on number of participants and number of coaches

- 6. Position:** Girls' Basketball Camp Lead Instructor **Cassidy Wolcott**
- Dates: 06/10/2024 - 06/13/2024
- Times: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Grades 3-5)  
Monday-Thursday
- Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 7. Position:** Boys' Basketball Camp Lead Instructor **Jeff Radder**
- Dates: 06/03/2024 - 06/06/2024
- Times: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm (Grades 6-8)  
Monday-Thursday
- Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 8. Position:** Girls' Basketball Camp Lead Instructor **Cassidy Wolcott**
- Dates: 06/03/2024 - 06/06/2024
- Times: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm (Grades 6-8)  
Monday-Thursday
- Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 9. Position:** Boys' Basketball Camp Lead Instructor **Jeff Radder**
- Dates: 07/08/2024 - 08/07/2024
- Times: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Grades 9-12)  
Monday & Wednesday
- Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 10. Position:** Football Camp Lead Instructor **Kyle Syck**
- Dates: 08/12/2024 - 08/15/2024
- Times: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (Grades 7-9)  
Monday-Thursday
- Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches

- 11. Position:** Football Camp Lead Instructor **David Skrip**  
Dates: 08/12/2024 - 08/15/2024  
Times: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm (Grades 10-12)  
Monday-Thursday  
Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 12. Position:** Youth Volleyball Camp Lead Instructor **Niccole Nicholson**  
**Jennifer Burden**  
Dates: 07/08/2024 - 07/11/2024  
Times: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Grades 3-8)  
Monday-Thursday  
Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 13. Position:** Cheerleading Camp Lead Instructor **Jami Allport**  
Dates: 08/12/2024 - 08/15/2024  
Times: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Grades K-8)  
Monday-Thursday  
Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 14. Position:** Youth Cross Country Running Camp Lead Instructor **Evan Steier**  
Dates: 07/08/2024 - 07/19/2024  
Times: 9:30 am - 10:30 am (Grades 3-6)  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches
- 15. Position:** Youth Track Camp Lead Instructor **Mark Hryvniak**  
Dates: 06/03/2024 - 06/06/2024  
Times: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm (Grades 3-5)  
Monday-Thursday  
Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches

16. Position: Track Camp Lead Instructor Mark Hryvniak  
 Dates: 06/10/2024 - 06/13/2024  
 Times: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm (Grades 6-8)  
 Monday-Thursday  
 Salary: based on number of participants and number of coaches

Assistant Instructors for Summer Camp Program:  
 Salary: Based on number of participants and coaches

Mike Sanders	Albion Football Camp
Daniel Ward	Albion Football Camp
Travis Downs	9 -12 Boys' Basketball Camp
Travis Downs	3-8 Boys' & Girls' Basketball Camp

5. 2024-25 School Year Extracurricular Appointments:

<b>ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CLUB ADVISORS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR</b>	
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ADVISOR</b>
Play 9-12 Director	Elliott Michki (.5) Kailey Winans (.5)
Play 9-12 Co-Director	Kathy Winans
Play 9-12 Assistant Director *	Miranda Allen
Play 9-12 Choreographer *	Valerie Pettit
Play 9-12 Tech	Kevin Feder
Play 9-12 Costumes	Karen Dibley
Play 9-12 Tickets	Bayli Schlierf
Play 9-12 Set Design	Kamie Feder
Play 9-12 House Manager	Meghan Kania
*only when the Fall play is a musical	
Musical 9-12 Director	Elliott Michki (.5) Kailey Winans (.5)
Musical 9-12 Co-Director	Kathy Winans
Musical 9-12 Ass't Director	Miranda Allen
Musical 9-12 Choreographer	Valerie Pettit
Musical 9-12 Tech	Kevin Feder
Musical 9-12 Set Design	Kamie Feder
Musical 9-12 Costumes	Karen Dibley
Musical 9-12 Conductor	Michael Thaine
Musical 9-12 Tickets	Bayli Schlierf

Musical 9-12 House Manager	Meghan Kania
Marching Band Director	Michael Thaine
Marching Band - Ass't.	
Marching Band - Ass't. 2	
Marching Band - Ass't. 3	
Color Guard	
Jazz Band A - H.S.	Michael Thaine
Jazz Band B - H.S.	Greg Martillotta
Jazz Band M.S.	Greg Martillotta
Acapella Choir	Elliott Michki
HS FFA	Scott Oldenburg
MS FFA	Caton Conde
FFA Summer Hours	Scott Oldenburg
Yearbook H.S. 9-12	Roxanne Bieler
Yearbook M.S. 6-8	Jennifer Rowe (.5) Amber Marvin (.5)
Signor Prize (American Legion Contest Prep)	Rich Gannon
HS Literary Magazine 9-12	Susan Sampson
MS Literary Magazine 6-8	Kathryn Kraus
H.S. Student Council 9-12	Sawyer Green
M.S. Student Council 6-8	Christopher Keller
E.S. Leadership Club	Cathy Hryhorenko (.5) Cathy Galbreth (.5)
Honor Society 9-12	Suzanne Newton
Honor Society 7-8	Lisa Castricone
Mock Trial	Matthew Brooks
Advisor 9	Bayli Schlierf
Advisor 10	Jennifer Blanchard
Advisor 11	Valerie Pettit
Advisor 12	Kathy Winans
History Club - H.S.	Rich Gannon
History Club M.S. 7 <sup>th</sup> Gr.	Bruce Pritchett
History Club M.S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Gr.	Shawn Ragonese
Multi-Cultural Club - ES	Mark Skurzewski
Multi-Cultural Club - MS	
Albion High School Diversity Club - HS	

Latin Club H.S.	
Spanish Club H.S.	Aracely Hernandez
Japanese Club H.S.	
Latin Club 7-8	
Spanish Club 7-8	Theresa Christopher
M.S. Play Director	Carrie Kozody
M.S. Play Ass't. Director	Kevin Feder
M.S. Play Tech	Kamie Feder
M.S. Play House Manager	Meghan Kania
M.S. Musical Director	Carrie Kozody
M.S. Musical Ass't. Director	Kevin Feder
M.S. Musical Tech	Kamie Feder
M.S. Musical Asst. Tech	
M.S. Choreographer	Laura Miller
M.S. Musical Accompanist	
M.S. House Manager	Meghan Kania
Masterminds	Suzanne Newton
JV Masterminds	Shawn Ragonese
Academic Challenge Bowl	Amber Marvin
MS Chess Club	Christopher Keller
HS Chess Club	Shelly Daggs
M.S. Science Olympiad	Jeremy Petrus
Interact	Tim Archer
Technology Club H.S.	Kyle Syck
Multi Media Club M.S.	Kristen Vilinsky
HS Recycling Club	
Pride Alliance	Kristin Roche
Elementary School Safety Patrol	Shani Faraci
M.S. Bookstore	Jennifer Bennett
K-5 Yearbook	Katie Reith (.5) Genevieve Szymula-George (.5)
HS Bowling Club	Shelly Daggs
HS Art Club	Dr. Athena Nichols
HS Running/Fitness Club	Patrick Uveino (.5) Mark Hryvniak (.5)
Broadcasting Club	

Ropes Course	
Area Music	

6. 2024-25 School Year Athletic Extracurricular Appointments:

<b>2024-2025 Coaching Recommendations</b>	
Varsity Football (HD)	David Skrip
Asst. Var. Football	
Asst. Var. Football	
JV Football (HD)	
Ass't. JV Football	
Ass't. JV Football	
9 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Football	Kyle Syck
7/8 Football	
7/8 Football	
Cross Country Varsity	Mark Hryvniak
Cross Country JV	Evan Steier
Cheerleading - Varsity Football	
Varsity Soccer (Male)	Bridgette Varin
Ass't. Varsity Soccer (Male)	Lucian Price
JV Soccer (Male)	Jeff Radder
7/8 Soccer (Male)	Greg Martillotta
7/8 Soccer (Male)	
Varsity Soccer (Female)	Maggie Orbaker
Ass't. Varsity Soccer (Female)	Bruce Blanchard
JV Soccer (Female)	
7/8 Soccer (Female)	Don Adams
7/8 Soccer (Female)	
Volleyball Varsity (Female)	Niccole Nicholson
JV Volleyball (Female)	Jennifer Burden
7/8 Volleyball (Female)	
Golf	William Dambra
7/8 Golf	

Varsity Basketball (Male)	
Ass't Varsity Basketball (Male)	
JV Basketball (Male)	Jeff Radder
7/8 Basketball (Male)	Mark Hryvniak
7/8 Basketball (Male)	
Varsity Basketball (Female)	
Ass't Var. Basketball (Female)	
JV Basketball (Female)	
7/8 Basketball (Female)	
7/8 Basketball (Female)	Don Adams
Cheerleading - Basketball	
Varsity Swim Male/Female	Jay Kovalski
Varsity Swim Ass't. Male/Female	Meghan Kania
7/8 Swim	Jennifer Bennett
Varsity Wrestling	Michael Sanders
Ass't Varsity Wrestling	
JV Wrestling	Pat Uveino
7/8 Wrestling	David Skrip
Tennis	Jay Kovalski
Varsity Baseball	Bruce Blanchard
JV Baseball	
7/8 Baseball	Mike Sanders
Baseball Pitching	
Varsity Softball	Cathy Schmitt
JV Softball	
7/8 Softball	
Softball Pitching	
Varsity Track (Male)	Mark Hryvniak
Ass't. Track (Male)	Patrick Uveino
Varsity Track (Female)	Bridgette Varin
Ass't. Track (Female)	Mark Skurzewski
7/8 Track	Jeff Radder
7/8 Track	Don Adams
Volunteer Track Coach	
Supporting Track Coach	Evan Steier

Unpaid Cheerleading Asst.	
Unpaid Asst. Football Coach	
Volunteer Baseball Coach	
Volunteer Softball Coach	
Volunteer Modified Baseball Coach	
Volunteer Track Coach	

7. Substitutes:

Certified Substitute Teachers

- Danielle Martino

Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

- Maleina Pellegrino

Non-Instructional: Clerical, Teacher Aide, Monitor and Cleaner Substitutes

- None

**BOARD APPROVED**

B. 2024-2025 School Monitors Terms and Conditions

**BOARD APPROVED**

C. Tenure Appointments

**BOARD APPROVED, granting of tenure for (a) Amanda Kast; (b) Cayla Hutteman; (c) Amber Marvin and (d) Stephanie Hack.**

D. Approval to Create Two Teacher Aide (2.0 FTE) Positions

**BOARD APPROVED**

E. Contract with Batavia City School District

**BOARD APPROVED**

F. Summer 2024 Programming Approval Through ARP Grant - Multilingual Learners School

The following individual is recommended to be approved as a teacher and/or substitute teacher for summer programming:

- Marcella Quintana

Teachers are paid at a rate of \$125/day (for a four-hour day). Up to 10 hours of planning will also be allotted to plan and prepare for the program, rate of \$30/hour).

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G. Title I - 7 Habits Family Night Event Approval

Event: 7 Habits Night - Elementary School  
To engage families in school-based activities surrounding academics and social emotional learning.

Individuals:

Cathy Galbreth	Kim Burrell
April Patti	Julie Keller
Tracy Monell	Karen Conn
Mindy Kenward	Janice Scott
Kailey Winans	Lindsey Almeter
Maggie Orbaker	Dana Martin
Allison Howard	Cheryl Rightmyer
Cathy Hryhorenko	Kelly Kovalski
Alex Bradshaw	Cathy Galbreth
Susan Dick	Melanie Uderitz
Samantha Flansburg	Tracy Monell
Desiree Barber	Jaime Beach
Jennifer Manley	Sheryl LeBaron
Sharah DeMena	Katie Badura
Amanda Kast	Jenn Simpson
Hannah Dills	Kimberly Beaton
Stephanie Hack	Katryel Ferri
Melissa Prince	Angie Wolfe
Meghan Kania	Nicci Nicholson

Rate: \$25/hour, up to six hours

Timeline: June 2024

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H. Summer 2024 Programming Approval Through ARP Grant - Elementary School

The following individuals are recommended to be approved as teachers and/or substitute teachers for summer programming:

Kailey Winans	Kelly Uderitz
Katryel Ferri	Jenn Simpson
Kelly Robbins	Sheryl LeBaron
Jennifer Manley	Wynter Dumont
Stephanie Hack	Kim Burrell
Julie Keller	Peggy Gabalski
Jaime Beach	Desiree Barber
Katie Badura	Dave Plewinski
Angie Wolfe	Meghan Kania
Holly McNair	

Teachers are paid \$500 per week (4 hours per day and 4 days per week), or at a rate of \$125/day. Up to 10 hours of planning will also be allotted to plan and prepare for the program, rate of \$30/hour).

The following individual is recommended to assist in coordination with summer programming (i.e. coordinating pick up and drop off, classroom lists, supplies and materials, etc.). This role will be compensated at a rate of \$500.

Meghan Kania

The following individuals are recommended to be approved as aides for summer programming:

Giovaneth Kirsch	Rebekah Cruz
Tracy Monell	Stephanie Preston
Anya Groth	Chrissy Bloom
Jordan Easling	

Aides are paid at their school year contractual hourly rate (rates will vary based on employee).

## **BOARD APPROVED**

### I. Donations:

- Monetary donation of \$500 to the Albion High School Band
- Monetary donation of \$1,000 to the Albion Central School District

## **BOARD APPROVED**

### J. 2024-2025 Annual Plans

- Comprehensive Counseling Plan
- Response to Intervention Plan
- Special Education Plan
- Professional Development Plan
- Code of Conduct
- Athletic Handbook

Superintendent Edwards provided Board Members with the 2024-2025 Annual Plans listed above for informational purposes. The Professional Development Plan, Code of Conduct and Athletic Handbook will be posted on the District's website for a 30-day public comment period. All documents listed above will be presented to the Board of Education on June 3, 2024 for review and approval for the 2024-2025 school year.

K. Volunteers

A list of volunteers was submitted for Board Members' information.

**9. BOE PRESIDENT AND ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

A. BOE President Report

Board President, Mr. Wadhams reported that on April 10<sup>th</sup> he attended the BOCES Annual Meeting where they discussed the budget and program enrollment.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Wadhams attended the ACS National Honor Society Induction ceremony.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Wadhams joined Board Members who attended the ACS Special Meeting held at 7:00 am to vote on the BOCES Budget and election of BOCES Board Members.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. Wadhams attended a meeting regarding the BOCES Superintendent Search.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. Wadhams reported he will be attending the ACS Honors Convocation.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> Mr. Wadhams reported he will be participating in the interviews of five candidates for the BOCES Superintendent position.

On May 30<sup>th</sup> Mr. Wadhams reported he will be attending the Genesee Valley School Boards Association event where David Little, Esq., Executive Director of the Rural Schools Association of New York

State will be presenting "The Future of NY Schools: It's No Picnic." Board members were asked to express any interest they may have in attending by May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Wadhams offered Kudos to the Softball team on their first victory on the new field. He expressed how proud he is of them!

B. Building Principal Reports

Building Principal Reports were submitted for Board Members' review.

Mrs. Ashbery added that while not in her Board Report, a recent article on the Orleans Hub reported that "Kelli Dingle, an Albion junior in the Graphic Communications Program at the Orleans Career and Technical Education Center had won a poster contest for the Taste of Buffalo. She was not only selected as the First Prize winner for her age category but also the overall Grand Prize winner. She will receive \$1,000 in prize money and her artwork will be used in the creation of the official Taste of Buffalo poster." Mrs. Ashbery shared that Kelli is super talented!

Mrs. Ashbery also noted that plans are being made to hold Graduation on the football field on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. There are also options being considered in case of rain; graduation could potentially be held on the rain date in the Middle School Auditorium which could result in tickets. More information will be shared with the Board next month.

C. Attendance Report

The Attendance Report for March 2024 was provided for Board Members' review.

D. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Report

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Mrs. Rebecca Manfrea shared information about grants the district receives. This year the district was selected by the New York State Education Department's Office of ESSA-Funded Programs for monitoring for a Desk Review. Districts are typically selected approximately every five years for a review. The District completed the review without corrective action needed. Board Members were asked to convey any thoughts and/or feedback they may have on what the report provides.

E. Athletic Director's Report

The Athletic Director's Report was submitted for Board Members' review.

Board President, Mr. Wadhams, added that the Boys' Track Team had won their 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive title. It was a beautiful night; the Coach and athletes did a great job!

F. ACS Music Report

The ACS Music Report was submitted for Board Members' review.

G. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Edwards shared the 2022 Capital Improvement Project Progress Report #14 with the Board. He noted that the cover page included a photograph of the high school gym locker room demolition. It has been fully gutted. The monthly update provides various pictures of fields, restorations, the high school gym demolition and photos of the removal of the gym lockers. Work continues on the District Office Canopy. The project is still on schedule and a bit under budget.

Superintendent Edwards shared that he met last month with Orleans County Superintendents, Dr. Godshall and Legislators to discuss preschool special education programs. Any child 3-5 years of age who is suspected of having developmental delay may be referred for evaluation to meet specific eligibility criteria for services. The New York State Education Department, through counties, is responsible for the provision of education services to preschoolers with special needs such as speech, OT and PT. Our county doesn't

have a program and since Rainbow Preschool closed, a number of children in the county are not being serviced. Districts cannot legally use general funds to cover the cost of these programs. Genesee and Orleans Counties assist the school districts in providing preschool services by contracting for and paying for the evaluations, services and transportation for eligible children. This is not happening as there are not many providers available. Preschool children are not getting services for their needs which has prompted the Albion Central School District to start the 8+1+2 program. Another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Superintendent Edwards indicated that if Board Members hear that districts aren't providing these services, to please inform community members that this is a county responsibility.

Board President, Mr. Wadhams informed Board Members that Mrs. Marla Iverson would be reaching out with dates for the Board of Education self-evaluation. Additionally, a Summer Retreat will be scheduled to discuss Board of Education and district goals with a whole day of training. Mrs. Iverson, the Superintendent and the Board would meet with administration for part of the day and the remaining portion of the day would be spent with just the Superintendent and the Board. Superintendent Edwards suggested the idea of a Saturday to work around schedules. Breakfast and lunch would be provided. Superintendent Edwards asked Board members to provide dates of availability on Saturdays during the summer.

Board President, Mr. Wadhams requested members to submit their Superintendent Evaluations to him by May 14<sup>th</sup> or May 21<sup>st</sup> to enable him to compile the information.

Board President, Mr. Wadhams also expressed he has real concern regarding the Blue Ribbon Commission and about how the information is being shared. He had recently attended a meeting at BOCES. He shared information from that meeting regarding an NCCC student who had received his diploma and two months later, found he had to take additional English and Math coursework. This student had to pay for the additional courses but received no credit for them because they didn't reach the standard. He had received his high school diploma but was deficient in English and Math. It is just an example that certain high school courses don't meet the NCCC requirements. Mr. Wadhams asked the question, "If we can't complete and provide skills for a community college, what do we do?"

**10. BOARD DATES**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Wednesday	May 08, 2024	Annual Honors Convocation <b>ES Gymnasium</b>	7:00 pm
Tuesday	May 14, 2024	Public Hearing HS LGI	6:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 21, 2024</b>	<b>Budget Vote</b> <b>Hoag Library</b>	<b>Noon -</b> <b>8:00 pm</b>

Sunday	June 02, 2024	Baccalaureate Albion First Baptist Church	7:00 pm
Monday	June 03, 2024	Annual Board of Education Recognition Reception ES Foyer	6:00 pm
Monday	June 03, 2024	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday	June 07, 2024	Senior Prom Hickory Ridge	6:00 pm
Friday	June 14, 2024	Class Night MS Auditorium	7:00 pm
Friday	June 28, 2024	Graduation <b>Location: TBD</b>	7:00 pm
Saturday	June 29, 2024 <b>Rain Date</b>	Graduation <b>Location: TBD</b>	11:00 am <u>or</u> 4:00 pm
Monday	<b>Date: TBD</b>	Reorganizational Meeting	7:00 pm
Monday	<b>Date: TBD</b>	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:15 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

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