

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALBION, NEW YORK 14411
April 09, 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

Elementary School Student Awards

Jacob Girardo - Leadership Award

Elliott Pettit - Character Award

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BOARD APPROVED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Heather Allchin introduced herself to the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to speak. She is a lifelong resident of Albion, has two children in the district and has been a bus driver for the past three years. Many of her co-workers were also in attendance. She shared that she loves her job. She asked the Board to consider hiring a bus aide for each of the large buses. She noted that the buses can have 20-45 students on the large bus runs depending on the area the bus covers. The national average classroom size is 16-23 students. The driver is vastly outnumbered on the bus when there needs to be control of a large moving vehicle. There are high school and middle school age groups along with IEP students. Pre-K and kindergarten students need seatbelts which is a time-consuming process. There are often situations that need immediate attention but drivers can't always pull over. Buses have frequent stops, move slow in traffic and have more close calls if the driver's attention is focused in the bus where there are different distractions at the front and back of the bus. She indicated that she has had a bus aide for most of the year (Amanda) and finds her irreplaceable! Amanda diffuses situations, writes up offenses and provides her with zero stress while she operates the bus. The extra help would be appreciated by all of the drivers.

Heather transitioned into a request for tightening behavior consequences. While Pre-K through fifth grade behaviors wouldn't necessarily be at issue, the expectations are different for middle school and high school students. Basic rules should be a standard; drivers shouldn't need to remind an 11th grade student to sit or an 8th grade student to keep their hands to themselves. There is lunch detention and ISS while in school but stronger consequences are needed on the bus. These shouldn't leave at the sidewalk and students should be reminded that repeated offenses on the bus can place them in jeopardy of losing the ability to ride the bus.

Heather thanked the Board and expressed her hope they would consider adding the bus aide positions; recognizing that while this would be a lot of positions to add, it could be an upgrade for the district.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Minutes of March 05, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report February 2024
- C. Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- D. Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Report for February 2024
- E. CSE & CPSE Recommendations
- F. Committee on Special Education Referral Information
- G. Budget Transfer Requests
- H. Fundraiser Requests
- I. Building Use Requests

BOARD APPROVED

Mr. Schmitt explained to individuals present at the meeting, especially to the government students attending, that while it may appear the Board approves many items rather quickly, they are given the opportunity to review the materials, ask questions and receive feedback prior to the meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE - None

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Winter Athletics - Athletic Director, Ms. Mariah LaSpina and winter athletes

Superintendent Edwards shared with the Board that he had been notified that Athletic Director, Mariah LaSpina had been selected for the 2024 NYSAAA Liam Frawley, Emerging Athletic Administrator Award. Ms. LaSpina had been nominated by all of the Section VI Athletic Directors to receive the award. A certificate was presented to Ms. LaSpina in recognition of the award.

Ms. Mariah LaSpina, Athletic Director, expressed her gratitude to the Board for their continued support of the athletic program and their adoption of the new Athletic Code of Conduct. She also

expressed gratitude to Mrs. Jennifer Ashbery and Mr. Brad Pritchard for their administrative support as well.

Ms. LaSpina noted that out of the 64 Varsity winter athletes, 96.88% were passing with a 65% or above; only two athletes scored lower. At the middle school level, out of 93 athletes 91 students passed with a 97.85% passing rate. While they may not always achieve the Scholar Athlete award, with administrative support, athletes are getting it done! She shared that the girls' basketball representatives were not present but that they achieved a 6-6 league record and had beat each of the teams once.

Student representatives for each of the remaining winter sports; boys' basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, and swimming shared highlights and favorite memories of the season with the Board. Boys' basketball athletes shared that the season had its ups and downs; they didn't win many games but it was a learning experience. The moms were very supportive providing food and gift bags. There are very few seniors leaving the team with many returning players along with new ones. Wrestling athletes shared that this had been one of their favorite sports seasons. One student representative indicated he was fortunate to work with his brother throughout the season. The wrestlers had suffered more losses and didn't necessarily have the best record but it didn't reflect the work on and off the mat. They showed up to all practices! Losses teach you to get back up and try again. They are excited to see what the future holds. Cheerleading athletes shared they had a really good season. They had participated in competition and improved a lot. They had many new cheerleaders join in so that the team came together to teach new things; all were encouraged to try out and see how things go. They always had their coach, Jami rooting for them and teaching them safety which is a part of cheer. There were 22 athletes this season! The girls' swim team captain shared they finished the season 2nd in the league. The team did an amazing job keeping their energy and morale up at each meet. The boys' swim team representative expressed how super proud he was of the team. They were co-league champs with Roy-Hart and 3rd in Class C overall. They had 8 swimmers which met the minimum to be successful. Many swimmers will be leaving but overall, it was an exciting season.

Ms. LaSpina thanked the Board again and applauded the efforts of the winter athletes!

B. Academic Focus - Middle School Enrichment Program
Mrs. Kamie Feder and students

Mr. Brad Pritchard, Middle School Principal provided the Board with a brief introduction of the Enrichment Program. He expressed that the students deserved credit for projects that provide real-world

experience and shared that Mrs. Feder's encouragement and exploration of projects for the program are the true meaning of learning.

Mrs. Feder introduced herself to the Board and shared that she has been an art teacher in the district for eighteen years. She has been working with two groups of students who are participants in the enrichment program. A slide presentation provided the Board with photographs of community projects the students have completed. The first group shared that they had repainted the mural at the fire station that was painted twenty-five years ago. It took two to three days to complete and while working on it, they got to enjoy watching boats as they passed by in the canal. Additional touches were added to the mural by the students to personalize their work, such as adding a black cat. The students are planning to complete a mural wrap at Bullard Park in the spring of 2024. A flower mural was previously completed on the back wall of the bathrooms in the park. They will be working on wrapping the mural around the sides of the building which they hope will encourage visitors as they pull in to explore and view the mural on the back wall. Mrs. Feder shared that they are in the beginning design phase.

The second group of students presented the Hot Wheels Ultimate Track. This project was derived from the boys' mind. They researched and uncovered other projects involving hot wheels and worked on a track and design as they waited for materials. They took their tape measure, paper, and rulers to the Auditorium where the idea evolved. 3D printers were used to print holders for the motors and boosters; wheels that turned and the suspension bridge, holders and supports to hold the track up. It took two months to complete the plans. The track needed to descend 60 feet from the balcony to the stage. After testing the suspension bridge supports, the students determined that placing a support every eighteen inches kept the track level and prevented sagging. Testing track features included boosters. Students had enough motors and adapters to make eighteen boosters which would provide enough power to run the entire course. The students were resourceful in making every one. Students prepared special elements such as mountains made of paper mache, an arch with moss and an iceberg. Track assembly began with the goal of achieving 725 feet. As the students worked on the assembly, they had to make it shorter because there were not enough boosters. The hardest part of the track assembly was the suspension bridge that was 60 feet in length. It wasn't easy but the students worked on problem solving and troubleshooting to achieve success.

Board members commended the students on their amazing work. Board President, Mr. Wadhams noted that the students could have purchased many of the items used but made their own through 3D printing which provided a great learning opportunity.

Mr. Pritchard shared that there is a lot to be learned, even if something fails; students learn and grow; that the project had every element of STEAM and was a pilot of a course to build on. He shared a list of additional enrichment activities the Middle School will be working on.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Health & Safety Committee

Board Member, Mr. Schmitt, shared that the Health & Safety Committee met. There were no community concerns. Work continues on the Workplace Violence Program. Building staff have conducted a survey of areas in each building to ensure there are no real concerns to be addressed. Mr. Mercer, Director of Facilities has been working with Mr. Combs, BOCES Safety Representative on fire safety and performing a spot check of the buildings.

Superintendent Edwards noted that the District-Wide Safety Plan has been sent to committee members for review. The plan will be recommended to the May Board Meeting for a 30-day comment period and review before adoption at the June Board Meeting.

B. Finance and Audit Committee

Mr. Kast, Chairperson of the Finance and Audit Committee shared that a meeting was held on March 26th. The committee worked on finalizing the proposed budget. A lot of work has been completed by Mr. Rick Recckio, administration and staff. It has been challenging because theoretically, we're not sure of the state's budget. The district will be going out at zero percent on the tax levy. The budget propositions will be discussed later in this meeting. The next Finance Meeting is scheduled on May 6th. The committee reviewed a draft of the budget newsletter and it looks good.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Additional Field Placement Notifications

An updated list of additional field placements was provided for Board Members' review.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel

1. Resignations:

- a. Charles Hannigan
Position: Substitute Cleaner
Effective: 03/07/24
- b. RoseMarie Matias
Position: Substitute Cleaner
Effective: 03/29/24

2. Retirements:

- a. Mary Jane Klips
Position: 6th Grade Teacher @ MS
Effective: 06/30/24

b. Ricky O'Kussick
Position: Cleaner @ ES
Effective: 09/17/24

3. 2023-2024 Appointments:

a. Joseph King
Position: Custodial Worker
Start Date: 04/29/24
Civil Service Classification: Non-Competitive
Probationary Period: 04/29/24 - 04/28/25
Salary: \$32,760

b. Angela Boyce
Position: District Office Clerk
Start Date: TBD
Civil Service Classification: Competitive
Salary: \$38,000

4. 2023-2024 Extra-Curricular Athletic Appointments:

a. Vincent Strollo
Position: Volunteer Baseball Coach

b. Evan Steier
Position: Supporting Track Coach

c. Casey Flynn
Volunteer Softball Coach
**pending recertification in
First Aid, CPR, AED

5. Substitutes:

Certified Substitute Teachers

- None

Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

- Nicholas Andrews
- Katelyn Beach
- Clara Bolton
- Amber Regling

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

- Holly Klatt
- Dawn Snyder

BOARD APPROVED

B. Resolution Regarding Capital Outlay Project
(2024-2025 Budget Year)

A RESOLUTION, DATED APRIL 9, 2024, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ORLEANS AND GENESEE COUNTIES, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") DECLARING THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT (INVOLVING MODEST UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DISTRICT'S BUS GARAGE BUILDING) TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCLUSION OF FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Albion Central School District, Orleans and Genesee Counties, New York (the "District"), after consultation by District officials with the District's retained architectural firm, CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect and Surveyor, D.P.C. (the "Architect"), has resolved that the District should propose to undertake, during the District's pending (2024-2025) fiscal year, a capital outlay project involving modest upgrades and improvements at the District's Bus Garage building, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily to be limited to, the replacement of doors, frames, hardware, ceilings, lighting, and all associated work (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by the Architect to be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the District is proposing that the Project be financed by the application of \$100,000 of funds to be earmarked for such purpose as a "Transfer to Capital Fund" in the District's pending (i.e., 2024-2025) budget, with the work on the Project being anticipated to occur (and be completed) during the 2024-2025 fiscal year of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to reserve the right to expand, contract or modify the scope of the Project in light of the level of future bids received, with the understanding that the estimated maximum cost of the Project will not exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Education Department guidance and policy, the District and its Board of Education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake Project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions that are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility" and "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site...;" and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes such maintenance, repair, or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (a/k/a "SED MOU #023-024" or "MOU") between the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") (a/k/a State Historic Preservation Office or "SHPO") and SED, a project is exempt from SHPO review if, among other possible reasons, a building is 50 years old or older but has previously been evaluated by SHPO and found not to meet the criteria for inclusion in the State and National Register ("Registers"); and

WHEREAS, as indicated in the Cultural Resource Information System ("CRIS"), SHPO determined in 2021 that the Bus Garage building is "not eligible" for listing on the Registers because it does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the Registers; and

WHEREAS, the Architect has determined that the proposed work is exempt from review by SHPO because the Bus Garage building is "not eligible" for listing on the Registers, although the Architect may nonetheless choose to submit information on the proposed work to SHPO for confirmation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the final determination of the District's Board of Education that the proposed Project is a Type II action, which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and that the proposed Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed Project shall be included as a "Transfer to Capital Fund" line item (not exceeding \$100,000 in amount) in the District's proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year (with appropriate additional notification to District voters regarding the anticipated details of the work to be given in connection with the District's regular budget approval process), so that such Project may be initiated and completed (assuming voter approval of the District's proposed budget) during the District's 2024-2025 fiscal year; and be it further

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Wayne Wadhams	VOTING YES
Linda Weller	VOTING YES
David Sidari	VOTING YES
Trellis Pore	VOTING YES
Christopher Kinter	VOTING ABSENT
John Kast	VOTING YES
Kurt Schmitt	VOTING YES

Ocie Bennett, Jr.

VOTING YES

Porsche Taylor

VOTING YES

The resolution was thereupon declared duly.

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C. Annual School District Meeting Resolution

Proposition #1 (2024-2025 School Budget)
Proposition #2 (Purchase of Buses)
Proposition #3 (Local Library Appropriation)
Proposition #4 (Establishment of a Capital
Improvements Reserve Fund)
Board of Education Vacancies

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and Election of the Albion Central School District, Orleans and Genesee Counties, New York (the "District"), will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 12:00 noon prevailing time to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time in the **HOAG LIBRARY, 134 South Main Street, Albion, New York**, for the purpose(s) of voting on the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, electing two (2) members of the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"), voting on three other propositions, and transacting such other business as may be authorized by law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing for the qualified voters of the District on the 2024-2025 budget will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time in the LGI room in the Charles C. D'Amico High School Building located at 302 East Avenue, Albion, New York.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an election for members of the Board shall be held to fill two (2) at-large positions on the Board. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall each be elected to a five-year term (commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029).

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all candidates for the office of member of the Board shall be nominated by petition. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk, shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of qualified voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater, state the residence of each signer, and shall state the name and residence of the candidate. Each petition must be filed in the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. but not later than the thirtieth day preceding the Annual Meeting and Election, to wit, by 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the voting at the Annual Meeting and Election shall consist of voting on the budget and other propositions as may be lawfully presented at the meeting:

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 (2024-2025 BUDGET)

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Albion Central School District, Orleans County and Genesee County, New York (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied and collected as required by law.

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2 (PURCHASE OF BUSES)

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to appropriate an amount of six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) from the Albion Central School Bus Purchase Reserve Fund to purchase buses for the 2025-2026 school year.

PROPOSITION NUMBER 3 (LOCAL LIBRARY APPROPRIATION)

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Albion Central School District of Orleans and Genesee Counties, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, be authorized and empowered to raise an annual sum of six hundred sixty-four thousand, five hundred ten dollars (\$664,510) during the 2024/2025 for library purposes; that this amount be raised by tax levy during the school year for support of the maintenance and operations of the Hoag Library of the Swan Library Association; and that this sum be in addition to the funds raised to meet the estimated expenditures of the school district, in the form commonly known as the School District budget.

PROPOSITION NUMBER 4 (ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND)

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Albion Central School District, Orleans and Genesee Counties, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to establish a new capital improvements reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the "Fund"); that the Fund shall be known as the "Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2024" of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of buildings, facilities, sites and real property by the District, or the District's share of the cost of any capital improvements project undertaken by a Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") of which the District is (or may become) a component district,

including, in all cases, the acquisition of necessary furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus; that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than \$15,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to the Fund from time to time shall be (A) budgetary appropriations of the District; (B) unappropriated fund balance of the District; (C) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements (whether or not such improvements were financed in whole or in part from the Fund); (D) the proceeds from the sale of unneeded real or personal property owned by the District; (E) one or more other reserve funds of the District; and/or (F) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all as may be permitted by law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that voting machines will be used to record the vote on the budget, on all propositions, and on the election of members of the Board.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting and Election may be obtained up to thirty (30) days before said election at the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. prevailing time and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at 324 East Avenue, Albion, New York 14411 at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the Annual Meeting and Election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk, where it shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, until the day set for voting, except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and said list will be posted at the polling place.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Applications for military voter ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 pm, prevailing time, on April 25, 2024. Eligible military voters may designate their preference for receiving their application by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail at cishmael@albionk12.org. If no designation is indicated, the military ballot application and ballot will be transmitted by mail. A list of all persons to whom military voter ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the Annual Meeting and Election (except Saturday and Sunday), and such list shall also be posted at the voting place, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of a military ballot of any person on such list, by making the challenge and the reasons therefor known to the Inspector

of Election before the close of the polls.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for an early mail ballot may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. Applications for early mail ballots may be accepted beginning April 22, 2024. Applications for early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk at 324 East Avenue, Albion, New York 14411 at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election, to wit, May 15, 2024, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the Annual Meeting and Election, to wit, May 20, 2024, if the ballot is to be delivered to the voter in person. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the Annual Meeting and Election (except Saturday and Sunday), and such list shall also be posted at the voting place, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of an early mail ballot of any person on such list, by making the challenge and the reasons therefor known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the 2024-2025 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. The amount for each purpose estimated necessary for payments to Boards of Cooperative Educational Services shall be shown in full, with no deduction of estimated state aid. The amount of state aid provided and its percentage relationship to the total expenditures shall also be shown. Such statement shall be completed at least seven days before the budget hearing at which it is to be presented and copies thereof shall be prepared and made available, upon request, to residents within the District during the period of seven days before the budget hearing and/or fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Election, and may be obtained by any resident in the District at each school house in the District during the hours of 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. prevailing time on and after May 7, 2024, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, and in the District Office.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Wayne Wadhams	VOTING YES
Linda Weller	VOTING YES
David Sidari	VOTING YES
Trellis Pore	VOTING YES
Christopher Kinter	VOTING ABSENT
John Kast	VOTING YES
Kurt Schmitt	VOTING YES

Ocie Bennett, Jr.

VOTING YES

Porsche Taylor

VOTING YES

The resolution was thereupon declared duly.

BOARD APPROVED

D. Designation of Election Personnel

DESIGNATING ELECTION PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Albion Central School District, Orleans County, New York, has called an Annual District Meeting to be held on the 21st day of May 2024 and;

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of inspectors of election for said Special District Meeting; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Albion Central School District, Orleans County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Wayne Wadhams, a duly qualified voter of said School District, is hereby appointed as the permanent chairperson of the Annual Meeting and Special District Meeting referred to in the preambles hereof.

Section 2. The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as inspectors of election of said Special District Meeting, so that there shall be at least two inspectors for each ballot box or voting machine to be used thereat:

Stacey Andrews	Kristin Ferris	Laura Simboli
Angela Boyce	Sarah McCormick	Christina Snook
Elisha Hill	Katie McGaffick	Mattea Woolston
	Nancy Moore	

Section 3. Cindy M. Ishmael is hereby designated as chief election inspector.

Section 4. The following named School Business Administrator of said School District is hereby appointed as assistant clerk of said Special District Meeting: Richard Recckio II.

Section 5. Each inspector of election and assistant clerk appointed for said Special District Meeting, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at their Board contracted rate of pay for each day actually and necessarily spent on the duties of his/her office. Compensation for inspectors without a Board contract work rate shall be \$16 per hour. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as permanent chairman, inspectors of election and assistant clerks for said Special District Meeting.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Wayne Wadhams	VOTING YES
Linda Weller	VOTING YES
David Sidari	VOTING YES
Trellis Pore	VOTING YES
Christopher Kinter	VOTING ABSENT
John Kast	VOTING YES
Kurt Schmitt	VOTING YES
Ocie Bennett, Jr.	VOTING YES
Porsche Taylor	VOTING YES

The resolution was thereupon declared duly.

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E. Property Tax Report Card

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F. 2023-2024 Surplus Items for Auction/Discard

**ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL
SURPLUS ITEMS FOR AUCTION/DISCARD
2023-24**

Microscopes that are working and not needed from High school:

- 13 Boreal 5790300 Microscopes
- 1 MEIJI ML2000 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 910941 Microscope
- 8 Boreal 55850-00 Microscopes
- 6 Swift M250 Microscopes
- 1 Boreal 2 243685 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 911074 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 910199 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 910137 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 911069 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 910176 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 911035 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 911065 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 911064 Microscope
- 1 Boreal 911041 Microscope

Popcorn machine that is not used from Middle school:

- Gay 90's Whiz Bang Popcorn machine.
Model 2014
Serial No. GWB4517
ACS No. 10246

Equipment from the bus garage and Maintenance:

- 1 Powermatic Band saw
Model: 87
SN: 387425
- 1 Powermatic Millrite
Model: MVN
SN:73855
- Mac Tools battery charger
Part # BCH7109B
Albion # 20090094
- Black and Decker bench grinder
6 inch Ser # 463835
Albion # 06491
- (2) Stertil Koni Car Lift Jack stands
All adapters are with them
Albion # 20090101 # 000546- # 000545
- Small oil drain bucket around 4-gallon capacity
- Wheel Dolly DF6
Ser # 67550
Albion # 000548
- Wheel dolly WR13
Ser # 3BE3171
Albion # 000549
- Micro Precision Wheel Balancer
Model # M-76
- 22 pieces of Green used metal roofing. 13' 4" x 3'
- Dayton Pallet jack (broken, discontinued parts availability)
Model 4yx96
- Hobart Handler MIG welder Model H135 (burned up)
Serial No LB050621
ACS No 0000555
- 2 Wooden desks from Elementary school (press board desks,
broken drawers).
- Microscopes that are not working and not needed from High
school:
5 Boreal 911042 microscopes

- 3 Biocraft Denoyer Geppert Company microscopes
- 5 Bocsh & Lomb microscopes
- 1 American Optical microscope
- 3 American Optical-Sixty microscopes
- 1 American Optical-One-Sixty microscope
- 1 Wards 822733 microscope
- 1 Reichert-Jung Series 160microscope
- 1 Swift M250 Series microscope
- 1 American Optical Company microscope

- 135 High School Combo Desks

BOARD APPROVED

- G. Agreement and Release

BOARD APPROVED

- H. 2024-2025 Private School Transportation

BOARD APPROVED

- I. 2023-2024 Programming Approval Through ARP Grant

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

Before & After School 2023-2024:

- Allyson DeBoard (program/ see rate below)
 - Josefino Paz (program/ event/ see rate below)
 - Kamie Feder (program/ see rate below)
 - Mike Jones (program/ \$25/ hour)
 - Tina Burgett (program/ see rate below)
 - Dr. Athena Nichols (program/ see rate below)
 - Bruce Pritchett (program/ see rate below)
 - Janice Scott (program/ see rate below)
 - Julie Keller (program/ see rate below)
 - Brooke Beatty (program/ see rate below)
 - Joan Mrzywka (program/ see rate below)
 - Jaime Beach (program/ see rate below)
 - Kelly Kovalski (program/ see rate below)
 - Cheryl Rightmyer (program/ see rate below)
 - Meghan Kania (program/ see rate below)
 - Benjamin DeJonge (program/see rate below)
 - Sheryl LeBaron (program/see rate below)
 - Amber Sidari (program/see rate below)
 - Cathy Hryhorenko (program/see rate below)
 - Allison Howard (program/see rate below)
 - Desiree Barber (program/see rate below)
 - Wynter Dumont (program/see rate below)
 - **Stephanie Hack (program/see rate below)**
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Historical information:

For before/ after school work - teachers are paid at a rate of \$30 per hour plus a half hour of planning (equaling \$15) for every day a session is held.

For summer work - teachers are paid \$500 per week (4 hours per day and 4 days per week), or at a rate of \$125/ day.

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J. Donation(s):

- Two monetary donations of \$50 each to the Albion Central School District Special Olympics Club
- Monetary donation of \$20 to the Albion Central School District Interact Club
- Monetary donation of \$500 to the Albion High School Band

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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 he and Superintendent Edwards met with Marla Iverson in a Zoom meeting on March 6th. They discussed Board of Education training; the Strategic Action Plan surveying for stakeholder groups; a Board survey and self-evaluation and district goals.

On March 7th Mr. Wadhams attended the first informational meeting with the search consultants for the BOCES Superintendent position. Several meetings will follow.

On March 11th there was a Staff Development Day where scope and sequence of all grade levels, middle and high school courses were finalized. This information will be used for long range planning.

On March 16th the Niagara Orleans School Boards Association held a prospective Board Member workshop in North Tonawanda. Three prospective Board Members attended; two from Lockport and one from Lyndonville. Six current Board Members also attended. There were good discussions and great questions.

On March 19th Mr. Wadhams attended a Rural Schools Association Zoom Meeting. There was a presentation on the state budget proposal where

the Governor proposed significant cuts to education. The Senate/Assembly's one house budget proposal restores the cuts.

On March 20th Mr. Wadhams attended the Middle School Literacy Night. It was well attended and people were very engaged.

On March 21st a Niagara Orleans School Boards Association meeting was scheduled but due to technical difficulties will need to be rescheduled.

On March 22nd Mr. Wadhams and Superintendent Edwards attended the GLOW with your Hands - Health Care event at Genesee Community College. There were several students in attendance with 15-20 attending from Albion.

On March 25th the Bus Drivers' Appreciation Breakfast was held.

On April 2nd Mr. Wadhams visited the Middle School with Superintendent Edwards to view the Hot Wheels track set-up, the swim locker room and library STEM set-up.

B. Building Principal Reports

Building Principal Reports were submitted for Board Members' review.

Mrs. Ashbery added her appreciation to Maggie Stewart for the postings she includes on the social media outlets which highlight recognitions, scholarships, awards, highlights and academics.

Mrs. Ashbery also added to her High School Report that the Science Department had spearheaded a hall project with all things solar eclipse. This project was driven by teachers and included a brochure, trivia and an art project.

Mrs. Ashbery also provided information requested by the Board regarding the border crossing requirements for the Band Trip to Toronto. All students will need a signed permission slip and if younger than 16 years of age, will need a valid U.S. Passport and Birth Certificate. Students 16 or older may use an enhanced NYS Driver's License if they have it but would otherwise need the same documents as students under 16. All information will be kept confidential in a binder provided to the chaperones while the trip is taking place. The information will be shredded once they return back to the school. The remaining funds for the trip are due today. Mrs. Ashbery will report to the Board at the next meeting on senior activities and graduation and how they will look now that the gym is under full construction.

Board President, Mr. Wadhams noted that during the BOCES Board meetings, there has been discussion from schools looking to add public relations. Dr. Godshall expressed that Albion is the school they are looking at; to copy what is working here. Maggie Stewart is being recognized not only in her own district but in others who have been impressed with her PR work.

C. Attendance Report

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

D. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Report

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Mrs. Rebecca Manfreda shared enrollment, demographic and other information that she collects as the District's Data Coordinator. The District's enrollment is currently a little above 1,800 students. The number of homeschooled students has increased some and there are a small number of students parentally placed at other schools.

Mrs. Manfreda also highlighted an email she had received from Genesee Community College regarding their ACE Program. Numerous college credits and tuition savings have been realized by 94 of our high school students. These opportunities provide a large cost savings to students as they are able to gain college credits at a significantly reduced rate.

E. Athletic Director's Report

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

Board President, Mr. Wadhams offered congratulations to the Swim Team on their season.

F. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Edwards shared with the Board that in September, the Early Voter Act was approved by the Governor. This is unlike absentee voter applications as voters do not need to disclose the reason for applying for an early mail ballot. This is a requirement for all school districts. The first day applications can be accepted is April 22nd at which time the District must verify and determine whether or not the individual is a qualified voter. The ballot would be provided upon this verification and must be returned to the District Clerk's office by 5:00 pm on the day of the election. A list of early mail voters must be compiled and available to the public for inspection.

Superintendent Edwards shared the 2022 Capital Improvement Project

Progress Report #13 with the Board. Work is picking up now on the project. The High School gym is closed, has been gutted, the floor is being removed this week, the large hanging scoreboard is gone, the folding doors are out and everything will be brand new except for the backboards. Photographs provided in the Report show that the track is completely done; new permanent fencing and gates have been installed on both sides of the concession stand. The pine trees formerly between the sports fields have been removed which also alleviates pine needles on the track which could stain the surface. The Kindergarten classroom hall windows have been removed as a

safety enhancement and have been replaced with infill panels. The original trim around the doors has been reused. The pool locker room wall tile installation is continuing; the old electrical conduit has been removed for the new locker room finishes; the old lockers will be kept and new lighting will be installed. The pool will also have new indirect lighting installed. The multi-purpose field has about 90% of the turf down with lines and emblems going in this week. It is anticipated that there is the possibility of one softball game being played on the new field before the end of the season. The District Office canopy excavation has started with the footer steel being installed tomorrow. The project is on track and under budget.

Superintendent Edwards also shared that the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is scheduled on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 pm and the National Junior Honor Society is scheduled on April 25th at 7:00 pm. Invitations to both events are at Board Members' places.

Superintendent Edwards advised the Code of Conduct Committee that each of the buildings are reviewing the Code for any potential changes. He is looking for the Committee to meet by the end of the month to review the changes so that a draft of the Code of Conduct can be submitted to the May Board Meeting for the 30-day comment period.

Board President, Mr. Wadhams commented that two to three weeks ago, Mike Ferreri, Project Manager for Campus Management stopped at the track and had a brief conversation with him. He was able to see that programs are showing a lot of cooperation as the project proceeds. He commented that it was nice to see we could work things out.

Superintendent Edwards shared with the Board that Don Adams and Brooke Beatty have expressed gratitude for their ability to take physical education classes out on the football field. This changes the physical education approach. Their classes have previously been held on the strip of grass adjacent to the parking lot at the back of the building. The football field is getting used all of the time by athletic programs and kids district-wide.

10. BOARD DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Monday	April 22, 2024	Board Candidate Petitions Due District Office	5:00 pm
Tuesday	April 23, 2024	Annual BOCES Budget Vote & Election	7:00 am
Tuesday	April 23, 2024	Candidate Ballot Drawing Elementary School Office	10:00 am
Monday	May 06, 2024	Audit Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Monday	May 06, 2024	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 pm

Wednesday	May 08, 2024	Annual Honors Convocation ES Gymnasium	7:00 pm
Tuesday	May 14, 2024	Public Hearing HS LGI	6:00 pm
Tuesday	May 21, 2024	Budget Vote Hoag Library	Noon - 8:00 pm
Sunday	Date: TBD	Baccalaureate Location: TBD	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 Location: TBD	7:00 pm
Saturday	June 29, 2024 Rain Date	Graduation Location: TBD	11:00 am <u>or</u> 4:00 pm
Monday	Date: TBD	Reorganizational Meeting	7:00 pm
Monday	Date: TBD	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:15 pm

Board President, Mr. Wadhams shared that the Annual BOCES Budget Vote and Election of board candidates will be held on April 23rd. The Board will need to meet on that day to vote. Typically, this meeting has been held at 7:00 am and lasts about 15 minutes. Five Board Members must be present for the meeting. The Board agreed to set the meeting for 7:00 am and member availability was established to meet the required quorum.

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11. EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

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12. OPEN SESSION

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13. ADJOURNMENT

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