PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
January 19, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Minutes No. 15

January 19, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Young, Vice President Linderman, Secretary Sandell, and Board Members Cheatham, Ferraro, Hare, Kershaw, Schutt, and Tobin – 9

Board President Young called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

No. 586 On motion by Board Member Sandell, seconded by Board Member Ferraro, the Board moved into executive session at 6:01 p.m., to consult with the district's legal counsel and to review one unrepresented employee compensation request – Ayes 9.

No. 587 On motion by Board Member Ferraro, seconded by Board Member Tobin, the Board moved out of executive session at 7:03 p.m. – Ayes 9.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Young.

MISSION STATEMENT

For the 2021-2022 school year, the district is honoring unsung heroes and heroines that have gone above and beyond. The focus for January was on the following student at Anna Merritt Elementary School: Emmanuel Stowe, grade 3.

PUBLIC FORUM - Agenda Items and General Interest Items

There were three speakers:

1. Felicia Green 36 Spruce Street – daughter was recently jumped at Aaron Mossell Junior High School and administration did not tell her, daughter was suicidal, mom works 11-7, suffered eye injury at 10:00 a.m.; mom went to school but felt the administration was more concerned with the reputation of the school; the secretary there hung up on her. Her daughter was a good student. Channel 2 news was contacted. Daughter was suspended for five days because teachers got hurt. Went to LPD and filed charges.
2. Joe Spate 471 Market Street – great granddaughter is not a problem but if this keeps up there will be a problem. Why can't the school system address the issue.
3. Jill Carusso 5927 Tipperary Manor – ironic that she is here once again listening to other parents on how children are being bullied and nothing is being done. There were two additional incidents at the high school. She is here for the third month in a row and still no response. Do your job or tender your resignation tonight.

No. 588 On motion by Board Member Hare, seconded by Board Member Ferraro, the revised proposed agenda was approved – Ayes 9.

No. 589 On motion by Board Member Tobin, seconded by Board Member Sandell, the minutes for the Work Session Meeting of December 1, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2021 were approved – Ayes 9.

PRESENTATION

Preliminary 2022-2023 Expenditure Budget – Deborah Coder, assistant superintendent for finance and management services gave a Powerpoint presentation on the preliminary 2022-2023 expenditure budget.

BUSINESS MATTERS

No. 590 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education receive and file the treasurers' reports for Lockport City School District for November 2021 and November 2021 for Lockport Public Library as attached.
Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 591 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education receive the Certification of Warrant Reports from the Claims Auditor for the periods ending December 31, 2021 as listed below:

	Accounts Payable Cash Disbursements	General Ledger Cash Disbursements
	12/1/2021-12/31/2021	**12/1/2021-12/31/2021**
General Fund	$2,528,124.27	$4,853,926.36
School Lunch Fund	$ 209,213.54	
Federal Fund	$ 85,217.03	
Capital Fund	$ 172,230.14	
Total	$2,994,784.98	$4,853,926.36

Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 592 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
RESOLVED: That the Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for supplies and equipment for the 2022-2023 school year.
Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 593 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
RESOLVED: That Laurie Banko and Karen Schleicher be appointed Co-Deputy Clerks to facilitate all aspects of the 2022 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote of the Lockport City School District at a rate of $900 each.
Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 594 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has duly advertised for bids through the Union-Sun and Journal on January 4, 2022, for the purchase and installation of a 120´long hot food counter, a 60" refrigerated food counter and a pass-thru heated cabinet at Emmet Belknap Intermediate School, a milk cooler and a mobile heated cabinet at Lockport High School and a mobile hot cart at Lockport High School West, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was submitted in accordance with specifications,

Kittredge Equipment Company, Inc.
Base Bid $68,775.49
Total $68,775.49

and

WHEREAS, this bid has been reviewed and it is recommended that the above contract be awarded to Kittredge Equipment Company, Inc. on the basis of their sole bid in accordance with specifications,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to notify the above bidder of the award of the contract with payment for same to be made from the Cafeteria Fund.
Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 595 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has duly advertised for bids through the Union-Sun and Journal on January 4, 2022, for the purchase and installation of a double-face 2'5" x 7'3" 8mm LED outdoor display sign at Lockport High School, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was submitted in accordance with specifications,

Ulrich Sign Co. Inc.
Base Bid $27,825.00
Total $27,825.00

and

WHEREAS, this bid has been reviewed and it is recommended that the above contract be awarded to Ulrich Sign Co. Inc. on the basis of their sole bid in accordance with specifications,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to notify the above bidder of the award of the contract with payment for same to be made from the General Fund.
Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 596 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education enter into an Agreement with People, Inc. to provide job coaching services for identified students who meet the criteria residing in the Lockport City School District effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Schools be and she hereby is authorized and directed to sign the Agreement.
Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 597 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education does hereby accept and approve the agreement with Starbridge, Inc. to continue the Together Including Every Student (TIES) program for students with developmental disabilities residing in the Lockport City School District. This agreement will be in effect March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 with the option to renew for one additional year,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Schools be and she hereby is authorized and directed to sign the Agreement.
Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 598 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education does hereby approve the revised 2022-2023 Budget Development Calendar.
Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

No. 599 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following staff members as home teacher at the rate of $30.46 per hour be approved, effective for the 2021/2022 school year.

a. Sueann Mullen
b. Madonna Walker
c. Caitlyn Cadwallader
d. Lisa Swanson
e. Joyce Merkle
f. Susan Long
g. Joanne Bull
h. Michael Lilley
i. Lynn Simonian
j. Theresa Tracy
k. Jamie Schragel
l. Alexandra Ottaviano

Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 600 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the permanent appointment of the following classified employees be approved, effective on February 2, 2022, following the successful completion of their probationary periods:

a.	Kelly Drake	teacher aide	RBK
b.	Michelle Watier	teacher aide	CU
c.	Luana Diemert	teacher aide	RBK
d.	Andrew Mattiuzzo	assistant custodian	LHS
e.	Laura Sargent	teacher aide	AMJHS
f.	Mark Stevens	assistant custodian	EB
g.	Krissy Newton	teacher aide	GS
h.	Giovaneth Kirsch	teacher aide	CU
i.	Joseph Budnack	teacher aide	CU
j.	Alan Benevento	school mediator	LHSW@CC
k.	Diane Czaja	teacher aide	AM

Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 601 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the unpaid child rearing leave of absence for Rachel Semrau be approved from on/about June 2, 2022 through on/about March 1, 2023.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 602 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the resignation of Jason Bibler as building-based substitute be accepted, effective at the end of the day on January 7, 2022. Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.
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No. 603 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the resignation of Chet Emel, building maintenance mechanic, be accepted, effective January 1, 2022.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 604 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the resignation of Matthew Linderman as substitute school mediator be accepted, effective at the end of the day on January 19, 2022.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 605 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Matthew Linderman as school mediator at the salary of $30,251 (prorated) be approved, effective January 20, 2022. This is a position funded through the American Rescue Plan.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 606 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Shelby Pasquale as building based substitute at the rate of $21.42 per hour be approved, effective January 20, 2022.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 607 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Bethany Sherman Beaudoin, [redacted] as uncertified substitute teacher at the rate of $16.11 per hour, uncertified substitute teaching assistant and substitute teacher aide at the rate of $13.20 per hour be approved, effective January 20, 2022.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 608 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the resignation for purposes of retirement be accepted for the following professional staff members on the dates indicated:
a. Andrea Pratt elementary education teacher January 1, 2023
b. Deborah Cottrell special education teacher July 1, 2022
c. Diane Rankie reading teacher December 1, 2022
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 609 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Janeen Sullivan, [redacted] as STEM teacher (elementary education tenure area) at a salary of $42,790 (prorated), step 1 column C+M of the teacher salary schedule be approved, effective on/about February 3, 2022. This is a two-year position funded through the American Rescue Plan.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 610 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Janet Mitchell, [redacted] as regular substitute special education and elementary education teacher at a salary of $42,790 (prorated), step 1 column C+M of the teacher salary schedule be approved, effective on/about January 19, 2022.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 611 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the rate of pay for Barbara Converso as acting principal at Emmet Belknap Intermediate School of $450 per day be approved, effective for the 2021/2022 school year.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 612 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following student teachers be approved for the 2021/2022 school year. There shall be no compensation for these appointments.

a.	Vincent Musolino	LHS (S Reddinger)	Buffalo State/Mary Wolf
b.	Austen Winquist	LHS (T Dockery)	Buffalo State/Mary Wolf
c.	Janine Brown	AM/AMJHS (A Sandy)	UB/Elizabeth Waller

Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 613 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the military leave of absence for Michael Lilley be approved, effective on/about January 23, 2022 through on/about March 18, 2022.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 614 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the Memorandum of Agreement between the Lockport City School District and the Lockport Education Association be approved, effective January 18, 2022 through February 28, 2022 (stipend for school nurses for COVID testing tasks).
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

No. 615 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Amy Rubino, [redacted] as elementary education teacher at a salary of $47,783 (prorated), step 1 column D+M of the teacher salary schedule be approved, pending fingerprint clearance, effective February 18, 2022. This is a four-year probationary appointment with an anticipated tenure date of February 18, 2026. This tenure date is tentative and conditional only. To receive tenure Mrs. Rubino must receive composite overall APPR ratings of effective or highly effective in at least two of three preceding years. If Mrs. Rubino receives an ineffective composite or overall APPR rating in her final year of probation, she will not be eligible for tenure at that time. Mrs. Rubino must meet all requirements of education law and corresponding regulations.
Seconded by Board Member Ferraro – Ayes 9.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES MATTERS

No. 616 On Motion by Board Member Linderman
RESOLVED: That the following field Trip be approved:
Lockport High School – approximately 20 students, members of DECA to Rochester, NY from Wednesday, March 9 through Friday, March 11 2022.
Seconded by Board Member Sandell – Ayes 9.

SPECIAL NEEDS MATTERS

No. 617 On Motion by Board Member Tobin
RESOLVED: That the minutes from the Committee on Preschool Special Education meetings of November 18, 2021; December 16, 22, 2021; and January 3, 2022 be approved as attached.
Seconded by Board Member Schutt – Ayes 9.

No. 618 On Motion by Board Member Ferraro
RESOLVED: That the minutes from the Committee on Special Education meetings of November 3, 4, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 29, 30; and December 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 2021 be approved as attached.
Seconded by Board Member Tobin – Ayes 9.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - JANUARY 2022

Trustee Hare reported on several Legislative updates:

New Bills Signed into Law

S6682/A7614 Appoints an impartial hearing officer during certain appeal conditions for children with certain handicapping conditions. **Signed by Governor Hochul 12/29/21.**
S6516/A8013 Creates the calculation by which to determine yearly tuition and regional rate reimbursement for approved school-age and preschool special education programs. **Passed Senate and Assembly. Vetoed by Governor Hochul 12/29/21.**
S531/A503 Directs the commissioner of education to conduct a study regarding the assistance needed to encourage women and minorities to pursue technology careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Up for Senate floor vote after Senate Education Committee passed it. Still sitting Assembly Economic Development Committee. **Passed Senate and Assembly, signed by Governor Hochul 12/22/21.**

Bills to Watch

S546 Relates to student governments in secondary schools. **On Senate floor for Vote.**
S912A/A5829 Establishes a school voter registration access program. **On Senate floor for vote. In Assembly Committee.**
S2114/A5849 Authorizes and directs the commissioner of education to conduct a study on the number of children who are caregivers and how being a caregiver impacts their education. **On Senate floor for vote. In Assembly Committee.**
S6744/A7981 Removes the term incorrigible from certain sections of the education law. **On Senate floor for vote. In Assembly Committee.**
S7619 Extends the effectiveness of provisions relating to absentee ballots for school district elections during a declared disaster emergency to January 1, 2023. **Passed Senate 1/10/22.**
S7666 Provides the Board of Regents with final approval authority over all proposed and renewed charter schools. **On Senate floor for Vote.**
S7841/A8706 An act to amend the education law, in relation to the issuance of diplomas to youth who are placed, committed, supervised, detained or confined in certain facilities. **On Senate floor calendar for Vote. In Assembly Education Committee.**

Thankful foundation aid going in the right direction.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Young commented on the following topics: good to see schools getting more funding and state finally recognizing that schools offer many services; thank you maintenance staff for clearing the snow.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Board members discussed/commented on the following topics: thank you for the cleanup efforts; spread the words “Be Kind”, “Be Patient”, and model good behavior; enjoyed the mission statement reader,

Emmanuel was on his own and did an excellent job; must continue to show love; need to address the bullying, parents have stated they don't feel comfortable sending kids to school; kids need to feel they are wanted there; perhaps an assembly on diversity; some hold grudges from 2-3 years ago; bring someone in; heart goes out to the parent whose child was thinking of taking her life; a reminder of all our resources relating to bullying; there are so many cool things going on in the schools, one act plays, etc.; the activities we offer can give students the feeling of belonging; childhood is tough to begin with; attended several concerts over the last few months and was blown away; very pleased the budget is in the condition it is in; still need to look for opportunities; reminder of the legislative breakfast; there will be a virtual option if you are not comfortable attending in person; there are currently 40 confirmed attendees; thank you Leslie for the coordination of the legislative breakfasts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Superintendent Bradley commented on the following topics: extended a huge thank you to Tim Parker, Kevin Guay, and Jim Kerrison and staff for the snow clearing; closing yesterday allowed the staff and city to get sidewalks/roads cleared; districts were scheduled to start "test to stay" today; hopefully in the next few weeks we can "turn the corner"; it has been tough; there are many adults students should be able to turn to; one of the concerns statewide is enrollment going down but needs are rising. Thank you everyone for hanging in there.

No. 619 On motion by Board Member Hare, seconded by Board Member Tobin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. – Ayes 9.

Deborah A. Coder
Clerk of the Board