

**Board of Education Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

**Byram Hills School District
10 Tripp Lane
Armonk, NY 10504
Public Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Proposed Executive Session: 7:00 p.m.**

DATE: November 8, 2016

TIME: 7:30 p.m. Public Meeting

PLACE: Board Room in District Office

PRESENT: Board of Education Members Present Absent: N/A

Mr. Brett Summers, President

Mr. Scott Levy, Vice President

Ms. Mia DiPietro

Ms. Robin Glat

Mr. Michael Sanders

Mr. Ira Schulman

Ms. Lara Stangel

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. William Donohue, Superintendent

Mr. Gregory Carlson, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Management Services; District Clerk

Dr. Tim Kaltenecker, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Jen Lamia, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. Call To Order

Action: 1.1 The meeting is called to order by Board of Education President, Mr. Brett Summers

At 7:36 p.m. the public meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Summers.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance followed.

3. Proposed Executive Session Upon Board Approval

The Board met in Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss the following items:

Procedural: 3.1 Personnel Matter - Individual Employee

Procedural: 3.2 Legal Matter - Contract

Procedural: 3.3 Negotiations Matter - BHAA

4. Comments from the Public

Recognition: 4.1 Public Comments (if any) will be heard at this time

There were no comments at this time.

5. Revision and Adoption of Agenda

Action: 5.1 Revisions (if necessary) and Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Schulman and seconded by Ms. Glat to adopt the agenda as presented. Vote: 7-yes 0-no. Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda - Personnel

Action (Consent): 6.1 Personnel Items

A motion was made by Mr. Levy and seconded by Ms. Stangel to adopt Item 6: Consent Agenda - Personnel; Item 7: Consent Agenda - Special Services; and Item 8: Consent Agenda - Business as presented. Vote: 7-yes 0-no. Motion carried.

6.1 Extracurricular Rescission Wampus:

1. Fran Poniatowski VIP, Jr.

6.2 Extracurricular Appointment Wampus:

1. Amy Passman VIP, Jr.

6.3 Game Supervisor Appointments for 2016-17:

1. Kurt Ainsworth

6.4 Substitute Teacher Appointment:

1. Kim Van Keuren, effective 11/03/16

6.5 Fall Coaching Appointments:

1. Marisa Gagliardo – Modified Volleyball Coach

6.6 Winter Coaching Appointments: See attached list

7. Consent Agenda - Special Services

Action (Consent): 7.1 CSE/SubCSE/CPSE Recommendations

8. Consent Agenda - Business

Action (Consent): 8.1 Business Items

8.1 Authorization to Execute a Contract for Educational Services with the Ardsley Union Free School District for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year

Resolved, that the Board authorized the Board President to execute a Contract for Educational Services with the Ardsley Union Free School District for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year

8.2 Authorization to Execute a Contract for Consultant Services with Corwin Press for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year

Resolved, that the Board authorized the Superintendent to execute a Contract for Consultant Services with Corwin Press for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year

9. Unfinished Business

Action, Discussion, Information: 9.1 Review of Policies: Second Read: 1230 (Public Participation at Board Meetings); 2551 (Board Member E-mail Addresses and Accounts)

9.1 Review of Policies: Second Read: 1230 (Public Participation at Board Meetings); 2551 (Board Member E-mail Addresses and Accounts)

A motion was made by Mr. Schulman and seconded by Ms. DiPietro to approve Policies 1230 (Public Participation at Board Meetings); and 2551 (Board Member E-mail Addresses and Accounts) as a Second Read. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no. Motion carried.

10. New Business

Discussion, Information, Presentation: 10.1 New Business

There were no New Business items for discussion.

11. Staff Reports

Information: 11.1 Superintendent

Dr. Donohue noted it is the evening of the national election and the main business of the evening's meeting was the Consent Agenda, so the discussions will be brief. Dr. Donohue visited the Hub 21 classroom at the Wampus School, which is part of the STEAM initiative. The Hub 21 classroom was financed, in large part, by the Byram Hills Education Foundation and he thanked the parents who donated for their generosity. Hub 21 is Wampus School's opportunity to bring engineering, electronics, coding and robotics into this new technology space. Dr. Donohue commented that it was amazing to watch the students so involved in their tasks and being the active workers in the classroom, and collaborating with ea. He reported it was a risk and an investment in creating this new type of learning space, but the first signs are proving it to be a success. Dr. Donohue reported that the District is planning on creating a segment about Hub 21 for Bobcat TV for all to see.

Information: 11.2 Assistant Superintendent for Business and Management Services, District Clerk

Mr. Carlson provided an update on the progress of the Transportation Project, noting that the restroom facilities are now complete, temporary heat has been installed with permanent heating being installed on Monday, November 14. He also reported that the steel frame for the bus wash building was delivered and is currently on site awaiting architects and attorneys to move this project forward.

Mr. Summers asked Mr. Carlson about the FOIL request noted in the Board's packet. Mr. Carlson responded it was concerning construction at the bus garage.

Information: 11.3 Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Kaltenecker reported that he attended a meeting in Southern Westchester BOCES in October regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act. He noted that State Education Department Commissioner, Mary Ellen Elia recognizes the importance of receiving feedback from the field and has set up these very structured and organized meetings throughout the state. Dr. Kaltenecker mentioned that New York is in the process of writing their plan for the federal government, which includes 35 elements. One of the elements is around the 95% participation rate of state tests. The state has to find a way to hold the schools accountable for not meeting the 95% participation rate. He noted that the State is looking at some punitive measures, such as reducing the schools performance level based on absenteeism which was met with much resistance and they provided feedback on this issue. Another concern centers on accountability around absenteeism and students missing instructional time. The State would report the reason for the suspension, for example, which infringes on student privacy. Another concern that was addressed was about rewarding extra credit to schools that have high performance levels on state tests and advanced Regents diplomas, noting that not all schools offer advanced Regents diplomas; so Dr. Kaltenecker noted that all these elements mentioned seem to be the highlight of the regional controversy. Mr. Levy asked about the State's timeline for submitting the plan and Dr. Kaltenecker reported that the plan is to be finalized by the end of this school year so that it can be implemented for the following school year. Mr. Summers thanked Dr. Kaltenecker and asked him to keep the Board informed.

Information: 11.4 Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Ms. Lamia reported that Assistant Commissioner, Ms. Rene Ryder, who, through the NYS Task Force, is trying to provide some clarification to the District's reporting of violent incidents and Dignity Act violations. Currently the District completes a VADIR report at the end of each school year, consisting of approximately 20 different categories which are not clearly defined for reporting purposes, as well as reporting Dignity Act violations. The task force is trying to consolidate these two reports into approximately nine (9) well-defined parameters for reporting at the end of the school year.

12. Board Reports

Information: 12.1 President

Mr. Summers noted there is a Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association Board meeting and a Legislative Advocacy meeting on November 10, 2016. On November 14, 2016, there will be a WPSBA Board/Superintendent's Joint Dinner with LHCOS members. Mr. Summers noted that he will be attending the November 14 meeting along with Ms. Glat and Mr. Levy.

Information: 12.2 Committees / Board Members

12.2.1 November 14, 2016: WPSBA Annual Joint Board/Superintendent Meeting, DoubleTree, Tarrytown, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

12.2.2 November 15, 2016: Policy Committee, District Office, 9 a.m.

12.2.3 November 15, 2016: Board of Education Retreat, 7 p.m.

Mr. Sanders reported that he attended the Fall Sports Banquet the previous night, held at Byram Hills High School.

Mr. Sanders offered kudos to Bobcat Boosters for putting together a great event. He noted how the Boosters have had some challenges this year regarding their school spirit events because they were canceled due to the weather. He also mentioned the No Man Down Tournament which was a great event - 60 teams participated and they raised \$60,000 for veterans.

Information: 12.3 Topics for Future Agendas / Requests for Information

12.3.1 Board of Education Meeting, D.O., 7:30 p.m. Reports: Cum Laude/National Merit Student Reception at 7 p.m. Demographic Report Curriculum Conversation: Character Education and Emotional Wellness

There were no Requests for Additional Information.

13. Communications to the Board

Information: 13.1 Communications to the Board

There were no Communications to the Board.

14. Board of Education Minutes

Action: 14.1 Board of Education Minutes: September 27, 2016 and October 25, 2016

A motion was made by Mr. Schulman and seconded by Ms. Glat to approve the revised Board of Education Minutes of September 27, 2016 and approved the minutes of October 25, 2016. Vote: 7-yes, 0-no. Motion carried

15. Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session earlier and completed discussions on the following:

3.1 Personnel Matter - Individual Student

3.2 Legal Matter - Contract

3.3 Negotiations Matter - BHAA

16. Adjournment

At 7:53 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Levy and seconded by Ms. Glat to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 7-yes 0-no. Motion carried.

The public meeting concluded at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna Tulkin-Godoy

December 6, 2016
DATE

ATTACHMENT:

6.6 Winter Coaching Appointments: attached list is below...

WINTER 2016/2017
COACHES (10/31/16)

Basketball

Boys Head Varsity Ted Repa

Asst. Varsity David Mack
 Head JV Ed Berlin
 Head Freshman Doug Carpenter

Basketball

Girls Head Varsity Alyse LaPadula
 Asst. Varsity Albana Krasniqi Munrett
 Head JV Richard Bonfiglio

Ice Hockey

Head Varsity AJ Cloherty
 Asst. Varsity Eric Perlowitz

Wrestling

Head Varsity Joe Grippi
 Asst. Varsity TBA

Track

Head Varsity Girls Greg Govan
 Asst. Varsity Girls Shannon Duffy
 Head Varsity Boys Tom Andriello
 Asst. Varsity Boys David Bruskwicz

Skiing

Head Varsity Andrea Nash
 Asst. Varsity Jim Horigan

Boys Swim

Head Varsity Anthony Pizzola (Westlake-merged team)
 Asst. Varsity Michael Williams (Westlake-merged team)

Cheerleading

Head Varsity Brittany Mangieri
 Assistant Varsity:
 Head JV Isabel Mora

Dance

Head Varsity Kathleen Healy

MODIFIED

Ice Hockey Peter Salerno
 Boys Basketball Robert Beaton
 Girls Basketball John McNamara
 Track Bryan Horn
 Victoria Barthell
Wrestling Bill Twardy

2016/2017 Equipment Manager, BHHS: Scott Saunders
 2016/2017 Assistant to the Athletic Director, HS Brett Alcantara
 Winter 2016/2017 Assistant to the Athletic Director, HCC Jared Christian

