

**SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

April 28, 2021

MINUTES

Meeting conducted online via ZOOM

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

At 7:05 PM Board President Kelsey Rossbach called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Kelsey Rossbach, Matthew Bennett, Christine Brozon
Susan Gloss, David Harvatine, Bruce Kopp, Rachel
McCarthy

Board members arriving late: none

Board members absent: none

Administrators present: Patrick Jensen, Loretta Van Horn, Luke Carnicelli

Others present: Julia Dunsmoor, Alexis Glennon, Marcy Hand, Janet
Lehman, David Wiemann

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDENDUM

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss, the agenda was approved.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

The calendar was reviewed.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS -- none

4.0 RESIDENTS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

-- Alexis Glennon introduced herself as an alumni and mom of 2 children enrolled at Emily Howland. She thanked the Board members for their service. She played sports as a student here and said as a child she didn't completely understand the significance of the old logo/mascot that is on the high school gymnasium wall. She believes it represents an oppressed culture and believes that the school community recognized it as offensive and that drove the change to the current logo. She requested that the old Native American murals be painted over.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS -- none

6.0 NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS; CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the action items listed in section 6.0.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

-- Minutes BOE regular meeting April 12, 2021

-- CSE Recommendations; 2020/2021 and 2021/2022

-- Summer Program to be held Monday thru Friday for five weeks; July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30, August 2-6 and August 9-13. The program time is 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, for students entering grades 1-6, with a fee of at most \$200 per week per participant. This program will be funded from tuition and a limited number of scholarships provided by the district.

Dave Harvatine asked whether the Summer Program will be a five days per week program or a four days per week program, it is five days per week.

-- Student Recognition; the Board of Education hereby endorses the nomination of Benjamin Stiadle as Outstanding Student, to be honored by the Cayuga-Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA).

Luke Carnicelli explained the guidelines of the nomination for the COSBA Outstanding Student to Board Members. The characteristics of nominated students include service to community, not just academic achievement or sports involvement.

-- Accept Bids as received for the 2020 capital improvement project, as listed

| <u>Contractor – Site</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate SC-02</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Paul F. Vitale, Inc. | \$1,047,199 | \$112,000 | \$1,159,199 |
| DiFiore Construction | \$1,029,000 | \$196,000 | \$1,225,000 |
| Cunningham Excavation, Inc. | \$1,065,000 | \$148,367 | \$1,213,367 |
| Fahs Construction | \$1,057,000 | \$155,000 | \$1,212,000 |

| <u>Contractor – General</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate GC-01</u> | <u>Alternate GC-04</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Massa Construction | \$579,000 | \$210,000 | \$126,000 | \$915,000 |
| Diamond & Thiel | \$775,000 | \$234,000 | \$110,000 | \$1,119,000 |
| Bellows Construction | \$616,300 | \$223,500 | \$136,500 | \$976,300 |
| Iverson Construction | \$660,700 | \$260,000 | \$106,500 | \$1,027,200 |
| Bouley Associates | \$633,000 | \$213,000 | \$107,000 | \$953,000 |

| <u>Contractor – Mechanical</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate MC-01</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Siracusa Mechanical | \$913,670 | \$32,000 | \$945,670 |
| King & King Mechanical | \$942,021 | \$27,123 | \$969,144 |

| <u>Contractor – Electrical</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate EC-01</u> | <u>Alternate EC-03</u> | <u>Alternate EC-06</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| J & E Electric | \$314,400 | \$33,000 | \$37,500 | \$196,500 | \$581,400 |

| <u>Contractor – Plumbing</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Kuehne Construction | \$194,750 | \$194,750 |
| Siracuse Mechanical | \$242,400 | \$242,400 |
| Bellucci Enterprises | \$298,000 | \$298,000 |

| <u>Contractor – Theatrical Rigging</u> | <u>Base Bid</u> | <u>Alternate TC-05</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Syracuse Scenery & Stage | \$147,400 | \$5,400 | \$152,800 |
| Barber Marketing | \$235,500 | \$6,500 | \$242,000 |

-- Award Bids to the lowest responsible bidders for the 2020 capital improvement project, as listed:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|--|------------------|
| Paul F. Vitale, Inc., Auburn – Site | \$1,159,199 |
| Massa Construction, Geneva - General | \$915,000 |
| Siracusa Mechanical, Auburn - Mechanical | \$945,670 |
| J & E Electric, Auburn - Electrical | \$581,400 |
| Kuehne Construction, Penn Yan - Plumbing | \$194,750 |
| Syracuse Scenery & Stage, Syracuse -Theatrical Rigging | \$152,800 |

-- Amend Bus Purchase Resolution: RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby amends the resolution placing propositions on the May 18, 2021 ballot, previously approved at the February 22, 2021 Board of Education meeting, for the purchase of school buses. This is to clearly separate the bus purchases into 2 (two) separate propositions.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 18, 2021, the following proposition will be submitted:

SCHOOL BUSES PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

(Proposition 2) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District, Cayuga and Tompkins Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$408,332, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued;

(Proposition 3) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District, Cayuga and Tompkins Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of one (1) 30 passenger wheelchair school bus and one (1) minivan, including incidental equipment and

expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$98,092.01 to be paid from the District's 2020-2021 undesignated fund balance.

-- BOCES Board of Education

-- RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby casts their ballots for candidates as listed for the BOCES Board of Education.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

There are three (3) vacancies on the board of cooperative educational services to be filled at the annual election to be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Candidates are listed with their school district of residence:

Annette Gustafson

District Residence: Jordan-Elbridge

Length of Term: Three (3) years – July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024

Michael Miller

District of Residence: Moravia

Length of Term: Three (3) years – July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024

David Wiemann

District Residence: Southern Cayuga

Length of Term: Three (3) years – July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024

Susan Gloss and Bruce Kopp thanked Dave Wiemann for serving on the BOCES Board of Education.

-- BOCES Administrative Budget

-- RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the BOCES administrative budget for the 2021/2022 school year.

Prior to the vote, Bruce Kopp stated he believes the BOCES budget is inflated and unjustified in part.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 1 (Bruce Kopp)

SHALL the Administrative Budget of the Cayuga-Onondaga Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$2,164,676.00 for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022, be approved.

Bruce Kopp wants personnel from Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES to present the administrative budget at Southern Cayuga Central School next year. He thinks some of their increases are a pass along of costs and they're not managing costs well. Dave Wiemann explained they added an additional staff member. Assistant Superintendent Van Horn believes that accounts for an additional \$50,000 in their budget, but their costs have increased above that amount.

7.0 PERSONNEL/CONSENT ITEMS --

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the personnel items listed in section 7.0, for the 2020/21 school year or for the term as indicated.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

-- LEAVE OF ABSENCE

-- Amend Elementary Teacher unpaid leave of absence for personal reasons; Katherine Riester, effective February 22, 2021 through **June 30, 2021** (amended date)

-- APPOINTMENTS

-- Amend long-term Substitute Elementary Teacher; Angela Simmons, for Katherine Riester; from on or about December 21, 2020, through on or about **June 30, 2021** (amended date); at Step 1, \$49,356 pro-rated; with other per-diem days as needed.

-- Central Treasurer for Student Extra-Classroom Activities Fund; Gloria Sherman. The assignment/delegation to this responsibility is part of the employee's regular duties as District Treasurer.

-- Official Check Signer; Gloria Sherman. The assignment/delegation to this responsibility is part of the employee's regular duties as District Treasurer.

-- Driver Education Teacher; Greg Otis for the summer of 2021, July 6 to July 30, 4 days a week, for up to 12 students, at a rate of \$5,000

Chris Brozon asked if the sign-up for Driver Education is full yet, Luke Carnicelli responded that he will create a Google form and student enrollment will be based on a lottery system for juniors and sophomores. He expects the class will be full.

-- Substitute School Bus Driver; Diane Banner

-- Substitute Teacher; Amber Black

-- Substitute Teacher; Lily Vernon

-- The stipends for the following positions are set at 75 percent of the full stipend per contract, based on the shortened season; all are subject to change in the case of a school closure due to Covid.

-- Varsity Boys and Girls Track and Field Assistant Coach (2nd position), Olivia Shea; \$1,953.00

-- Modified Baseball Co-Coaches, Ryan Vanacore; \$802.13 and Julio Severino; \$802.13

-- Modified Softball Coach, Kaycee Simpson; \$1,604.25

-- Modified Track and Field Coach, Christine Bartolotta; \$1,604.25

8.0 BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS -- none

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS --

-- Superintendent Jensen shared information regarding last Monday's K-6 full reopening, 88% of those students are now here full time, 11% are still remote. The bus crew, Matt Krebs, and Assistant Superintendent Van Horn did an incredible job of reconfiguring all elementary bus routes. Mike Simons and Bill Hasenjager have been managing the increase in personal vehicles at the end of the day for student pick up. Buses have been re-routed across the front of the high school building. The cafeteria staff have been working out the kinks in serving additional student breakfasts. Students are wearing face shields and masks on the buses and he is monitoring CDC guidelines as infection rates are low. Room space is a little tighter, masking is 100% required in classrooms. In the future, face shields may become voluntary on the buses. The district hosted Cayuga County Health Department personnel for vaccine clinics for local farm workers.

Dave Harvatine expressed thanks for the farm worker clinic. He said the Cayuga County Health Department personnel are well-organized and they helped translate, making this location close and easy for our farm workers. He reminded us that we have a lot of farms in our school district.

-- Superintendent Jensen has asked the Cayuga County Health Department for a Pfizer vaccine clinic during the school day for our students. He is hoping that the upcoming September 1st will look vastly different than the previous one.

Kelsey Rossbach thanked everyone. She said she's heard from parents that mental health and attitudes are improving in students from the reopening.

10.0 BOARD OF EDUCATION; COMMITTEES/DISCUSSION TOPICS

-- Discussion Topics -- Dave Harvatine asked where this year's budget vote will be held and Superintendent Jensen replied that it will be held in the District Office. Voters can use the entrance near the greenhouse and exit through the main door. We'll have one-way pedestrian traffic and ask folks to socially spread out. Many employees are vaccinated.

Dave Harvatine also asked if there will be a four-day weekend for Memorial Day due to unused snow days.

-- Athletics; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy

-- Met tonight at 6:00 pm, Chris Brozon shared there was a lot of discussion about sports enrollment numbers. There was also a philosophical discussion about competitive versus participatory sports. She thanked Justin Frisbie for his help this year.

-- Audit; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Bruce Kopp

-- Assistant Superintendent Van Horn reported our internal audit is underway.

-- Budget/Finance; Chris Brozon, Bruce Kopp, Kelsey Rossbach

-- Superintendent Jensen asked if there will be another meeting, Assistant Superintendent Van Horn said maybe after the budget vote.

-- Directions/Long-Range Education; Matt Bennett, Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach

-- Superintendent Jensen is collecting ideas regarding the grant funding and hopes to have a plan in place by 7/1/2021.

-- Facilities; Matt Bennett, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy

-- Superintendent Jensen said that he was the skeptic in the crowd regarding the bids and he was proven wrong.

Susan Gloss asked about shelters for the soccer field and baseball field and playground equipment for Emily Howland. She wants the Facilities Committee to think about those possibilities. Superintendent Jensen said that softball & baseball dugouts were built into the Capital Project.

-- Next meeting May 6, 2021 at 8:00 am

-- Policy; Chris Brozon, Rachel McCarthy

-- No report, other than Rachel McCarthy shared that you really learn a lot on this Committee.

-- Safety/Wellness; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach

-- Superintendent Jensen said he is reviewing the Safety Plan for changes, he will schedule a meeting.

-- Transportation; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach

-- No report, the Committee will meet after the budget vote.

- Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA) Executive Committee; Dave Wiemann
- Dave Wiemann reported the BOCES uses geothermal pumps and parts of their system are being update. He shared that Kathryn Carlson of Skaneateles is being honored as the statewide BOCES Board of Education Member of the Year. She is very deserving of the honor. Dave offered to meet with Bruce Kopp to review the BOCES budget and Bruce said he'll take Dave up on his offer.

11.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no questions.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Rachel McCarthy, seconded by Susan Gloss, the Board of Education entered executive session at 7:41 pm to discuss the employment history of particular persons and collective bargaining with the district's CSEA union.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss, the Board of Education returned to open session at 8:55 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Superintendent Jensen spoke about the Memorial Day weekend and extending it by adding Friday, May 28, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Rachel McCarthy, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hand, District Clerk