

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

March 8, 2021

MINUTES

Meeting conducted online via ZOOM

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

-- Pledge of Allegiance, Board President

At 7:01 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, Rachel McCarthy

Board members arriving late: none

Board members absent: Bruce Kopp

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

Others present: Julia Dunsmoor, Marcy Hand, Janet Lehman, Jeannette Lutkins

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - AS AMENDED

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

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

The calendar was reviewed.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

-- Budget 2021/2022; Assistant Superintendent Loretta Van Horn shared that we're waiting for an update from Governor Cuomo on the 2021/2022 NYS budget. She shared information on the history of equalization rates and tax rates, a tax rate comparison of SCCS and area schools, and the history of district tax levy increases. Dave Harvatine asked whether any money in the federal stimulus packages will trickle to SCCS. Assistant Superintendent Loretta Van Horn said she's not sure yet, we will have to wait and see. However, our application to FEMA has been submitted and approved, hopefully we will receive some funds to reimburse our pandemic related expenses. We also received a first allotment of funding from the CARES Act, (federal funds from the first stimulus legislation).

-- Public Hearing; SCCS Communicable Disease – Pandemic Plan is an addendum to the District-Wide Safety Plan; Superintendent Patrick Jensen shared that we need to formalize the Pandemic Plan developed last summer. After formal approval, the Plan will be added to our District-Wide Safety Plan and be in place in the event of another future pandemic. The district's Safety/Wellness Committee and Jack Mekeel from Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES vetted the formalized plan last month. The first reading is tonight and we will seek final approval of it at the March 22, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

4.0 VISITOR RECOGNITION - - none

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 – 6 No – 0

-- Minutes BOE regular meeting February 22, 2021

-- CSE Recommendations

-- Policies, First Reading; as recommended by the Policy Committee

- Policy #5440 District Cell Phones; minor revisions recommended
- Policy #5510 Accounting of Funds; minor revisions recommended
- Policy #5511 Reserve Funds; minor revisions recommended
- Policy #5520 Extra-Classroom Activities Fund; no revision recommended
- Policy #5530 Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings; no revision recommended
- Policy #5540 Publication of the District's Annual Financial Statement; no revision recommended
- Policy #5550 Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (Title 1 Programs); no revision recommended
- Policy #5551 Allocation of Title 1, Part A Funds in the District; no revision recommended
- Policy #5560 Use of Federal Funds for Political Expenditures; no revision recommended

Susan Gloss asked a question regarding Policy #5440, District Cell Phones, related to employee personal use and district reimbursement by employees. Assistant Superintendent Loretta Van Horn answered her question.

7.0 PERSONNEL/CONSENT ITEMS

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the action items listed in section 7.0. **Amendment in BOLD.**

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

-- APPOINTMENTS

-- Katie Deming of Moravia, School Bus Attendant, \$13.00 per hour, effective Tuesday, March 9, 2021 with a 52-week probationary period

-- 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 Soccer Coach, Colton Gregg; \$2,602.50
- Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, Tim Amory; \$2,602.50
- Varsity Volleyball Coach, Amber Black; \$2,602.50
- JV Volleyball Coach, Cathy Haight; \$1,953.00
- Varsity Boys and Girls and Modified Cross Country Coach, Bill Mullarney; \$3,905.25
- Varsity Girls Swim Coach, Cathy Murray; \$4,881.00
- Modified Boys **and Girls** Soccer Coach, Greg Otis; \$2,406.75

-- Student Teacher; Wells College student

-- Erin Morrissey with Francis Calarco, March 22 through May 7, 2021

-- Miscellaneous appointments

- Steve Baumes, Scorekeeper Girls Swim; \$ per contract
- Francis Calarco, Scorekeeper Girls Swim; \$ per contract
- Anita Furness, Scorekeeper Volleyball; \$ per contract
- Paula Schmitt, Scorekeeper Boys and Girls Soccer; \$ per contract
- Robert “David” Gregg, Varsity Boys Soccer; Volunteer

8.0 BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

-- Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the Treasurer's Report for February 2021.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

-- Superintendent Patrick Jensen shared the draft 2021-2022 SCCS calendar. He said that the calendar is similar to this year's calendar with the exception of Juneteenth, which will be observed on Monday, June 20, 2022.

-- Superintendent Patrick Jensen shared the SCCS Spectator Guidelines for fall 2 sports he received from the IAC this morning. The guidelines allow for 2 adult spectators per player, per home game. Our exception will be home swim meets. Due to space restrictions, SCCS will allow 2 adult spectators per senior athlete at home meets. Spectators must live in the same household. Dave Harvatine asked whether the combination could be an adult and a sibling and Superintendent Jensen confirmed it is allowable as long as the sibling can act like an adult. Chris Brozon asked if there will be new guidelines for spring sports, but we have to wait and see. Spectators are responsible to complete a form which includes their contact information and temperature. Superintendent Jensen also thanked Wells College for the use of their turf field for soccer.

-- Superintendent Patrick Jensen shared a draft parent letter and survey regarding the possibility of returning all K-3 hybrid students to in-person instruction five days per week this spring. Remote learning has been especially tough on our youngest learners. The primary challenge is the six-foot social distancing requirement, which limits us to one student per bus seat. Remote learners will probably stay remote. 88% of our teachers are vaccinated and our County infection rates have greatly decreased. There was a lot of discussion and positive feedback shared by Board members.

10.0 BOARD OF EDUCATION; COMMITTEES/DISCUSSION TOPICS

-- Discussion Topics - none

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

-- The winter sports season finished, and it was great to have the opportunity to watch online while the kids played their games.

- Audit; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Bruce Kopp
 - Assistant Superintendent Loretta Van Horn received an email today that our cafeteria/Child Nutrition Program will be audited.
- Budget/Finance; Chris Brozon, Bruce Kopp, Kelsey Rossbach
 - No report.
- Directions/Long-Range Education; Matt Bennett, Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
 - Next Meeting, March 17, 2021 at 8:00 am
- Facilities; Matt Bennett, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy
 - Met on March 4, 2021 at 8:00 am, minutes will be provided at the March 22, 2021 Board of Education meeting.
- Policy; Chris Brozon, Rachel McCarthy
 - Minutes, February 22, 2021 meeting provided
- Safety/Wellness; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
 - Minutes, February 24, 2021 meeting provided
- Transportation; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
 - SCCS has received their new van and bus drivers continue to be needed.
- Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA) Executive Committee; Dave Wiemann
 - The BOCES annual meeting will be held virtually on April 8, 2021.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss, the Board of Education entered executive session at 8:01 pm to discuss the employment history of particular persons.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 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 8:18 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Chris Brozon, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hand, District Clerk