

Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of the
Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Southern Westchester
Held at
SWBOCES
Administrative Offices
17 Berkley Drive
Rye Brook, NY
March 14, 2018

Present

Board Members

Catherine Draper, President
John V. Filiberti, Vice President
John DeSantis
Lynn Frazer-McBride
Claudia Glaser
Georgia Riedel

Others Present

Harold A. Coles, District Superintendent
Jacqueline O'Donnell, COO/Deputy Dist. Supt.
Steve Tibbetts, Assistant Supt. for Business
James Gratto, Assistant Supt. for Educational Services
John Miller, Director of Business
Suzanne Doherty, Director of Human Resources
Stephanie Roebuck, Esq., Keane & Beane, LLP

Valerie A. Cermele
Clerk of the Board

Call to Order: Mrs. Draper called the Monthly Business Meeting to order at 7:29 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjournment: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the Board enter into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss a particular employee's employment history and possible litigation.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the Board re-enters into Public Session at 8:25 p.m.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye- 6 Nay – 0

Review Minutes of Business Meeting held on February 7, 2018: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the minutes as listed on Attachment I be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay - 0

PERSONNEL MATTERS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent, Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the personnel appointments listed on Attachment II be approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Mr. John Miller, Director of Business, informed the Board that since they received their packets, an additional \$6.1 million has been received.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the treasurer's report for the period of January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 indicating a balance on hand in the Checking Account of \$6,008,398.08; a balance on hand in the CLASS/Signature Investment Account of \$118,064.41; a balance on hand in the School Lunch Fund Checking of \$3,672.05; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency CLASS-Bob Newman Fund of \$76,198.70; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency CLASS-Dreyfus Fund of \$10,401.07; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency CLASS Evelyn Stock Fund of \$2,025.02; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency CLASS Regular Fund of \$639.55; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency Payroll Checking Fund of \$4,519.68; a balance on hand in the Internal Service Funds Unemployment Fund Signature of \$147,693.79; a balance on hand in the Internal Service Post Employment Accrual Fund CLASS of \$2,380.63 to be filed with these minutes as Attachment IV.

Accounts Receivable: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the accounts receivable as listed on Attachment V be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Claims Auditor Report: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the claims auditor report as listed on Attachment VI be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Bids: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the bids as listed on Attachment VII and on the Addenda to the Agenda be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Budget Adjustments: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the budget adjustments as listed on Attachment VIII be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Donations: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the donations as listed on Attachment IX be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Installment Purchase Agreements: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the installment purchase agreements as listed below and on Attachment X be approved:

Resolution authorizing and approving the execution and delivery of an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement for the Mount Pleasant Central School District and the White Plains School District.

The Board of Cooperative Educational Service Sole Supervisory District (BOCES) of Westchester County, desires to undertake equipment lease purchase agreement with Key

Government Finance, Inc. to provide multi-year financing for the acquisition of computer hardware and software pending final approval from the Commissioner of Education.

The cost of the Mount Pleasant Central School District project is \$275,000 to be financed over a 60-month term at an interest rate of approximately 3.5% for an additional cost of \$25,164, for an estimated grand total of \$300,164.

The cost of the White Plains School District project is \$782,000 to be financed over a 36-month term at an interest rate of approximately 3.5% for an additional cost of \$42,912, for an estimated grand total of \$824,912.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay - 0

Contracts: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the contracts as listed on Attachment XI be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Contracts – Individual: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the contracts – individual as listed on Attachment XII and on the Addenda to the Agenda be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Board of Education Meeting Dates 2018-2019: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the board of education meeting dates for 2018-2019 as listed on Attachment XIII be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

BOCES Annual Meeting Date: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the BOCES annual meeting date also listed on Attachment XIII be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

BOCES VOTE Date: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the BOCES VOTE date as also listed on Attachment XIII be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

WPSBA Resolution – SAFE SCHOOLS: Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the WPSBA Resolution – SAFE SCHOOLS as listed below and on Attachment XIV.

Whereas the safety of all children in our schools is of paramount importance; and

Whereas the proposed 5% reduction to the current Federal education budget would include \$425 million in cuts to mental health and school safety programs, such as the School Emergency Response to Violence Program and Project Prevention Grants; and

Whereas seventeen students and staff members were killed and many others were injured as a result of a school shooting in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018; and

Whereas in the past five year, 439 students and staff members have been shot in more than 239 school shootings account our Country; and

Whereas a need for greater access to mental health services for student and families in our schools and communities was ranked as a top funding priority by the majority of Superintendents in New York State and

Whereas we believe that every child has the right to a safe school environment that has an appropriate level of security as determined by our community; and

Whereas a reasoned and rational approach to gun control and increased access to mental health services for students and families in our school and communities are essential elements of a safe school environment; and

Whereas the SWBOCES School District fosters civic discourse and promotes student understanding of government and current issues; and

Whereas a coordinated effort at the Federal and State levels, boosted by law enforcement and community engagement, is needed to change the paradigm and protect our communities and our schools;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Board of Education of the SWBOCES School District calls upon the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate to implement a reasoned and rational approach to address gun control and background checks, and prioritize funding and resources for increased access to mental health services for student and families in our schools and communities; and

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the SWBOCES School District implores Federal and State leaders to take immediate action to:

- Provide additional funding to schools and communities for adequate mental health, social and guidance services and resources for the purpose of prevention, support, and response;
- Provide funds for districts to upgrade their facilities if internal safety audits find there is a need for improvements;
- Provide funding for essential security personnel and related professional development for all staff, as determined by the local school district
- Enact rational and reasonable gun control measures; and

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the SWBOCES School District affirms that the civic engagement of students in Parkland, Florida and beyond, who are speaking out for school safety, support for mental health services, and legislation to address gun violence needs to be heard.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the SWBOCES School District opposes any reduction in federal or state funding for education that would cut mental health or school safety programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the SWBOCES School District calls upon the Governor, NYS Assembly and NYS Senate to address gun violence and provide support for local school district to promote school safety.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Mrs. Draper, President of the SWBOCES Board of Education, executed the original resolution and the District Clerk sent it to the following leaders:

Thomas J. Abinati, State Assembly
Andrea Steward Cousins, State Senator
Elliott Engel, US Congressman
Senator Charles Schumer, US Senate
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, US Senate
Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York
Carl Heastie, Speaker of the New York State Assembly
John Flanagan, Majority Leader of the New York State Senate
Catherine Nolan, State Assemblywoman, Chair, Committee on Education
Carl L. Marcellino, State Senate, Chair, Committee on Education
Judith Johnson, NYS Board of Regents
Betty Rosa, Chancellor, NYS Board of Regents
Mary Ellen Elia, New York State Commissioner of Education
Lisa Davis, Executive Director, Westchester Putnam School Boards Association

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. O'Donnell informed the Board that in the near future she along with, Victor Pineiro, will present additional information along with a summary of the two packages that they offer in regards to Board Docs and if the Board is interested, we will contract with them and start training over the summer.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Coles advised/informed the Board of the following:

- NYSED has sent me a letter in regards to following up with public, private and religious schools in our district for scholarship monies for their students. The amount of these scholarships are in the amount of \$500 and \$1500.
- NYSED has shown an interest in becoming partners with My Brother's Keeper meetings.
- Christopher Suriano, NYSED Assistant Commissioner of Special Education and Special Acts visited our region and visited some of the special acts schools.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER/DEPUTY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. O'Donnell advised/informed the Board of the following:

- The May BOE meeting will be held at 450 Mamaroneck Avenue, Harrison which will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a RIC demonstration following by our meeting.
- I have asked Brendon Cruz, Supervisor of School Safety and Facilities, here this evening to present on school safety.

Thank you Mrs. O'Donnell for the opportunity to address the Board this evening to share what we, here at SWBOCES, are doing for the safety of our students and staff. We continue to have OSHA/PESH training, safety inspections and testing along with an emergency response planning and other professional development.

Within SWBOCES & LHRIC we continue to network with Putnam Westchester & Rockland BOCES, our component districts, consultants/vendors and outside agencies such as:

Westchester County Police Department
NY State Police
Department of Health
Federal Emergency Managements Agency
Office of Emergency Management
Department of Criminal Justice Services
Superintendents of Buildings & Grounds Association

OSHA/PESH Training consists of the following:

- Blood Borne Pathogens (BBP)
- Right to Know (RTK)
- AHERA Awareness (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act)
- CPR/AED
- Chemical Safety & Management

Inspections & Training consist of the following:

- Fire Inspections
- Indoor Air Quality Assessments (IAQ)
- Lead
- Water Mold

Emergency Response consists of the following:

- School & District Emergency Response Plans (ERP's)
- School & District Safety Meetings
- Incident Command System (ICS)
- Threat Assessment Training (TAT)
- Active Shooter Training (AST)
- Student De-escalation

Other Processional Development & Training consists of:

- Non-violent Crisis Intervention – CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute)
- Suicide Prevention
- Sexual Harassment

Component District Outreach consists of:

- District Visits – Contact us for an appointment
- Facilities Director/Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
- Directors of Security
- Safety & Health Coordinators
- Business Officials
- Director of Professional Development

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND STAFF

Mr. Gratto informed the Board that the student’s walkout at CTE had approximately 20 students and 20 students at our Irvington program walked out, but there were no issues.

Ms. Murphy thanked the Board for allowing her to attend advocacy day in Albany. The issues of IYP and the Special Services students were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the Board adjourn the public meeting at 9:18 pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular employee.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Mrs. McBride moved, seconded by Mrs. Riedel that the Board re-enter into public session at 9:43 pm and adjourn public session at 9:44 pm.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Valerie A. Cermele
Clerk of the Board