

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Royalton-Hartland Central School District
Middleport, New York

April 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the Royalton-Hartland Board of Education was held on the above date using Google Hangouts Meet and streamed live to the District's Facebook page.

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Carol Blumrick, Carrie Choate, Sara Fry, Jesse Snyder, Tom Brigham, Vice President, Chad Owen, President

Absent: Jeff Waters

Also Present: Dr. Hank Stopinski, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Andy Lang, Business Administrator

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Owen, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2020, the special meetings of March 16 and 26, 2020, the February 2020 Student Activity Treasurer's Report, the February 2020 Appropriation Status Report and the recommendations from the CPSE and CSE meetings dated February 25 through March 15, 2020 are approved.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS/FINANCE ITEMS

Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the items listed are declared as obsolete, surplus and/or unusable and are approved to be recycled or sent to auction per policy #5250 Sale and Disposal of School District Property [list is on file in the District Clerk's Office].

Motion carried.

Mrs. Choate moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the donation to the music department of a four valve silver plated tuba from Greg Chaffin and the donation to the elementary school's media center of books from the PTA is gratefully accepted.

Motion carried.

Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mrs. Fry, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following resolution relating to the deferment of the annual budget vote and board member election:

WHEREAS, in light of the situation that has been created by the COVID-19 pandemic, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued Executive Order No. 202.13 ("Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency") on March 30, 2020 (the "Order"); and

WHEREAS, the Order provides, in relevant part, that any school board election scheduled to take place in April or May of 2020 is postponed until at least June 1, 2020, subject to further directive as to the timing, location or manner of voting for such election; and

WHEREAS, the New York State School Boards Association has obtained informal guidance from the Deputy Secretary for Education in New York (which guidance has been, or is expected to be, subsequently clarified and confirmed by the Governor) that the Order was intended to cover not just school board “elections” but also school board “votes” in general (such as the District’s annual vote that had been scheduled to occur on May 19, 2020); and

WHEREAS, in light of the Order, the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) wishes to direct and empower the District Clerk to monitor the situation and to defer the pending initial publication of the District’s annual vote notice (or cease further publication of such notice, to the extent possible), until such time as further guidance is provided in accordance with the Order, and then to proceed as directed;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the District Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to monitor the events that are the subject of the Order, and to keep abreast of the future guidance that is anticipated to be delivered pursuant to the Order; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall, in the meantime, defer initial publication (or any further publication, to the extent possible) of the District’s annual vote notice until such time as a date for the District’s annual vote has been established pursuant to the Order (or has otherwise been established by law), and then proceed to implement such publication arrangements as may be directed, without further action of the Board being necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following invoices are approved for payment for services/supplies:

2019 Capital Improvement Project

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>
Buffalo Construction Consultants	\$11,121.68	Pay App #4
Buffalo Construction Consultants	\$12,497.22	Pay App #5

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, to approve the following Professional Services Agreements:

2019 Capital Improvement Project

<u>Company</u>	<u>Service</u>
LaBella Associates	Asbestos Abatement Air/Project Monitoring
SJB Services, Inc.	Construction Testing

2020 Capital Outlay Project

Company

LaBella Associates

Service

Design and Engineering

Motion carried.

Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mrs. Fry, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to reject the roofing bids received:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for the 2019 Capital Improvement Project Contract C-107 – Roofing; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened publicly on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes it to be in the best interests of the School District to reject all bids for Contract C-107;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, in the best interests of the School District, hereby rejects all bids for Contract C-107-Roofing for the 2019 Capital Improvement Project, and directs that Contract C-107 - Roofing be rebid.

Motion carried.

Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mrs. Fry, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to award the roofing bid:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for the 2019 Capital Improvement Project Contract C-107A – Roofing; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened publicly on April 7, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the base bid and alternate for Contract C-107A – Roofing be awarded to the following low responsible bidder at a cost of:

Grove Roofing	Base Bid – \$290,000
	Alternate – (\$10,000)
Total Contract Amount	\$280,000

Motion carried.

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Tentative Agreement dated March 3, 2020 with the Royaltan-Hartland Teachers' Association, with a term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, and approves funds to implement the agreement.

Mrs. Blumrick thanked the bargaining units for contributing more toward their healthcare cost.

Motion carried.

Mr. Snyder moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, that the Board of Education approves the Successor Employment Agreement with Dr. Henry Stopinski, Superintendent of Schools, executed on April 22, 2020, and with a term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Mrs. Blumrick voted yes

Mrs. Choate voted no

Mrs. Fry voted no

Mr. Snyder voted yes

Mr. Waters voted no

Mr. Brigham voted yes

Mr. Owen voted yes

Motion carried 4 yes to 3 no.

BOARD ITEMS

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, that the Board of Education of the Royalton-Hartland Central School District, approves the 2020-2021 proposed administrative budget for the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the amount of \$2,783,582.

Motion carried.

Mr. Waters moved, seconded by Mr. Brigham, that the Board of Education of the Royalton-Hartland Central School District, casts its vote(s) in the election of members to the Board of Education of the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the person or persons indicated on the ballot:

1. Niagara Falls City School District – Vincent Cancemi, Niagara Falls
2. Newfane Central School District, Anthony Casinelli, Lockport
3. Starpoint Central School District – Janice Covell, Lockport
4. Barker Central School District – Carol Feltz, Barker
5. Lyndonville Central School District - Thomas Klotzbach, Waterport
6. Niagara Wheatfield Central School District - Robert McDermott, Niagara Falls
7. Lewiston-Porter Central School District - Wendy Swearingen, Youngstown

Motion carried.

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mrs. Fry, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the March 12, 2020 Facilities Committee meeting notes are approved.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Blumrick said refunds are being made on pre-sale tickets for the Musical; programs that were printed are available to the cast members.

Mrs. Choate stated the teachers are doing an outstanding job; asked about hot spots and if all students that needed one had one; is the work students are doing going to be graded; who is making the decision(s) about prom and graduation and what are the options.

Mr. Brigham said we need to start looking at alternatives to traditional prom and graduation; there are some good ideas on social media.

Mr. Owen stated that it's difficult to plan alternatives as a group because groups cannot physically meet to do so.

Mrs. Fry asked about the status of the yearbook

POLICY

The Board held a third and final reading of revisions to policies #5761 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers, #6181 Employment of Retired Persons and #7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick to adopt the three policies.

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

February 2020 Check Warrant; February 2020 Treasurer's Reports; February 2020 Revenue Report; 3rd Quarter Budget Transfers; Budget Memo

The Superintendent spoke about the high school receiving for being identified by the NYSED as one of 582 Schools in NYS as a "Recognition School"; new state aid runs will be out on April 30; COVID-19 update on meals, continuity of learning, some households are feeling the stress; capital project is underway.

Mrs. Choate asked for an update on the grant writers.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions or comments.

At 6:50 p.m. Mr. Brigham moved, seconded by Mr. Owen, that the meeting adjourns.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Marjorie Masters
District Clerk