

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

September 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the Royalton-Hartland Board of Education was held on the above date in the high school's media center immediately following a facilities committee meeting at the elementary school.

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

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

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

Absent: Jeff Waters

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

Mr. Brigham welcomed members of the audience.

PRESENTATIONS

Jan Barrett and Maureen Falkowski of Grant Builders, Inc. gave a presentation on a proposed K-12 agriculture education framework, a proposed framework for an Agriculture Education Foundation and program management, resource and fund development strategies.

Jessica Monaco and Sue McLaughlin gave a presentation on planning elementary school outdoor learning spaces.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Snyder moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2020 and the special meeting of August 20, 2020 are approved.

Motion carried.

Mr. Snyder moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the June 2020 appropriation status report is approved.

Motion carried.

Mr. Snyder moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the June 2020 student activity treasurer's report is approved.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the recommendations from the CSE meetings dated August 5 through August 28, 2020 are approved.

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Fry moved, seconded by Mr. Owen, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that John Grzymala is appointed to the position of Athletic Director for the 2020-2021 school year. Salary stipend of \$7,843 is 15% of Step 8 of the current Agreement between the District and the RHTA.

Motion carried.

Mr. Snyder moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the resignation from Kristen Hall from her position of reading specialist is regrettably accepted effective September 2, 2020.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fry moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the appointment of Jessica Bell to the position of varsity field hockey coach is rescinded and revised to that of varsity field hockey co-coach for the 2020 fall sports season. The revised stipend is 4.5% of Step 12 of the current RHTA Agreement, \$2,644.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Choate moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Colleen Albee is appointed to the position of varsity field hockey co-coach for the 2020 fall sports season. The stipend is 4.5% of Step 12 of the current RHTA Agreement, \$2,644.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Kerri Byer and Nina Greene are appointed to the position of part-time food service helper at the hourly rate of \$12.50.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fry moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following individuals are appointed, without benefits, as substitutes with services to be utilized on an as-needed basis. Employment shall be effective through June 24, 2021 unless terminated sooner:

Certified Teacher: Jan Cilip

Non-Certified Teacher: Amanda Baker, Mark Brown

Motion carried.

Mr. Owen moved, seconded by Mrs. Choate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the written Agreement between the Superintendent of Schools of the Royalton-Hartland Central School District and an employee of the District, and the Superintendent is authorized to sign it once the signature of the employee is secured.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fry moved, seconded by Mr. Owen, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the resignation from Joe Pawlak from his position of school monitor be regrettably accepted effective August 27, 2020.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Choate moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the resignation from Don Stevenson from his position of cleaner be regretfully accepted effective August 31, 2020.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS/FINANCE ITEMS

Mr. Owen moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education hereby approves the parent transportation contract to provide specialized transportation to Summit Academy from September 9, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Motion carried.

Mr. Owen moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the items presented as surplus or obsolete are approved to be recycled or sent to auction per policy #5250 Sale and Disposal of School District Property.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the lease with Orleans/Niagara BOCES is approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Mr. Owen moved, seconded by Mrs. Blumrick, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Instructional Services contract with the Barker Central School District is approved as presented.

Motion carried.

BOARD ITEMS

Mr. Snyder moved, seconded by Mr. Owen, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Facilities Committee meeting are approved.

Motion carried.

A "Mask Awareness" campaign video was shared with the Board.

Mr. Brigham and Dr. Stopinski updated the Board on a recent NOSBA meeting. Mr. Lang gave a presentation of the financial impacts of COVID-19 which included the increase in costs to purchase PPE, the impact on 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 state aid, the impact on revenue and the long range impact on fund balance and reserves.

The future of extracurricular activities and athletics was discussed. Regarding athletics, some of the challenges discussed were the increase in transportation costs associated with using multiple buses while traveling to away games in order to maintain physical distancing, limiting up to two spectators per athlete and how to enforce that, how to continually clean equipment. Advisors for extracurricular activities that are able to operate remotely or in person at safe distances will be on the October 14 Board agenda provided they have completed the necessary paperwork.

The Board fully supported going ahead with both athletics and extracurricular activities to the fullest extent possible.

POLICY

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

June 2020 Revenue Status Report; June 2020 Check Warrant; June 2020 Treasurer's Report; August 13, 2020 NOSBA Minutes; NYSPHSAA Return to Interscholastic Athletics; Fall 2020 Extracurricular Activities and Athletics

The Superintendent reported that the first day of reopening the schools went very well. He hopes that the events listed on the calendar that was sent to all homes will actually still take place. The Gasport and Middleport playgrounds are ready for student and community use.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments.

At 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Blumrick moved, seconded by Mrs. Fry, that the meeting adjourns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Marjorie Masters
District Clerk