

## **REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING March 14, 2019**

The Cambridge Central School Board of Education held their regular Board of Education meeting on March 14, 2019 in the Secondary Library Media Center. Mr. Gifford called the meeting to order at 7:03PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Education members in attendance were President- Neil Gifford; Vice-President- Beth O'Grady; Paul Baker-Porazinski (absent), Jessica Roosevelt, and Caleb Breault, Vincent Canini, Superintendent of Schools; Kate Emerson, District Clerk. Also present were; Beth Coates, Business Manager; Colleen Lester, Elementary Principal ; Caroline Goss, High School Principal; Ralph Harrington, Associate Principal; CFA Rep., press and public.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Roosevelt to approve the following minutes: Special Meeting February 11, 2019; Regular Meeting February 14, 2019, Special Meeting March 7, 2019. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

### **Superintendent/Administrative Reports**

#### **Mr. Canini:**

- The BOCES calendar has been approved. We will approve ours at the April Board meeting.

#### **Mrs. Coates:**

- Presented the Budget for the 2019-20 school year. Total increase for next year will be \$167,606. A comparison of purchasing buses vs. leasing buses was also part of the presentation.

#### **Ms. Lester:**

- Thank you to all who participated in Science Night.
- Getting ready for 3-6 testing. ELA is April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Math will take place May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- In Special Education-annual reviews will begin soon.
- Congratulations to grades 3-6 for their participation with Battle of the Books.
- The Harlem Rockets will be here March 28<sup>th</sup> and will do an assembly for the elementary students.
- The Annie preview will take place March 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Mrs. Goss:**

- Upcoming field trips and events: Battle of the Classes- 3/15 (after school); College fair-HVCC-3/19; Latin Club-3/19 (Skidmore); 3/26(NYC); Holocaust field trip-3/21; Grade 7 concert-3/21; Harlem Rockets- 3/28; Blood Drive-3/29; Annie! The Musical- 4/5.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade testing for ELA and Math will be done via computer again this year. the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will take their ELA on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and their Math will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take their ELA on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and their math on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Olympics of the Visual Arts will be at the Saratoga City Center April 4<sup>th</sup>. We have 7 students participating.
- The Girls Basketball Team are Section II Regional Champs. Spring Sports began March 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Congratulations to Sarah Cuddihy being named TCT Teacher of the Week for the week of January 21, 2019. Jen Wagner was also TCT Teacher of the Week for the week of December 31, 2018.
- Mr. Harrington has begun an Academic Tutoring Center. The center is to help student not currently getting their homework done. He works with parents to get students to stay afterschool for the extra help. Mrs. Dougherty has offered to work with the students. So far there are 5 students participating on a regular basis.

### **BOE/Committee Reports:**

#### **Safety Committee: (Mrs. O'Grady)**

The Safety Committee was tasked with looking into the area between the school and Sunshine Nursery School to see if a Child Safety Zone could be created. The study is based on a points system. After performing the study and reaching out to DOT (Department of Transportation), there were enough points to determine the area to be a Child Safety Zone.

The committee also had a discussion about the dangers in the parking lots during the after school hours when there are sporting events taking place and small children are running from the parking lot to the fields.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Gifford thanked the Advisory Committees for all their hard work and volunteering their time to serve and help with the Superintendent Search process.

Mr. Gifford wished the Girls Varsity Basketball Team luck in their upcoming game tomorrow.

#### **Old Business:**

The second Reading of the following policies was read: 8414.5-Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers; 8414.5-R-Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Regulation; 6700-E.1-Purchasing Exhibit.

#### **New Business:**

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Roosevelt to approve the consent agenda and the consent agenda with regard to new business. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

Mr. Gifford introduced the motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Grady for approval of the propositions to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote/Election to be held on May 21, 2019.

1. Public Library Proposition-Shall an appropriation of \$55,000 be made in the 2019-20 Budget for the Cambridge Public Library; this sum to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Cambridge Central School District.
2. Shall the Board of Education of the Cambridge Central School District be authorized to dispose of two (2) 66-passenger buses, and replace them with two (2) 70- passenger buses; for pupil transportation purposes at a maximum price not to exceed \$236,423 to 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, obligation of said school? Vote 0 yes, 4 no; motion defeated. (Mr. Breault absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Roosevelt to nominate Naomi Marsh for the BOCES Board of Education. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Grady to approve a Budgetary Amendment to increase expenditures and revenues by \$44,661.55 for the for the purpose of purchasing a replacement vehicle for Bus 136. Included in this budgetary amendment are insurance proceeds of \$30,557.21. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. O'Grady to authorize the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES to enter into a three year lease in order to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being: CoSer 504 Instructional Technology Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cambridge Central School District authorizes the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES to lease, on the District's behalf, for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed \$4,686.84 plus related borrowing fees, plus yearly support and coordination fees during the term of this lease, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education, for a period of three year(s); (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21). Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Roosevelt to approve the amended consent agenda for personnel with regard to personnel appointments and recommendations. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

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2. RESOLVED that, pursuant to Chapter 472 of the Session Laws of 1998, the Board of Education of the Cambridge Central School District is hereby authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of Ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000), and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: five (5) seventy (70) passenger school buses; AND, that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in annual installments; and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District shall be issued. Vote 4 yes, 0 no;

motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Roosevelt to designate the area between 24 South Park Street, Cambridge, NY and 33 Gilbert Street, Cambridge, NY as a Child Safety Zone as a result of the study by the Safety Committee. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

At 7:59 PM Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to go in to Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to issues pertaining to the employment history of a particular person No decision is expected to be made.

At 9:25 PM Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Roosevelt to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Baker-Porazinski absent)

Kate Emerson  
District Clerk

**Consent Agenda-Personnel**

- Appointed Nic Jancek to the position of Cashier working 2.5 hours per day at \$12.10 per hour retroactive to January 29, 2019.
- Appointed Joni Phillips as a substitute Food Service Helper to be paid \$12.50 per hour retroactive to February 27, 2019.
- Approved the letter from Jillian Veitch requesting FMLA to begin on September 3, 2019 with an anticipated return date of September 30, 2019.
- Approved Cheryl Benson as a Substitute Food Service Helper retroactive to January 31, 2019 to be paid \$12.50 per hour.

**Consent Agenda - New Business**

- Accepted the Treasurer's Report dated February 2019.
- Approved the Student Activity Report dated February 28, 2019.
- Approved the Special Education Report dated March 8, 2019.