

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING April 27, 2021

The Cambridge Central School Board of Education held their regular Board of Education meeting on April 27, 2021 virtually via WebEx. Mr. Gifford called the meeting to order at 7:08PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Education members in attendance were President- Neil Gifford; Caleb Breault; Jessica Roosevelt(absent); and Jessica Ziehm; Dr. Douglas Silvernell, Superintendent of Schools and Kate Canini, District Clerk. Also present were; Anthony Cammarata, School Business Administrator; Colleen Lester, Elementary Principal ; Caroline Goss, High School Principal; Ralph Harrington, Associate Principal; Jerry Gibson, Elementary Associate Principal; press and public.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the following minutes: Regular Meeting March 11, 2021; Budget Workshop April 13, 2021. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Air Rifle Presentation: Patrick Daily and Christian Marsh gave a presentation about the Air Rifle Club they have in Hoosick Falls. We would like to offer an Air Rifle Club here at Cambridge next year. With this being a club they can fundraise to offset the expenses.

Restorative Justice Team Bridges: Duke Fisher and his team were introduced to the Board and they will be the ones the District hires to mediate the Mascot Issue. The first meeting will be held on May 6, 2021 at 7PM.

Dr. Silvernell:

- Thank you to Nurse Lisa and her husband for the popcorn donation.
- We have on the agenda to add to the calendar May 28, 2021 as a day off. We did not use all our snow days. We also will be taking June 18, 2021 in honor of the Juneteenth holiday.
- We are looking to have a Board Retreat in July. Doug will send out proposed dates for the retreat.
- The Cambridge Faculty Association will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Night.
- The new guidance that has come out about 3 feet between students is only for learning. We still can't be 3 feet apart to eat or on the bus. So we will not be implementing these changes because of that. We will wait to see if more guidance comes out on this.
- The Morale Committee will be meeting in the next week or so to go over the results of the survey.
- All Board Members should have gotten an email from SuperEval.
- Dee Brandt has been bringing Augie a trained Therapy Dog into school the last couple of weeks.
- I will be meeting with Northern Rivers to see what additional services we may need.
- Neil, Jessica Ziehm and I have been working on an OnBoarding process to orient new Board members.
- The Policy Committee met and are discussing a Social Media Policy.

Mr. Cammarata:

- On the agenda are the Bids for the \$100,000 Project. Also is the Bid for the Toyota Van that was totaled in an accident.
- We have a request for Bids out for the HVAC project in the cafeteria and they are due May 13, 2021.
- We have an RFP out for Pre K and that is due May 20, 2021.

Ms. Lester:

- We are looking to do some COVID19 Friendly things for the end of the year. We are currently in the planning stages.
- Flag Day ceremony will take place this year, but be done in two groups.
- Field Day will be done a little differently as well this year. Parents will not be able to attend.
- The Kindergarten virtual meeting was held last week and this week we have registration packet pick up on Tuesday and Thursday over at the District Office. May 11-13th will be Kindergarten screening and it will be held in the High School Library.
- Thank you to Bentley Seed for donating seed packets to our student for Earth Day.

Mrs. Goss:

- We had 7 students have work accepted into Talent Unlimited publication for this year.
- Graduation will again be at Hathaway's Drive-In. We will hold the mock graduation on June 9th in the gym from 9-noon.
- We are currently doing ELA testing for 7th and 8th grade. Next week we will have the 7th and 8th grade Math testing taking place.
- Tomorrow in the High School we will be celebrating National Denim Day in honor of sexual abuse victims.
- Final exams will still take place there will be 4 NYS Regents administered. June 11th will be the ELA exam and the following week will be Common Core Algebra 1, Biology and Living Environment.

BOE/Committee Reports:

Old Business:

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ziehm to approve the following policies: **5420**-Student Health Services; **5420-R**-Student Health Services Regulation; **5151**-Homeless Children; **5151-R**-Homeless Children Regulation; **5100**-Student Attendance; **4765**-Online, Distance, and Remote Learning. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

New Business:

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the consent agenda and the consent agenda with regard to new business. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ziehm to approve the following be appointed to tenure:

Recommend that Ralph Harrington, holding his permanent certification as a School District Leader be appointed to tenure in the Associate Principal tenure area effective May 11, 2021.

Recommend that Rae Schraver, holding a professional certification in Elementary be appointed to tenure in the Elementary area effective June 30, 2021.

Recommend that Kristi Trinkle, holding a Level III certification as a Teaching Assistant be appointed to tenure in the Teaching Assistant area effective October 1, 2021.

Recommend that Brian Cofresi, holding a professional certification in Biology be appointed to tenure in the Biology area effective June 30, 2021.

Recommend that Victoria Brooking, holding a permanent certification in English be appointed to tenure in the English area effective June 30, 2021. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to award the following bids for the \$100,000 Project: -General Construction-Hoosick Valley Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$94,500;-HVAC-Technical Building Services in the amount of \$6068. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties is authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget in the total amount of \$6,724,328 during the school year 2021-2022. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to elect the following to the BOCES Board: Pamela Ellis, Jason Fernau, James Nolan, Kevin Ostrander, David Petruska, Janine Thomas. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

The first reading of the following policy was read: Policy 0101-Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the following resolution: Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Cambridge Central School District approve a Budgetary Amendment to increase expenditures and revenues by \$35, 133 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement vehicle for Bus 146. Included in this budgetary amendment are the insurance proceeds of \$25,008. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to accept the Bid from Albany T, LLC (DBA Northway Toyota) in the amount of \$35,133 for a Toyota Sienna. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ziehm to approve the following Budget Transfers: A transfer in the amount of \$17,500 to cover expenses for necessary tree work; A transfer in the amount of \$68,820 to cover contractual Retirement Incentive expenses; A transfer in the amount of \$35,000 to cover the cost of replacing existing school cameras with upgraded cameras and software; A transfer in the amount of \$74,271.19 to cover BOCES expenses in the proper codes.

Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the agreement between the Cambridge Central School District and Hubbard Hall for the Drama Club for the 2020-2021 school year. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

At 8:26PM Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault go into Executive Session to discuss issues pertaining to the personnel and consultation with the attorney. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

At 9:19PM Mr. Gifford made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ziehm to adjourn the meeting. Vote 3 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Roosevelt absent)

Kate Canini
District Clerk

Consent Agenda-Personnel

- Appointed Margaret Horey as a Teacher Aide effective May 3, 2021 to be paid \$12.50 per hour.
- Approved the letter of intent to retire from Douglas Luke from his position as a Physical Education Teacher effective June 30, 2021.
- Appointed Paul Larson as a Substitute Bus Driver retroactive to March 22, 2021 to be paid \$19.00 per hour.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Susan Lamberti from her position as a Building Maintenance Helper retroactive to March 24, 2021.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Cambridge Central School District and the Cambridge Faculty Association regarding Elementary Ski Club.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Cambridge Central School District and the Cambridge Faculty Association regarding Elementary Homeroom.
- Appointed the following coaching positions and salaries listed, pending certification:
FALL SPORTS 2-FOOTBALL: Modified Coach-Jason Hamilton- \$3,926; **GIRLS' SOCCER-**Modified Coach-Rich Sweeney- \$2,944; **VOLLEYBALL-**Modified Coach-Brian Cofresi- \$2,261; Kathy Fields-\$2,261; **SPRING SPORTS 2-(April 25- June 16)**
BASEBALL-Varsity Coach-Jason Waite-\$3,645; JV Coach-Nick Wiltey-\$2,440; Modified Coach-Brian Cofresi -\$2,009; **SOFTBALL-**Varsity Coach-Jackie Hall-\$3,473; Modified Coach- Marlee Wood-\$1,960; **TRACK-**Varsity Coach-Doug Luke-\$3,645; Adam Burr-\$3,374; Derek Srygley-\$2,726; Modified Coach-Brenden Holcomb-\$2,009

Consent Agenda - New Business

- Accepted the Treasurer's Report dated March 2021.
- Approved the Student Activity Report dated March 31, 2021.
- Approved the Special Education Report dated April 2021.
- Accepted the donation in the amount of \$262 to the "Helpful Harry Fund" from the staff wear jeans day fundraiser.

- Approved of the following pursuant to business conducted at the annual budget vote and election:
 - candidates to be placed on the ballot at the May 18, 2021 vote
 - inspectors and clerks for the May 18, 2021 vote
- Accepted the donation of nine three pound containers of ice cream from Stewart's.
- Accepted the donation of seventy-five \$20 gift cards from Battenkill Books.
- Accepted a donation in the amount of \$20 from Kristen Preble to the "Helpful Harry Fund".
- Accepted approve a donation in the amount of \$120 to the "Helpful Harry Fund".
- Approved the date of the Reorganizational Meeting to be July 8, 2021.
- Accepted the donation of \$1000 to the Elementary Library Media Center from Rose Marie Leone-Winiewicz in memory of James Leone a former Elementary Principal here at Cambridge.
- Accepted the donation of \$1000 to the Secondary Library Media Center from Rose Marie Leone-Winiewicz in memory of James Leone a former Elementary Principal here at Cambridge.
- Approved the donation of seed packets for all out students from Bentley Seed.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to close school on May 28, 2021.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to close school on June 18, 2021 for the Juneteenth Holiday.
- Declared the 2017 Branson 5220CH Tractor as surplus for a trade for replacement at a value of \$15,000.