

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING February 23, 2022 Rescheduled from February 16, 2022

The Cambridge Central School Board of Education held their regular Board of Education meeting on February 23, 2022 via Webex. Mrs. Ziehm called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and began with the pledge of allegiance. Board of Education members in attendance were President- Jessica Ziehm; Vice-President- David Shay Price; Caleb Breault; Neil Gifford, and Dillon Honyoust; Dr. Douglas Silvernell, Superintendent of Schools and Kate Canini, District Clerk. Also present were; Anthony Cammarata, School Business Administrator; Colleen Lester, Elementary Principal; Jerry Gibson, Associate Elementary Principal; Caroline Goss, High School Principal; Ralph Harrington, Associate Principal; press and public.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the following minutes: Regular Board Meeting January 13, 2022. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Public Comments:

- No public comments because we were virtual.

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Silvernell:

- A brief update on COVID19 and masking was reported on. The 31 Superintendents sent a letter to the Education Commissioner and the NYS Health Commissioner and the Governor. We are still waiting for guidance form the Department of health and the Governor.
- Master Site Plan Update- We have had one facilities public forum meeting. There are a few more scheduled. We only had one person at the first meeting. We are trying to figure out how to get the word out better about the forums. We are planning a Superintendent Conference Day on April 14th and plan to present the plan to staff that day. We will seek input from them.
- The Climate Survey started out having a few snags. The kinks have been worked out. Chris Crucetti worked very hard to solve the issues and get things back up and running.

Mr. Cammarata:

- The Budget for Programming and Special Education were presented to the Board as well as the Budget for Technology, Transportation, Athletics, and Buildings and Grounds. The next Budget Workshop will be held on March 3, 2022.
- They are looking to put a Capital Reserve Fund on as a proposition on for the May 17, 2022 Budget Vote.

Ms. Lester:

- 2nd quarter report cards have gone home.
- We have started annual reviews.
- Kindergarten registration/pre-registration is in progress. We start in January now. We will have our Kindergarten parent meeting April 12th. Kindergarten screening will take place May 24-26.

- There is plans to have 2 pre-k classes again next year and we have started the pre-registration.
- Parents as Reading Partners has begun. We have had kick-off assemblies and there will be more when the students return from break.

Mrs. Goss:

- Course selections have begun for next year.
- Mr. Butz has been in the news recently for his Environmental Class water sampling. The class has been invited to Friends Lake to take water samples there.
- Ms. O’Hearn was on New Channel 10 Live for National School Counselors Week.
- 80 students were on the Principal’s Honor Roll. They received a package of extra gum for going the extra mile.
- Girls Basketball is starting sectionals.
- Congratulations to Evan Day who will be competing in the State Wrestling Tournament the first student in Cambridge history.
- 25% of students in grades 9-12 are involved in Winter Athletics.
- An alumni of the District has gone missing. Morgan Bates is missing and police are doing all they can to find her.

BOE/Committee Reports:

Old Business:

New Business:

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to approve the consent agenda and the consent agenda with regard to new business. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Honyoust to approve Change Order DC-01 with TBS for an increase in the amount of \$6075 to provide controls for the new hot water heater. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Honyoust to approve Change Order MC-01 with CB Strain for an increase in the amount of \$89,000 to replace hot water heater per the bid alternate 1-M. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to approve the following resolution:
 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cambridge Central School District desires to authorize the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES to enter into a five (5) 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 \$19,051. 31 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 five (5) year(s); 2021- 22,2022-23,2023-24,2024-25, 2025-26. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to Board create a Teacher Aide position. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to approve the MOA between the Cambridge Central School District and the Cambridge Faculty Association regarding Building Substitute coverage by Teachers and Teaching Assistants during the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year due to shortages. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Price to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, on or about November 29, 2021, Betty A. Rosa, Commissioner of Education, rendered Decision No. 18058, which has been filed with the Board of Education, ordering that the Board’s resolution on July 8, 2021 entitled “**CCS NICKNAME & IMAGERY RESOLUTION v.2**” is annulled, and further ordering that the Board “eliminate the use of its former team name, mascot and logo in accordance with its resolution dated June 17, 2021, by no later than July 1, 2022; and,
WHEREAS, the Board disagrees with the Commissioner’s determination and orders as set forth in Decision No. 18058 as being beyond the lawful authority of the Commissioner, and/or in that her decision is arbitrary or capricious in nature.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs an appeal of the Commissioner’s Decision and hereby authorizes its attorneys, Honeywell Law Firm, PLLC, to commence any appropriate legal action necessary on behalf of the Board of Education to challenge the Commissioner’s Decision including, but not limited to, filing an appeal pursuant to Article 78 of the CPLR in Supreme Court, Albany County, and is further authorized to represent the District during the pendency of any such challenge or appeal; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Jessica Ziehm, President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute any legal documents filed in connection with any such appeal or challenge on the Board’s behalf. Vote 3 yes (Mrs. Ziehm, Mr. Price, Mr. Honyoust), 2 no(Mr. Breault, Mr. Gifford); motion carried.

At 8:43PM Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to go into executive session for issues pertaining to pending or current litigation and consultation with the school attorney. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

At 10:15PM Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Honyoust to return to open session. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

At 10:17PM Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Honyoust to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Kate Canini
District Clerk

Consent Agenda-Personnel

- Appointed the following mentors with each mentor to receive a prorated \$1600 stipend: Heidi Record to mentor Tina Fleming; Shannon Celani to mentor Lindsay Shaner; Brooke Flint to mentor Nicole Cartin.
- Accepted the resignation of Tina Denny from her position as a Bus Aide effective January 24, 2022 and contingent upon being appointed as full time Bus Driver.
- Appointed Tina Denny to a full time Bus Driver position retroactive to January 25, 2022 with a prorated annual salary of \$13,496.
- Amended Jasmyn Yakubec's salary to be a prorated annual salary of \$42,250.
- Appointed Ben Jacobson to go from a transition of position through Civil Service from a Building Maintenance Worker to a Building Maintenance Mechanic retroactive to February 7, 2022 for a prorated annual salary of \$36,005.
- Approved the following Graduate Credits:

-Kendra Holbritter	3 Credits	SUNY Plattsburgh
-Michael Palanza	12 Credits	SUNY Plattsburgh

Consent Agenda - New Business

- Accepted the Treasurers Report for the month of December 2021.
- Accepted the amended Treasurers Report for November 2021.
- Approved the Student Activity Report dated January 31, 2022.
- Declared the list of weeded books from the Secondary Library as surplus.
- Approved the Special Education Report dated February 2022.
- Approved the Health Services agreement between the Cambridge Central School District and the South Colonie Central School District for students attending Christian Brothers Academy from September 8, 2021 until June 24, 2022.
- Approved the Health Services agreement between the Cambridge Central School District and the Saratoga Springs City School District for students attending Waldorf School from September 9, 2021 until June 24, 2022.
- Approved the late transportation request from Henry Clark Jr. to transport his child to Grace Christian school in Bennington, VT for the 2021-2022 school year, with transportation to be provided from a central pick up point.