

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING April 14, 2022

The Cambridge Central School Board of Education held their regular Board of Education meeting on April 14, 2022 in the Pride Cafeteria. 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(absent), 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 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Public Comments:

- We had one person speak about the Mascot. One person inquired about their donation of books to the school and if they had been put in the library and a third person spoke about the Budget.

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Silvernell:

- Master Site Planning Update-Callie from Mosaic presented to the Board and ran through the survey results. We ended up with 139 responses in total which was considered good. Callie also worked with the faculty and staff this morning during the Superintendent's Conference Day. We will do the same kind of exercise with students. The next community forum is April 26th at 7PM.
- Strategic Planning update- we are starting to set up Action Team meetings and training.
- The Native American Curriculum Committee update-there is a 4th grade field trip planned at the Ndakinna Education Center in Greenfield Center. There are other meetings with different Native Americans to discuss curriculum and other possible field trips.
- Air Rifle Club will take place next year we are finishing the details. Collee Lemieux and Adam Burr have been a huge help in making this happen.
- Climate Survey Update-We need to gather the data during an Instructional Cabinet meeting and discuss.

Mr. Cammarata:

- The Budget was proposal was present to the Board that will be voted on at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Lester:

- Today was a Superintendent Conference Day. Thank you to Caroline and Heather for organizing the afternoon. The feedback on the entire day was very positive.
- The kindergarten informational meeting was held on April 12th. So far we have 50 kids enrolled for next year.

- We have 34 Pre K students so far for next year so we are almost at capacity.
- Elementary is doing Computer Based Testing for the first time. Math will be paperbased.

Mrs. Goss:

- This year we had 8 works by 4 students (Chaylyn Harrington, Hope Chinian, Maizie Steele, Anna Bailey accepted for Talent Unlimited this year.
- The ELA exams have wrapped up. After break we will be doing the Math testing. 7th grade will test on April 27th and 7th Grade will be the following week.
- On May 21st we will have a Jr. Sr. Prom combined because we did not have a prom last year due to COVID19. It will take place at Lakota Farm. Coronation will take place at school.
- Regents testing is a go for June. US History will take place June 1st. Mid-June will be the last day of classes in the High School.

BOE/Committee Reports:

New Business:

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

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to appoint Aydin O’Hearn, holding a permanent certification as a School Counselor be appointed to tenure in the School Counselor area effective June 30, 2022. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Honyoust to appoint Mary Price, holding a Level III certification as a Teaching Assistant be appointed to tenure in the Teaching Assistant area effective June 30, 2022. Vote 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Mr. Price); motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Price to appoint Kelly Toleman, holding a permanent certification in Elementary be appointed to tenure in the Elementary area effective June 30, 2022. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to appoint Sarah Cuddihy, holding an initial certification in Mathematics be appointed to tenure in the Mathematics area effective June 30, 2022, and contingent upon obtaining her professional certification. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the 2022-2023 Budget in the amount of \$23,923,743 and the tax report card. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the appointment of Jerry Gibson to a four-year probationary appointment as Elementary Principal, in the tenure area of

Elementary Principal, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026, with a base salary of \$97,000 plus Masters \$1000 for an annual salary of \$98,000. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Price to approve the amended 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 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the Budget Transfer in the amount of \$89,999 to cover Special Education expenses in the proper code. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Price to approve Budget Transfer in the amount of \$40,000 to cover Buildings & Grounds expenses in the proper code. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the Budget Transfer in the amount of \$25,766 to cover Insurance expenses in the proper code. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Price to approve the Budget Transfer in the amount of \$126,717 to transfer funds to expense in the proper code. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Price to approve Budget Transfer in the amount of \$73,216 to cover Contractual Transportation expenses for Special Education placements in the proper code. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

The first reading of the following policies were read: **2342**-Agenda Preparation and Dissemination; **1230**-Public Comment at Board Meetings; **1230 E.1**-Public Comment at Board Meetings Exhibit; **1230 E.2**-Public Comment at Board Meetings Exhibit sign in sheet; **8220**-Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection; **1530**-Smoking, Vaping and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises.

At 7:59PM Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to go into executive session for issues pertaining to the employment history of a particular individual leading to the appointment/suspension/discipline of that particular person. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

At 9:46PM Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Price to return to open session. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

At 9:47PM Mrs. Ziehm made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mr. Gifford absent)

Kate Canini
District Clerk

Consent Agenda-Personnel

- Appointed Chris Crucetti to the permanent position as a Micro Computer Specialist retroactive to April 1, 2022.
- Amended Jason Hamilton appointment as a co-advisor for Ag Club to be an unpaid volunteer per his request.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Brian Cofresi from his position as the Modified Baseball Coach effective March 29, 2022.
- Appointed the following coaches pending certification and completion of training per SED: Mike MacDougall-Modified baseball-\$1,904; Jason Nolan-Unpaid modified baseball assistant; Will Grandy-Varsity Track Assistant-\$2,312; Sarah Cuddihy-Modified Track-\$1,904.
- Appointed Jazmyn Yakubec as a Sub-CSE Chair for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Wendy Rathe from her position as an Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2022.
- Appointed Rich Austin as the Clerk of the Works for the Capital Projects outlay to be paid a \$3000 stipend.

Consent Agenda - New Business

- Accepted the Treasurers Report for the month of February 2022.
- Approved the Student Activity Report dated March 31, 2022.
- Approved the Special Education Report dated April 2022.
- Approved the date of the Reorganizational Meeting to be July 7, 2022.
- Approved the following pursuant to business conducted at the annual budget vote and election:
 - candidates to be placed on the ballot at the May 17, 2022 vote
 - inspectors and clerks for the May 17, 2022 vote
- Accepted the donation of 3 boxes of hand sanitizer from Rite Aid in Cambridge.
- Approved the contract with Whitman's Driver Training from February 2022 until June 2022.
- Accepted the donation from Stewart's in the amount of \$750 to help with the Cambridge Closet Program.
- Accepted the donation from Stewart's in the amount of \$950 to help with the PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) Program.
- Approved the Transportation Contract with Greenwich Central School District for shared services.