

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING September 8, 2022

The Cambridge Central School Board of Education held their regular Board of Education meeting on September 8, 2022 in the Secondary Library Media Center. Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 7:00PM Board of Education members in attendance were President-David Shay Price; Vice-President- Jessica Ziehm (absent); 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; Jerry Gibson, Elementary Principal; Caroline Goss, High School Principal; Ralph Harrington, Associate Principal; press and public.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Price made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to approve the following minutes: Regular Meeting August 11, 2022; Special Meeting August 31, 2022. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Ziehm absent)

Public Comments:

A community member spoke about the presented from NAGA at last month meeting

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Silvernell:

- Gus Xhudo for homeland security has been here doing a safety audit of the campus. He will write up his report and share it with us at a later date.
- Questar will be working with the Safety Team this year. We are also working on reunification. We will train with Hoosick Falls and they will train with us.
- We have introduced the Raptor System for using and ID when signing into the building. This will flag anyone who is on a sex offender's registry and should not be on school grounds.
- The Building Committee met a couple of times over the summer to start to plan the next project. This will be voted on in March. We will phase in things that need to be addressed based on the committee recommendation. Strategic Planning is also helping is what we do for renovations.

Mr. Cammarata:

- The audit has been conducted and will be presented at the October Board meeting. The Audit Committee will review it on September 22nd.
- ST3 Reporting is in the process of being done as well as Transparency Reporting.

Mr. Gibson:

- The teachers and students are excited to be back. The teachers and students are busy getting to know each other.
- Benchmark testing has begun.
- We will have two different Parent Information Nights. One on the 22nd for K-3rd grade and one on the 29th for 4th -6th grade

Mrs. Goss:

- The new school year has begun. It is great to see students back I school and happy to be here. They are able to resume lunch at the regular tables instead of separate desks. Things are getting back to normal which is nice to see.
- This year we are cracking down on cell phone use in the classroom. Each student will have to place their cell phone into a numbered holder as they walk into the classroom each day for every class they have.
- For the first time the seniors will have the opportunity to paint their parking spot. They also wanted to do a sunrise breakfast on the first day and a sunset dinner on the last day.
- Open House will be next Thursday for grades 7-12.

BOE/Committee Reports:

A request was made for there to be a discussion about the Curriculum Development Process at next month's Board meeting.

Mr. Gifford wished the staff a productive work and school year and thanked them for all they do for the students. Thanked Shay and Jessica for stepping into the leadership role of the Board. He then spoke about the presenter from NAGA that was here last month and his misrepresentation of information.

Mr. Honyoust spoke about Mr. Billeaudeau's not being able to defend what was being said about him. All information should be welcomed by the Board.

Mr. Price shared with the Board that he had asked for information from the legal team and that information was just sent to the Board and they can respond directly to the lawyers concerning the options presented to them.

Public Comments:

A community member spoke about declining enrollment at school and asked why that might be. Also asked why the rankings dropped so much and why was there so many transportations request for private schools.

Two students asked the Board to keep the Drama Club at Hubbard Hall for another year at least. Dr. Silvernell told the student it was approved at tonight's meeting for Drama Club to remain at Hubbard Hall this school year.

New Business:

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

Mr. Price made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Education has declared itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of identifying the SEQRA determination for the Gym Floor Project at Cambridge Central School. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Ziehm absent)

Mr. Price made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Education, acting as the Lead Agency, has declared that the Gym Floor Project at Cambridge Central School has no significant environmental impact and can be classified as a Type II Action. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Ziehm absent)

Mr. Price made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to create a Director of Pupil Services/Associate Elementary Principal position for the 2022-2023 school year. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Ziehm absent)

Mr. Price made the motion, seconded by Mr. Breault to approve the appointment of Darlene King to the position of Interim Director of Pupil Services/Associate Elementary Principal at a per diem salary \$550 retroactive to September 1, 2022. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Ziehm absent)

At 7:47PM Mr. Price made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to go into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to negotiations with the CSEA and to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of a particular individual. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Ziehm absent)

At 8:15PM Mr. Price made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gifford to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4 yes, 0 no; motion carried. (Mrs. Ziehm absent)

Kate Canini
District Clerk

Consent Agenda-Personnel

- Approved the following Mentee/Mentor pairings with the Mentor to receive a \$1,600 stipend: Katie Cole/Jen Wagner; Amanda Desnoyers/Kristi Trinkle; Jamie VanDeWater/Amy Rainstrom; Carl Nigro/Jason Sutliff (to replace John Heim); Lacie Durrant/Jen Holmewood (changed from Minette Cummings); Jenna McGreevy/Minette Cummings; Jacob Robinson/Robert Phillips; Deb Blanchfield/Barb Herbig; Christine Eldred/Connie Larivee; Wyatt Whitman/Colleen Lemieux.
- Appointed Riza Coon to the position of part-time Cashier retroactive to August 31, 2022 with a salary of \$15.15 per hour.
- Appointed Karrie Dunham to the position of Food Service Helper retroactive to August 31, 2022 with a salary of \$14.00 per hour.
- Appointed Crystal Navoian to the position of Dishwasher retroactive to August 31, 2022 with a salary of \$13.50 per hour.
- Appointed Roger Mathers as a Substitute Bus Driver retroactive to August 31, 2022 with a salary of \$19.00 per hour.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Anthony Cammarata from his position as Business Administrator effective September 30, 2022.
- Accepted the letter of resignation from Wendy Hayes from her position as a Teacher Aide retroactive to September 2, 2022.

- Appointed Kelly Harrington to a full time Bus Monitor position with a salary of \$13.50 per hour.
- Approved the MOA regarding the Co-CSE Chair for Jennifer Holmewood for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Appointed Aaron Young as a Building Maintenance Helper retroactive to September 1, 2022 with a prorated annual salary of \$30,160
- Appointed the following PSP's for the next two years beginning with the 2022-2023 school year with each to receive a \$1,200 stipend: Megan Lozier; John Mooney; Hillory Hamilton; Daryl Reiter; Minnette Cummings; Kristy Jeffords; Penelope LaPointe; Audrey Brownell; Aimee Smith; Heidi Record.
- Appointed Tim Bohley as a Substitute Bus Driver retroactive to July 1, 2022 with a salary of \$19,00 per hour.
- Approved 27 additional credits beyond her Master's for Cara Pellegrino at \$74 per credit.
- Amended Jamie Van De Water's salary to include an additional \$600 for her Bachelor's Degree.
- Amended the salary total for Jennifer McGreevy from the August 31, 2022 Special Meeting to be \$45,095.
- Amended the probationary appointment dates for Micheal Bentzen to be from August 31, 2022 until June 30, 2025.
- Amended Tashina Roose position and salary to reflect a 10-month position as Clerk retroactive to August 31, 2022 with an annual salary of \$24,267.
- Approved the following Graduate Credits at \$74 per credit:
 - Crystal Kirk 12 Credits SUNY Empire State
- Approved the following clubs/advisors and stipends for the 2022-2023 school year and amend approvals from the August 11, 2022 meeting:

Activity	Assigned	Name of Candidate	Stipend amount
	Group		
6 th Grade Class Advisor	D	Kelly Toleman, Jessica Kirk & J. Hamilton	\$416.66 each
7 th Grade Class Advisor (2028)	D	Deb Blanchfield, Tanya Lathrop	\$625 each
AM Soccer Club	D	Jill Reilly, Jason Sutliff	\$625 each
Environmental Club- Elem.	D	Penny LaPointe, Ellen Branham	\$625 each
Cambridge Color Guard	D	Lindsay Shaner	\$1,250
Elementary Newspaper (formerly Lil'Indians)	D	Karen Esposito	\$1,250
Odyssey of the Mind		Nicole Cartin, & Cynthia Austin	\$625 each

Consent Agenda - New Business

- Accepted the Treasurers Report for the month of July 2022.
- Approved the Student Activity Report dated August 31, 2022.
- Approved the Special Education Report dated September 1, 2022.
- Approved the contract between the Cambridge Central School District and Hubbard Hall for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved the late transportation request from Brittany Dukette to transport her children to Grace Christian School in Bennington, VT for the 2022-2023 school year with transportation to be from a central pick up point.
- Approved the transportation request from Barbra Foley to transport her child to Grace Christian School in Bennington, VT for the 2022-2023 school year with transportation to be from a central pick up point.
- Approved the late transportation request from Ashley Welch to transport her children to Grace Christian School in Bennington, VT for the 2022-2023 school year with transportation to be from a central pick up point.
- Approved the late transportation request from Candace Nolan Harrington to transport her children to Grace Christian School in Bennington, VT for the 2022-2023 school year with transportation to be from a central pick up point.
- Approved the late transportation request from Mallory Moses to transport her child to Hiland Hall School in Bennington, VT for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved the late transportation request from Heather Boehlke to transport her child to Hiland Hall School in Bennington, VT for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Declared the list of items as surplus:

26	Language Arts Today	0-02-244301-0
55	Envision Mathematics Workbooks	978-0-13-495369-1
25	Envision Mathematics Text books	978-0-328-67261-5
13	Envision supplement Materials	
14	Dictionary	0-618-2-8002-2
500	Samsung Chromebooks	
12	Dell Desktops	
1	Epson Scanner	
5	Epson Projectors	
1	HP Laptop	
1	SMART Interactive table	
16	Dell Monitors	
7	Apple iMacs	
- Accepted the donation from TCT Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$350 to help with costs associated with the staff breakfast on September 1, 2022.
- Approved the agreement between the Cambridge Central School District and the Hoosick Falls Central School District regarding Emergency Evacuations.
- Approved the following Transportation contracts with Durrin, Inc. to transport to the following schools:
 - St. Anne's at \$246 per day
 - Fort Ann BOCES at \$248 per day

-Sanford Street at \$278 per day

-Rensselaer Education Center at \$288 per day

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