

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: January 5, 2021
Spencerport, New York

Members Present: Mr. Bracken, Ms. Czarnecki, Mr. Gibbardo, Mr. Kincaid,
Mr. Miceli, Ms. Stone

Absent: Mr. Hutton

Others Present: Ms. Clapper, Dr. Kissel, Ms. Lissow, Mr. Wood, Mr. Zinkiewich

The Study Session of the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District was called to order at 6:02 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the Vice President, Mr. Kincaid, in a Zoom meeting from everyone's respective homes due to an executive order from Governor Andrew Cuomo.

1. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Board of Education members and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Miceli and seconded by Mr. Bracken that the Board of Education approve the Business Session Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

3. BOARD RECOGNITION

Fall Athletes

Ms. Placito thanked the Board for the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of fall athletes during this extraordinary year. During these unprecedented times, student athletes faced changes on and off the field. The theme this year was "Rise Up", and she thanked everyone from the transportation department, technology, the nurses, administrators, teachers and support staff for exemplifying it. Ms. Placito presented the Board with a video to highlight the fall season. In the video, Girls Golf Coach Moon and athlete Ms. Julia Zigrossi provided an update and accomplishments of their season. Ms. Zigrossi was the Section V Champion and named the All Greater Rochester Player of the Year. Girls Swim Coach Burke and athlete Ms. Celeste Keyes

provided highlights of their season. Ms. Keyes was the Sectional winner in the 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle relay, along with Ms. Abby Russell, Ms. Amelia Richards and Ms. Cassandra Barber. Girls Soccer Coach Schneider and athlete Ms. Sabrina Trapani also provided highlights from their season. They were division champions and Class A Sectional Champions for a 5th year in a row.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Old Business

4.11 Approval of the Board of Education meeting minutes held on December 8, 2020

4.2 New Business

4.21 Approval of Budget Focus Group Membership

Mr. Milgate recommended the following individuals to serve on the 2021 Budget Focus Group.

Pam Kissel, ad hoc	Gay Lenhard, town official
Lanette Cypher, ad hoc	Chris Mears, town official
Rick Wood, ad hoc	Gary Penders, town official
Ty Zinkiewich, ad hoc	Denis Johnson, parent
Jamie Lissow, ad hoc	Stacey Porter, parent
Cory Allen, administrator	Karen Zyra, parent
Nelson Drake, administrator	Phillip Koyoumjian, community
Jonathan Saltzberg, administrator	Mike Mayer, community
Rob Allen, teacher	Liam Mears, community
Sue Chatterton, teacher	Carol Nellis-Ewell, community
Brianne Eason, teacher	Oriana Gelfuso, student
Kevin Hutton, Board of Education	Corynna Rotoli, student
Greg Kincaid, Board of Education	
TBD, staff	

4.22 Petty Cash Custodian

Approval of the change of petty cash custodian for the Facilities Department from Debbie Tabbitas to Heather Heckman for the period August 10, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

4.23 District Comprehensive Improvement Plan

The Board approved the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan, and meaningful time for collaboration will be used to review and analyze data in order to inform and improve district policies, procedures and instructional practices.

4.24 School Comprehensive Education Plan

The Board approved the School Comprehensive Education Plan, which was developed with parents and staff and investigated areas of low performance and resource inequities to identify strategies to promote improved student outcomes.

4.25 Private Duty Nurse Contract

As a reminder, Medicaid will no longer be providing reimbursement to nurses who work with students during school hours. Their position is that it is a school district's obligation to provide this service while the child is in school.

Agreement between the Spencerport Central School District and Independent Contractor, Vanisha McBean, LPN for the period of December 17, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to provide nursing services. The District will pay the independent contractor an hourly rate of \$29.45 up to an amount not to exceed \$1,104.38 per week.

A motion was made by Mr. Bracken and seconded by Ms. Stone to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

5. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

5.1 President's Report and Communication

Mr. Hutton was not present at the meeting.

5.2 Board of Education Members' Reports

Mr. Kincaid will be attending the National Honor Society virtual induction this week. He gave a heartfelt thank you to Ms. Kim McLean, Ms. Nancy Laistner and Mr. Rich Colosi for all their hard work on this. He also will be attending the MCSBA President and Vice President meeting tomorrow. Mr. Bracken shared that he will be attending as well. He will be attending the legislator's affairs meeting tomorrow and will update the board on any changes. Ms. Stone acknowledged Mr. Pompili from the music department for producing high quality videos of students performing and the videos are available on YouTube. She shared that it was a great way to highlight the talents of our students. Mr. Bracken and Mr. Kincaid both felt it was an innovative way to support our students.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Kissel was welcomed to the meeting. She shared that it was a busy, but great first day. She feels that Spencerport has a lot to be proud of. She expressed interest in meeting with each Board member.

6.1 Culturally Responsive Education Update

Mr. Zinkewich began with a quick overview of the major initiatives the district has pursued on the topic of culturally responsive education. Recommendations were made by a panel of students this past May for topics to focus on. Mr. Zinkewich shared that a series of presentations were made to staff regarding speaking up against implicit bias. As a result, strategies were developed utilizing resources from Teaching Tolerance to offer insight on how to respond to situations that will result in conflict. These newly developed exercises were presented to Urban Suburban parents for feedback. While mostly positive, recommendations were made to further enhance our training. Other initiatives include working with Shane Wiegand who has developed curriculum on the subject, inquires through a partnership with the University of Rochester, an NYU audit, as

well as student summits and the work of the equity committee. The district has subscribed to a service from Monroe #1 BOCES who recently hired Ms. Tasha Potter, the new Director of Diversity and Equity Planning.

Mr. Zinkiewich outlined the long-range equity action plan and the impact on our students. Board of Ed policies will be reviewed for future change and adoption. The district is currently working with fourth grade teachers regarding culturally responsive education activities where information from primary sourced documents will be used to assist the student in developing their own conclusions. Next steps were presented such as increasing diversity in textbooks and mentor texts, developing inquiries for 8th and 11th graders and fostering partnerships with our community through the equity committee. Mr. Bracken appreciated the approach of using historical information. Ms. Stone inquired about the board policies timeline and Mr. Zinkiewich will check with Mr. Saltzberg but hopes to present revisions this spring and make the necessary modifications to the Code of Conduct. Mr. Zinkiewich closed with the assurance that changes are being made across the learning community to ensure equity and access for all.

7. **MEETING EVALUATION**

Mr. Bracken shared with the Board that he attended the School to Career meeting before the holiday break. They will be sending out an alumni survey to 2019 graduates, to engage the alumni for future support. Mr. Kincaid felt that the return to Zoom for the meeting went well. He enjoyed the fall athletic recognition.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Stone and was seconded by Mr. Bracken at 6:53 p.m. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons for tenure and negotiations.

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Yes: 6

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Mr. Kincaid moved the Board out of Executive Session and returned to the Study Session at 7:41 p.m.

9. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Bracken and seconded by Mr. Miceli to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

As there was no further business, Mr. Kincaid declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


District Clerk


Board President