

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

Date: October 19, 2021  
Spencerport, New York

Members Present: Ms. Brown, Ms. Czarnecki (via Zoom), Mr. Gibbardo, Mr. Hutton,  
Mr. Kincaid, Ms. Stone

Absent: Mr. Bracken

Others Present: Ms. Clapper, Ms. Lissow, Ms. Swann, Mr. Wood, Mr. Zinkiewich

The Business Session of the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District was called to order at 7:01 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the President, Mr. Hutton, in the Board of Education Conference Room in the Administration Building.

**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. Kincaid and seconded by Ms. Stone that the Board of Education approve the Business Session Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

**3. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

4.1 Old Business

4.11 Approval of the Board of Education meeting minutes held on October 5, 2021

## 4.2 New Business

### 4.21 Approval of Personnel Actions as Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

#### A. Certificated Personnel

##### 1. RESIGNATIONS

- a. Marcus Watts, Teaching Assistant assigned to Spencerport High School, resigning effective September 24, 2021. Reason: other employment
- b. Abby Shepard, Contract Substitute Teacher in the Elementary tenure area assigned to Munn Elementary School, resigning effective October 1, 2021. Reason: other employment

##### 2. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Luis Medina, four-year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant tenure area assigned to Bernabi Elementary School, effective September 27, 2021. Salary is \$13.20 per hour. Mr. Medina is replacing Ms. Wendt.
- b. Cynthia Vissa, appointed New Hire Mentor for Bernabi Elementary School, effective October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Stipend is \$500 prorated to \$450, pending negotiations.
- c. Jamie Wainwright, four-year probationary appointment in the Teaching Assistant tenure area assigned to Spencerport High School, effective October 12, 2021. Salary is \$13.40 per hour. Ms. Wainwright is replacing Mr. Watts.

##### 3. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- a. Richard Mueller, Social Studies Teacher assigned to Spencerport High School, requesting a family and medical leave of absence from September 8, 2021 to September 17, 2021.
- b. Robin Allison, Special Education Teacher assigned to Spencerport High School, requesting a family and medical leave of absence from September 24, 2021 to October 14, 2021.
- c. Lia Napierala, Special Education Teacher assigned to Spencerport High School, requesting a family and medical leave of absence from October 29, 2021 to November 24, 2021.
- d. Christie Balys, School Psychologist assigned to Canal View Elementary School, requesting a family and medical leave of absence from September 20, 2021 to December 10, 2021.

4. SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

- a. Lindsay Rockoff, long-term substitute teacher in the Elementary tenure area assigned to Bernabi Elementary School, effective October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Salary is Bachelors, Level 1 at \$41,079 prorated to \$36,971.10, pending negotiations. Ms. Rockoff is substituting for Ms. Montagno.
- b. Nicholas Montante, Teaching Assistant PTOC, effective September 30, 2021. Salary is \$12.70 per hour.
- c. Jamie Wainwright, Teaching Assistant PTOC, effective September 30, 2021. Salary is \$12.70 per hour.
- d. Jacob O'Connell, Teaching Assistant PTOC, effective October 15, 2021. Salary is \$12.70 per hour.

5. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Certification or Degree Status</u>
Burry	Marcus	Physical Education
Herman	Cathleen	Business & Dist Education
Medina	Luis	Bachelors
Montante	Nicholas	Bachelors
Wainwright	Jamie	Mathematics
O'Connell	Jacob	Bachelors

6. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTER-SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

- a. Tammy Lopatka, appointed Lego Club advisor at Bernabi Elementary School for the 2021-22 school year. Stipend is \$500, pending negotiations.
- b. Stephen Savino, appointed Drama Club advisor at Taylor Elementary School for the 2021-22 school year. Stipend is \$400, pending negotiations.
- c. David Gormel, appointed Art Club Advisor at Bernabi Elementary School for the 2021-22 school year. Stipend is \$400, pending negotiations.
- d. Michelle McLaren, appointed Girls Modified A Volleyball Coach for the 2021-22 season. Stipend is \$3,719, pending negotiations.
- e. Anthony Scaccia, appointed Business Honor Society at Spencerport High School for the 2021-22 school year. Stipend is \$500, pending negotiations.

7. AMENDMENTS

- a. Matthew Amoroso, Teacher Leader assigned to Cosgrove Middle School, with an amended stipend of \$3,754, pending negotiations. The stipend was previously approved as \$3,301, pending negotiations.

- b. Katherine Welch, English Teacher assigned to Cosgrove Middle School, with an extension of her previously approved family and medical leave of absence (September 7, 2021 to October 12, 2021) to November 8, 2021.
- c. Janet Williams, long-term per diem substitute teacher in the English tenure area assigned to Cosgrove Middle School, with an extension to her previously approved appointment (September 7, 2021 to October 12, 2021) to November 8, 2021. Salary is \$200 per day. Ms. Williams is substituting for Ms. Welch.
- d. Kate Zobkiw, appointed Sources of Strength Club co-advisor at Spencerport High School for the 2021-22 school year. Stipend to be shared is \$1,391, pending negotiations. The co-advisor was previously approved as Elizabeth Wade.
- e. Sarah Hand, Contract Substitute Teacher in the Elementary tenure area assigned to Canal View Elementary School, with an amended start date of September 29, 2021. The date was previously approved as September 27, 2021.
- f. Deborah O'Neil, rescinding her previously approved appointment as First Lego League Club Advisor at Cosgrove Middle School for the 2021-22 school year.
- g. Cynthia Montanez, rescinding her previously approved appointment as Multicultural Club Advisor at Spencerport High School for the 2021-22 school year.
- h. Scott Schwind, Elementary Teacher assigned to Munn Elementary School, with an amended retirement date of November 24, 2021. The retirement date was previously approved as January 14, 2022.
- i. Joseph Pompili, rescinding his previously approved appointment as High School Musical Orchestra Director for the 2021-22 school year.
- j. Kathryn Southard, Junior Jazz Club Advisor for Canal View Elementary School, effective January 3, 2022 to June 30, 2022. Stipend is \$596 prorated to \$417.60, pending negotiations. This was previously approved for the 2021-22 school year with a stipend of \$596.

B. Classified Personnel

1. RESIGNATIONS

- a. David Hagmier, Cleaner assigned to Canal View Elementary School, resigning effective January 27, 2022. Reason: retirement

- b. Patrick Williams, Grounds Equipment Operator assigned to District Office, resigning effective January 18, 2022. Reason: retirement
- c. David Nau, Bus Driver assigned to the Transportation Department, resigning effective October 29, 2021. Reason: retirement
- d. Christina Kanicsar, Teacher Aide assigned to Cosgrove Middle School, resigning effective October 7, 2021. Reason: personal
- e. Nicole Polito, Teacher Aide assigned to Canal View Elementary School, resigning effective October 7, 2021. Reason: other employment
- f. Christa Cignarale, Teacher Aide assigned to Cosgrove Middle School, resigning effective October 14, 2021. Reason: other employment
- g. Nancy Connor, Lunch Monitor assigned to Spencerport High School, resigning effective October 29, 2021. Reason: personal

2. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Angelina Ta, Student Helper for Auditorium/Tech Crew, effective September 10, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- b. Emily Broderick, Student Helper for Auditorium/Tech Crew, effective September 10, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- c. Clarise Casey, Student Helper for Auditorium/Tech Crew, effective September 16, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- d. Lukas Reinschmidt, Student Helper for Auditorium/Tech Crew, effective September 2, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- e. Julia Ryan, Student Helper for Auditorium/Tech Crew, effective August 12, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- f. Bethany Ferguson, Student Helper for Auditorium/Tech Crew, effective September 2, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- g. Amber Maloney, Lunch Monitor assigned to Cosgrove Middle School effective September 29, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour, pending negotiations. Ms. Maloney is replacing Ms. Owens.
- h. Yanyan Chen, Teacher Aide assigned to Spencerport High School, effective October 4, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour, pending negotiations. Ms. Chen is replacing Ms. Schoeneman.

- i. Karen Martens, Teacher Aide assigned to Canal View Elementary School, contingent upon final clearance from the NY State Education Department (fingerprint clearance), effective October 25, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour, pending negotiations. Ms. Martens is replacing Ms. Montgomery.
- j. Deborah Florio, Teacher Aide assigned to Canal View Elementary School, effective October 12, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour, pending negotiations. Ms. Florio is replacing Ms. Althouse.

3. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- a. Jessica Quaring, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, requesting an unpaid leave of absence from September 8, 2021 to October 19, 2021.
- b. Michael Blanchard, Cleaner assigned to Spencerport High School, requesting a family and medical leave of absence from September 22, 2021 (morning only) to October 19, 2021.
- c. Lori Fishell, Asst. Cook Manager assigned to Canal View Elementary School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence from September 16, 2021 to September 17, 2021.
- d. Amanda Warrington, Bus Driver for the Transportation Department, from September 28, 2021 (afternoon only) to September 29, 2021.
- e. Colleen Stephens, Teacher Aide assigned to Munn Elementary School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence on September 28, 2021.
- f. Adriana Martinez, Café Monitor assigned to Munn Elementary School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence on October 10, 2021.
- g. Kim Harris, Food Service Helper assigned to Spencerport High School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence on October 7, 2021.
- h. Amy Taylor, Lunch Monitor assigned to Bernabi Elementary School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence from October 12, 2021 to October 15, 2021.
- i. Yanyan Chen, Teacher Aide assigned to Spencerport High School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence on October 8, 2021
- j. Cynthia Yaniga, Teacher Aide assigned to Bernabi Elementary School, requesting an unpaid leave of absence from October 12, 2021 to October 13, 2021 and October 20, 2021.

4. SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

- a. Tricia Becker, Bus Attendant PTOC, effective September 30, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- b. Nicholas Bowerman, Teacher Aide PTOC and School Aide PTOC effective October 1, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- c. Trevor Morgan, Student Helper for the Buildings and Grounds Department, effective October 6, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.
- d. Stephanie Letzring, Nurse PTOC, effective October 6, 2021. Salary is \$21.41 per hour.
- e. Stacey Schroeder, Teacher Aide PTOC, School Aide PTOC, and Office Clerk III PTOC, effective October 7, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour for Teacher Aide PTOC and School Aide PTOC and \$12.95 per hour for Office Clerk IV PTOC.
- f. Jacob O'Connell, Teacher Aide PTOC, effective October 15, 2021. Salary is \$12.50 per hour.

5. AMENDMENT

- a. Ann Hauck, Cleaner assigned to Cosgrove Middle School, requesting an extension of her previously approved unpaid leave of absence (July 8, 2021 to September 21, 2021) to October 19, 2021.

4.22 Warrants

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Checks</u>
General Fund	09/16/21	\$ 215,365.92	96
	09/24/21	\$2,609,299.17	86
	10/01/21	\$ 86,696.66	87
	10/07/21	\$1,498,389.62	101
Federal Fund	09/24/21	\$ 40,754.90	4
	10/01/21	\$ 9,815.00	2
	10/07/21	\$ 82,122.00	3
School Lunch	09/16/21	\$ 3,335.09	4
	10/01/21	\$ 12,530.34	4
	10/07/21	\$ 2,416.85	2
Capital Fund	09/16/21	\$1,237,521.91	7
	09/24/21	\$ 14,636.63	3
	10/01/21	\$ 3,547.40	2
	10/07/21	\$ 355,530.26	6

PAYROLL [P]	09/30/21	\$390670.19 [P]	37
SPECIAL REVENUE [SR]	10/07/21	\$672.00 [C]	3
CUSTODIAL [C]	10/07/21	\$413.58 [SR]	1
	10/15/21	596270.57 [P]	37

4.23 Committee on Special Education

Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education meetings: 09/09/21, 09/13/21, 09/14/21, 09/15/21, 09/17/21, 09/20/21, 09/23/21, 09/24/21, 09/27/21, 09/28/21, 09/29/21, 09/30/21, 10/04/21, 10/05/21 and 10/06/21

4.24 Home Instruction Report

Mr. Zinkewich submitted the following report, which summarizes the number of children and families participating in Home Instruction this year. Changes in numbers of children in Home Instruction occur from year to year because some children enroll in District or parochial schools, some move out of the district, or some age out of the program. This year there was a significant increase due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**HOME INSTRUCTION REPORT  
2012-2022**

School Year	Number of Students				Number of Families			
	K-6	7-8	9-12	K-12	K-6	7-8	9-12	K-12
2012-2013	52	17	23	92	34	16	16	47
2013-2014	44	18	24	86	28	16	18	46
2014-2015	45	15	25	85	31	11	22	49
2015-2016	37	15	25	77	26	14	20	46
2016-2017	32	21	28	81	20	18	24	50
2017-2018	27	14	29	70	16	13	23	37
2018-2019	29	10	35	74	15	10	25	46
2019-2020	46	20	36	102	27	18	27	62
2020-2021	92	21	46	159	53	20	36	82
2021-2022	90	25	42	157	54	23	34	83

Required documents from parents yearly:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Individual Home Instruction Plan (IHIP)
3. Quarterly Reports
4. Annual Assessment

Required Responses from Instruction Office:

1. Regulations, forms, and procedures
2. Letter notifying of compliance
3. Letter of receipt of each quarterly report
4. Scheduling assessments if requested
5. Letter of receipt of each assessment

4.25 Annual Energy Report for 2020-2021

Mr. Drake submitted the Annual Report of Energy Consumption and Conservation measures implemented at the Spencerport School District, as described in Policy 5651. The report includes energy consumption and conservation projects implemented during the 2020-2021 fiscal year and includes a discussion of future projects.



#### 4.26 Textbook Approval

The following textbooks (programs, lesson, kits) are submitted for your approval for use in the 2021-2022 school year.

#### *Cosgrove Middle School*

#### **World Language: Spanish I**

Mega 36 Spanish Level 1 Library bundle includes the texts listed below. Please note, the total cost of the bundle is \$199 but the individual cost of each text is also listed below. Descriptions of the books are taken from the [www.teachersdiscovery.com](http://www.teachersdiscovery.com) website. Each of the books has high frequency language that will help provide repetition and build confidence in the reader.

*¡Si, yo puedo!* Navarre, Deb. Teacher's Discovery, 2019. Cost \$7.00.

Mario, the class clown, has a challenge: to get good grades. If he does, his parents will take him on a trip for spring break. He plans to rely on his intelligent and studious girlfriend, Cristina. She gets frustrated, and eventually Mario realizes that he CAN do it on his own!

*Los novios.* Navarre, Deb. Teacher's Discovery, 2019. Cost \$7.00.

Carmen, Eric, and Mario have been best friends since kindergarten. Find out what happens when Eric allows himself to give in to deeper feelings for the beautiful, athletic, intelligent Carmen. Look out when Beto, a new kid in school, tries to woo her, too!

*El intercambio.* Navarre, Deb. Teacher's Discovery, 2019. Cost \$7.00.

Carmen is given a chance to travel from Mérida to Querétaro and stay with a family to learn about the rich history, customs, and culture in a different state of Mexico. Join her as she sets out to make new friends and learns a lesson about relationships along the way.

*La novia.* Navarre, Deb. Teacher's Discovery, 2013. Cost \$7.00.

A Spanish novel written by author and teacher Deb Navarre, La novia is a story many high schoolers find familiar; Erik learns that he has feelings for his best friend Emily, that he doesn't know how to handle. Steve steps in to help Erik with his "more than friends" feelings. Spanish students find relatable characters to be irresistible. The readable series makes Spanish class a fast favorite and it helps teachers hit many of their target goals.

*El desafío.* Navarre, Deb. Teacher's Discovery, 2013. Cost \$7.00.

Steve's parents give him a challenge: get good grades on his trimester exams, and they will take him to Mexico for spring break! Steve thinks he's got it made and plans to rely on his 'good grades' girlfriend to help him pass. But when his frustrated girlfriend puts her foot down, Steve learns that he has to put in the effort himself to get what he wants.

*El viaje.* Navarre, Deb. Teacher's Discovery, 2013. Cost \$7.00.

Another Spanish novel written by author and teacher Deb Navarre, sticks to her theme of highly relatable stories in Spanish; Emily is ecstatic about spending part of her summer with a family in Querétaro, México! But her boyfriend isn't so keen on his girlfriend taking off for another country. The trip teaches Emily about the history, customs, and cultures of México and some new lessons about relationships.

*La madre perfecta.* Emery, Rachel. Teacher's Discovery, 2019. Cost \$8.00.

Despite being displaced by Hurricane Maria as a child, Laura considers herself lucky. Her mother works long hours at a tech company, but Laura has cute little Gordi, her guinea pig and, of course, there's Eva—the device that controls their hurricane-proof home. Eva helps Laura with her homework, talks with her about her problems, and even has a special mode for when her mother isn't home. Laura loves having Eva around... until she doesn't.

*Las mariposas vienen de visita.* Emery, Rachel. Teacher's Discovery, 2019. Cost \$5.00.

Every fall, millions of monarch butterflies fly south, usually arriving in the area of Michoacán in time for Día de Muertos. This year, María Elena and her grandmother don't see the monarchs as they prepare for the Día de Muertos celebrations. Will the monarchs arrive on time, and will María Elena's parents ever return from the north, as well?

*Agentes secretos y el mural de Picasso.* Canion, Mira. Teacher's Discovery, 2010. Cost \$7.00.

Pablo Picasso's mural Guernica is on display at the 1937 International Exposition. The painting contains clues to the whereabouts of the supernatural "Spear of Destiny." Its occult power can change the outcome of the Civil War, just as it has done in other battles throughout history. As Paula's imagination begins to decipher the hidden symbols, Francisco Franco's secret agents are not far behind her ... !

*Tumba.* Canion, Mira. Teacher's Discovery, 2017. Cost \$7.00.

This is an easy Spanish reader containing just 170 unique vocabulary words and any English-Spanish cognates. Join Alex as Day of the Dead approaches: He should be excited, but his grandma's creepy conversations with returning spirits are nerve-wracking. Some say she is a witch, and Alex is beginning to believe it! But the discovery of grandpa's sketchbook just might change his mind.

*El capibara con botas.* Canion, Mira. Teacher's Discovery, 2016. Cost \$7.00.

Capibaras usually swim well. Carlos is the only capibara in the Amazon Rainforest who can't swim. Things don't look good for Carlos away from the water! This entertaining animal story also has science and social studies cross-curricular content: it talks about four geographic regions of Ecuador, the Amazon Rainforest, South American animals, the water cycle, and deforestation. Includes numerous illustrations, supplementary English-Spanish

nonfiction readings, complete glossary, and an enticing prologue. Contains just 55 unique vocabulary words, and lots of English-Spanish cognates.

*EL escape cubano.* Canion, Mira. Teacher's Discovery, 2016. Cost \$7.00.

Miguel's happiness turns to fear when he overhears his parents fighting. His dad is planning to escape Cuba on a raft and take him along. Miguel has heard stories of the dangerous journey: swift currents, giant waves, sharks, and pitch black nights. He is determined to stay in Cuba, but time is not on his side. Contains just 140 unique vocabulary words and English-Spanish cognates. Includes glossary. Illustrated with authentic photos.

*La perezosa impaciente.* Canion, Mira. Teacher's Discovery, 2018. Cost \$7.00.

Easy Spanish reader about a sloth who wants to move faster than she is able! Did you know that some sloths move so slowly that they can grow moss? Even though they hang out in trees all day, they only sleep 10 hours a day. Mía, the adorable teenage sloth, gets a taste of her mom's coffee and suddenly is so full of energy that she wants to explore! Join Mía and her friend Orlando, the tamandúa, as they explore the coffee region of Colombia.

*La chica nueva.* Degenhardt, Jennifer. Teacher's Discovery, 2017. Cost \$8.50.

Like Romeo and Juliet—or Tony and Maria—Cooper and Taruka struggle to stand up to social pressures while maintaining their relationships with family, friends, and each other.

*El jersey.* Degenhardt, Jennifer. Teacher's Discovery, 2017. Cost \$8.50.

Matías eats, sleeps, and breathes soccer, and he always looks the part by wearing his favorite team jerseys. Brayan loves soccer, too. He wants nothing more than a #10 Lionel Messi jersey, but those are hard to find where he lives on Lake Atitlán in Guatemala. Discover how the love of the game and a simple jersey unite two boys from two very different places.

*El viaje difícil Spanish.* Degenhardt, Jennifer. Teacher's Discovery, 2017. Cost \$8.50.

José and his family live in a small town in the department of Sacatepéquez, Guatemala. When the family falls on hard times, José makes the difficult decision to migrate to the United States in search of work. Based on a true story, this book recounts José's journey north and examines the impact on the family he left behind.

*Debido a la tormenta.* Degenhardt, Jennifer. Teacher's Discovery, 2019. Cost \$8.50.

As a toddler, Andrés' world is turned upside-down when Hurricane Mitch forces his parents to leave him with relatives while they search for economic opportunities outside of Honduras. Eventually, Andrés takes a journey with his aunt, a young girl not much older than himself, from Honduras to the Mexico-United States border and farther north. Join him as his life unfolds with the experiences of being an unaccompanied minor making his way to the United States.

La mochila. Degenhardt, Jennifer. Teacher's Discovery, 2018. Cost \$8.50.

Oscar finally receives his permanent resident/green card after many years of living and working with his cousins in Kansas. With his hard-earned money, he travels out of state to purchase a new vehicle at a great price. Along the way, he loses something extremely important.

Michelle and Marcos hope to bring their family to live with them in New Mexico, but need money to secure a good lawyer and finish paperwork. Michelle stumbles upon something that could change her luck. See how the lives of these strangers intertwine in San Antonio, Texas.

Don Quijote de la macha (A Beginner Reader). de Cervantes, Miguel. Teacher's Discovery, 2009. Cost \$11.95.

We took the Don Q Spanish reader you've loved for years, adapted it for first-year students and created a graphic reader with the dynamic full-color illustrations of Greg Theakston. We guarantee your kids will be hooked by the second page! Deluded by tales of chivalry, Alonso Quixano dons an antiquated suit of armor, mounts a bedraggled horse, employs a pudgy peasant squire, and sets off on a grand adventure of enlightenment and heartache as "Don Quixote de La Mancha."

Pobre Ana. Ray, Blaine. Teacher's Discovery, 2016. Cost \$7.00.

Pioneering Pobre Ana readers proved that an entire novel could be written with a limited world count, and showed students they could read a whole book in their first year as Spanish learners! In this updated version, there are fresh, stylish illustrations and the text has had a makeover to bring it up to date, but the timeless plot remains the same: Ana thinks her life is bad because she has difficulties with her family and compares herself to her friends, so she goes to Mexico for a few months to escape her problems and finds a new perspective.

Patricia va a California Ray, Blaine. Teacher's Discovery, 2001. Cost \$7.00.

The second novel in an easy series of Spanish novels for 1st- or 2nd-year students. Patricia, a 15-year-old girl from Guatemala, goes to California as an exchange student. She lives with a caring American family but encounters prejudice at school, especially from a girl named Debbie. By chance Patricia finds Debbie in a dangerous situation. She acts quickly and decisively to rescue her. The two girls become fast friends, and eventually Debbie goes to Guatemala to visit Patricia and her family.

Secretos de familia. Verano, Patricia. Teacher's Discovery, 2020. Cost \$7.00.

How many secrets can a family hide? Secretos de familia tells two stories at the same time: one in modern-day Paraguay and another lived in the past. Jane and Miguel Ángel are about to discover a secret Luján and Ardiles still hide in the present. What is that secret?

Paraguay slowly reveals the answers, from 1989 to 2016, highlighting the biggest events in the country's history.

*Los niños detectives.* Verano, Patricia. Teacher's Discovery, 2016. Cost \$7.00.

Alberto and Pedro are good friends. They are both ten years old, live in Bolivia, and are classmates. Both of their fathers are famous scientists. Alberto is an artist that is very curious about everything that he draws. One day while exploring along the shore of Lake Titicaca, they notice a mysterious man. Combining their scientific and artistic talents, the two friends try to solve a mystery involving wild animals.

*Cinco Pesos.* Paterson-Zúñiga, Inga. Teacher's Discovery, 2020. Cost \$7.00.

Not long after arriving in San Miguel, Mexico, Matilda realizes... she's gotta go! What she doesn't realize, though, is that public restrooms in Mexico aren't free. Matilda and her family either need to find their hotel or figure out how to get a few pesos to pay for the restroom—and FAST. Will Matilda make it in time?

*¡Ahorita?* Paterson-Zúñiga, Inga. Teacher's Discovery, 2020. Cost \$7.00.

Wyatt learns the meaning of ahorita in this playful take on the meaning of a very confusing word! Students learn colloquial expressions and modes of communication as two friends text each other in order to meet up.

*Las aventuras de Miguelito.* Canale, Fabiola. Teacher's Discovery, 2011. Cost \$9.00.

Beginning students will meet Miguelito, a 10-year-old Venezuelan mouse who travels from Caracas for a year of adventure in Bangor, Maine with Tomás, an American mouse. Basic vocabulary includes first-year topics such as the weather, after-school activities, sports, holidays and family. Questions are listed after each chapter, along with a complete glossary in the back of the book. With illustrations by Peter Tracy.

*Fiestas americanas.* Canale, Fabiola. Teacher's Discovery, 2015. Cost \$9.00.

While spending the year in Maine as an exchange-mouse, Miguelito is introduced to holidays celebrated in the United States. He learns about Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Valentine's Day, while sharing his own traditions about Christmas, Easter, and Independence Day. With each chapter, students learn holiday-specific vocabulary, as well as cultural and historical information. Also included in the book are reading activities, a complete vocabulary list, and easy-to-make Venezuelan recipes that your students can make at home or with the class. With illustrations by Peter Tracy.

*Berto y sus buenos amigos.* Stolz, Chris. Teacher's Discovery, 2011. Cost \$7.00.

Berto is up to his old tricks of finding trouble as he spends the day hanging out with his friends. He is with his friends Paquita, Filiberto, and Carlos as they cook, play soccer, make a video for Paquita's YouTube™ channel, and make a complete mess of things.

*La leyenda de Popocatepetl e Iztaccíhuatl.* Twomey, Paula Carmadella. Teacher's Discovery, 2020. Cost \$7.00.

There were Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuatl. Iztaccíhuatl is the daughter of a chief, and Popocatépetl is a brave warrior. When they meet, it's love at first sight—but can their feelings for each other survive when Popocatépetl goes to war?

*Don Quijote.* McWilliams, Elena and Skip. Teacher's Discovery, 2020. Cost \$7.00.

Here is your CI-friendly adaptation of Cervantes' classic tale. It's two books in one—present tense version and past tense version. This remarkable Level 1–2 reader comes with complete audio by Spanish actors and short animated vignettes to capture student interest and identify with the noble Don Quijote, faithful Sancho, and the outrageous Aldonza. Students access the audio and video features by scanning QR codes with their smartphone or tablet using any free QR code reader. Laptop users use the web address provided with each QR code. Also includes a full glossary, scripts for each of the videos with English translation, and an "About Cervantes" section.

*Olivia y los monos..* Moscoso, Veronica. Teacher's Discovery, 2018. Cost \$7.95.

Do you dream of interacting with monkeys? Do their actions amuse you? Join Olivia on an adventure to a small Amazonian town in Ecuador as she spends a week learning about and living with a group of monkeys who are just as curious about tourists as Olivia is about them!

*21 minicuentos Spanish.* Alsop, Tom. Teacher's Discovery, 2011. Cost \$9.95.

Twenty-one short, short stories, in present tense, hook teen readers with one-page topical tales. Thorough discussion questions (written and oral) follow each chapter and ensure a beginning student's complete understanding of the story and dialogue. Use each as a filler lesson, or wrap a unit around the interaction and vocabulary. Examples of titles: Un mensaje de texto, Caos en el cine, Una hamburguesa en McDonald's and Una tarde en el Palacio Nacional. Teaching suggestions are included; a complete glossary, listed by chapter, is in the back of the book.

*33 minidramas in Spanish.* Alsop, Tom. Teacher's Discovery, 2013. Cost \$9.95.

Containing 33 short, simple, one-page mini dramas, 33 mindramas in Spanish promotes the education and enjoyment for beginning Spanish students. Performances usually include two people and range from two to seven minutes each. Topics include things that high school students relate to: going to Starbucks, Facebook drama, losing an iPhone and so much more.

## ***Spencerport High School***

### **English**

*Malala, mi historia.* Yousafzai, Malala, McCormick, Patricia. Lectorum Publication, 2016.  
Cost \$18.95.

Spanish translation of this memoir tells the story of Malala Yousafzai, a young girl living in Pakistan who was only 10 when the Taliban took control. When the Taliban said women were not allowed to go to school, Malala fought for her right to be educated and was shot by a Taliban member while riding the bus home from school. Her incredible story of survival and her fight for equality will make you believe that one person can inspire change. This book comes in multiple formats, including a young reader's edition.

A motion was made by Mr. Kincaid and seconded by Mr. Gibbardo to approve the Consent Agenda.

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Yes: 6  
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## **5. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **5.1 President's Report and Communication**

Mr. Hutton shared that he attended the MCSBA Executive meeting with Ms. Swann. During the meeting, they discussed the organization ACT for Education and outlined what they do to support schools and promote education. He shared with the Board that he received a thank you note from Ms. Sherry Johnson from the MCSBA in honor of School Board Recognition Week. She thanked the Board for all that they do for students.

### **5.2 Board of Education Members' Reports**

Mr. Kincaid thanked everyone for their kind words and donations for School Board Recognition Week. He also congratulated all teams participating in Sectionals this weekend and wished them luck. Ms. Stone thanked everyone for the School Board Recognitions. She attended the MCSBA Legislative Affairs meeting where they are working on common issues with legislators. The main item being funding. She wished the teams participating in Sectional games this weekend. Ms. Brown attended the MCSBA Information Exchange meeting with a member of BIVONA spoke. She also complete her mandated fiscal oversight training. Ms. Brown gave a shout out to the Spencerport Teacher's Association for inviting the Board to participate in the Breast Cancer walk. She also recognized principals for National Principal's month. She appreciates that these are challenging times and that our principals continued commitment to students and the district.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Swann shared that she spent superintendent's conference day with Mr. Zinkewich and instruction office staff on professional learning and workshops. She had the opportunity to join the

high school on equitable grading process, where an alumnus spoke on the process and how it varies depending on the state and district. It was powerful to hear the student's perspective. She also spoke about the value of the presentation from BIVONA and what a wonderful person Miss Tippy is.

#### 6.1 2021 Student Achievement Results and ESSA Accountability Status

Mr. Zinkewich provided an update regarding the district's ESSA accountability status. He provided a history of the legislation, which includes No Child Left Behind and Every Student Succeeds Act. The ESSA Act includes three designations: School in Good Standing, Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) School and a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) School. Cosgrove Middle School received a TSI designation in the 2018-2019 school year. This information along with the school report card are available on the State website, data.nysed.gov. Mr. Zinkewich provided a history of the TSI status and that there has been no change in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years due to testing restrictions because of COVID-19. The designation is based on a combination of participation in the state assessments and how various subgroups perform. In recent years, the district has struggled with high opt-out numbers for the NYS 3-8 assessments and Cosgrove was required to submit a Participation Rate Improvement Plan to NYSED. A School Comprehensive Education Plan has also been developed for Cosgrove and Mr. Centola will provide the Board of Education an update on instructional practices at the meeting on November 2, 2021. Mr. Zinkewich emphasized that there is a balance of academic and emotional support needed for our students. Ms. Swann shared that the data used for the ESSA designation is very old due to COVID-19. Action steps were put into place, and we have been working to assess student progress. Discussion ensued regarding how to increase participation in state assessments and other ways to assess students.

#### 6.2 Budget Assumptions, Calendar and Guidelines for 2022-2023

Mr. Wood presented the October recommendation for the rollover budget. This is the twelfth year of this budget development process. He indicated the assumptions for the expense side have not changed, but pointed out BOCES expenditures over the last few years have increased more than the assumed 3.75%. In addition, Mr. Wood also shared that salaries are per contracts and there is one unit whose contract expired in 2020, two units that expired in 2021 and three contracts that are up at the end of this year. Assumptions for revenue have changed slightly. The tax levy will be based on the tax cap formula instead of a flat 2%. In addition, certain portions of state aid will be estimated based on state output reports versus holding them flat.

Important dates were then outlined, with approving the budget in early April 2022. Two board seats are up for re-election. Mr. Hutton inquired about the foundation aid that was underfunded by \$4 million. Mr. Wood shared that it has yet to be seen, but we may receive \$2 million in 2022-2023 and the remaining \$2 million in 2023-2024.

#### 6.3 Budget Focus Group Charge

Mr. Wood presented the Budget Focus Group charge, which includes tentative dates and topics. He shared the composition of committee members and indicated that participation has been dwindling. He hopes that we will be able to recruit more community members. Mr. Hutton shared that questions from members of the group are very valuable. He would like to see an increase in parents participating in the group.



6.4 **Financial Report**

Mr. Wood presented the financial report for the period ending September 30, 2021. He stated that there is not a lot to report as we are very early in the year. On the revenue side, receipts are again coming in for community education and athletic events. On the expenditure side, it is difficult to compare this year to last year due to the pandemic. Two of the larger variances is in the BOCES expense, which is due to a prior year error in billing, and the other is in the pension system accounts due to a change in accounting methodology. This will rectify itself next month. There will be more information about fund balance beginning in February or March.

Mr. Wood shared that school lunch continues to be difficult to compare from the previous year. On the revenue side, an accounting correction was needed and some revenues may be higher as participation is up dramatically.

A motion was made by Mr. Kincaid and seconded by Ms. Brown to approve the Financial Report as presented.

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7. **MEETING EVALUATION**

Community members shared that it is still difficult to hear Board members. Apologies were expressed.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Stone and was seconded by Mr. Gibbardo at 7:51 p.m. to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiations, the employment history of a particular person and a matter of school safety.

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Mr. Hutton moved the Board out of Executive Session and returned to the Business Meeting at 10:21 p.m.

9. **ADJOURN**

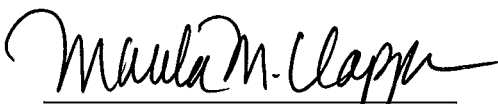
A motion was made by Mr. Kincaid and seconded by Mr. Gibbardo to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 6

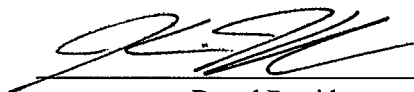
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As there was no further business, Mr. Hutton declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.



District Clerk



Board President