

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

Date: February 1, 2022
Spencerport, New York

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

Absent:

Others Present: Ms. Clapper, Ms. Lissow, Ms. Swann, 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 President, Mr. Hutton, in the Performing Arts Center at the Spencerport High School.

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. Bracken and seconded by Ms. Czarnecki that the Board of Education approve the Study Session Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7

No: 0

3. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Parent, Christopher Spallina of W. Ridge Road spoke before the Board. He is the parent of a student at Taylor Elementary and a student at Cosgrove Middle School. He commented on a privilege of the floor speaker who had spoken about their rate of pay and a new K-5 Instructional Coach mentor position that was created in September. Mr. Spallina then spoke about mandated student masking, the related court ruling and subsequent stay order. He asked the Board that masking be optional for students.

Community member, Donald Bardeen of Ridge Meadows Drive spoke before the Board. He shared that he is reviewing the district's website in depth. He acknowledges that the members of the Board all have their own personal viewpoints. He shared that he would like to ensure that all students have

equal access, free of discrimination. Mr. Bardeen shared that he would like to investigate the privilege of the floor forum as well as information on the New York State Education Department website.

Parent, Matthew Popen of Chambers Street spoke before the Board. He is the parent of a student at Bernabi Elementary. He shared that he is reiterating his comments from this past August and that his opinion is that masks do not prevent the spread of COVID. He strongly feels that masks should be optional. Mr. Popen would like parents to make that choice for their child.

Parent, Kimberly Bruinsma of S. Union Street spoke before the Board. She is the parent of a student at Bernabi Elementary and a student at Cosgrove Middle School. She commented on the long term impact for children with universal masking, such as anxiety and isolation. She believes that children are resilient towards COVID and that adults are responsible for maintaining their own health. Ms. Bruinsma shared that her children are too scared to ask for mask breaks and believes that parents should choose if their child should be masked.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Old Business

4.11 Approval of the Board of Education meeting minutes held on January 18, 2022

4.2 New Business

4.21 Approval of Amended 2022 Budget Focus Group Membership

Ms. Swann recommend the following individuals to serve on the 2022 Budget Focus Group.

Kristin Swann, ad hoc
Lanette Cypher, ad hoc
Rick Wood, ad hoc
Ty Zinkiewich, ad hoc
Jamie Lissow, ad hoc
Sean McCabe, administrator
David Russell, administrator
Jonathan Saltzberg, administrator
Rob Allen, teacher
Sue Chatterton, teacher
Joe DiTucci, teacher
Kevin Hutton, Board of Education
Greg Kincaid, Board of Education
TBD, staff

Mike Zale, town official
Chris Mears, town official
Joe Gambino, unit member
Cindy Hare, unit member
Will Schaefer, unit member
Dale Warner, unit member
Jennifer Kearse parent
Kimberly McLaren, parent
Stacey Porter, parent
Kevin Thornton, parent
Karen Zyra, parent
Paul Lobene, community
Mike Mayer, community
Liam Mears, community
Carol Nellis-Ewell, community
Seth Edwards, student
Emily Sugar, student

4.22 MOA for Spencerport Teachers Association

An addendum was reached to pay for coverage due to the implementation of an additional lunch and/or additional lunch location(s) an when substitute instructional support staff are not available, unit members may volunteer to cover of the supervision of students as per article 35 – Extra Assignments: Teacher as Substitutes and Tutors. This memorandum of agreement will sunset June 30, 2022.

4.23 Amended Board of Education Appointments - External

Resolution for the board to appoint Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC to be added as legal counsel for the remainder of the 2021-2022 fiscal year at the rates listed below:

Members/Senior Counsel	\$250/hour
Associate/Jr. Attorney	\$215/hour
Paralegal	\$125/hour

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

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7

No: 0

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION

5.1 President's Report and Communication

Mr. Hutton shared that he is excited to attend the MCSBA Legislative Breakfast this coming weekend.

5.2 Board of Education Members' Reports

Mr. Kincaid shared that he attended the budget focus group last week. He thanked all the staff and community members that are participating in the development of the budget. Mr. Bracken shared that he will also be attending the MCSBA Legislative Breakfast this weekend. Ms. Stone shared that she attended the nature center committee meeting, where they chose the student to receive the DEC Environmental summer camp scholarship. Ms. Brown shared that she is participating in the Munn Elementary One School One Book community event. Mr. Gibbardo shared that he participated in the COVID task force meeting, which was well done and that information is constantly changing.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Flag Football Update

Ms. Placito shared the exciting girl's spring sport offering of flag football. She shared the history of expanding opportunities for students in traditional and non-traditional sports. Flag football will help to equalize sport offerings for all students. The flag football pilot is made possible due to a partnership with the NFL and NYSPHSAA. Spencerport, along with seven other schools in

Section V and Section VI will be supported by the Buffalo Bills. Senior MacKenzie Devlin shared that she thought the Powder Puff event was a great experience for female students to come together. She is excited about this great opportunity and experiencing it before graduating. Senior Abigale Hofschneider shared that she also enjoyed the Powder Puff game during homecoming and feels that it is empowering for girls. She met with Ms. Placito in September and chose flag football to be her senior project. She began researching flag football and why it should be a sport for girls. Ms. Placito shared that an interest meeting was held in October and over 35 female students expressed an interest in participating. The rules were presented and a timeline was shared. There will be one game per week and the season will culminate with an event planned with the Buffalo Bills. The total cost of season is approximately \$8,900 and the NFL will provide a \$3,000 grant to help cover program costs. Nike will also be donating 18 uniforms and the district would need to purchase an additional 12. Ms. Placito hopes that there may be future grants to continue the sport. She gave a sincere thank you to the Board for their support to student athletes. Mr. Kincaid inquired about when games would be held and thanked Ms. Placito and the students for starting this program. Mr. Bracken asked what would happen if more students were interested and Ms. Placito plans to keep all of them. Discussion ensued regarding the opportunity and New York State is hopeful to have a Sectional sport in the two to five year timeframe.

6.2 Pre-K Update

Ms. Paolini provided an update on the pre-K program. She presented information on the inception of the pre-K half-day program. Data from the pilot proposal was used to measure the success of the program. Ms. Bodensteiner provided letter knowledge data from the pilot, compared to other students in kindergarten screening. Mr. Burger presented similar math data from the screening. Ms. Paolini shared that the quick snapshot from the screenings showed that students came to kindergarten ready to learn, take turns, and operate by themselves. She then presented information on the transition to a full day UPK program. Students that were in the half-day program were given the opportunity to have a spot in the full day program. A lottery was held to fill the remaining spots in the four sections. The new program was able to accommodate 72 students. Mr. Hutton inquired about a waiting list and Ms. Paolini shared that three students were able to move into a spot, with fifteen remaining. Ms. Bodensteiner shared that with the transition, there was a learning curve with full day activities, such as lunch transitions, personal hygiene, and social interactions. Mr. Burger presented assessment data from the fall to winter, and we have seen great achievements in a short time. A video was provided to showcase the UPK program. Ms. Paolini shared that for the 2022-2023 school year, 103 applications were received to fill the 72 seats. She outlined the differences between the pre-K and UPK programs and the state requirement to choose students on a random basis. Next steps were reviewed for the fall and the team will continue to monitor data, contact parents, and schedule time for registration and screening.

Ms. Czarnecki left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

6.3 6000 Series Policy Review

Mr. Saltzberg presented the third and final part of the 6000 series policy review. He shared that the Board will need to review the 7000 and 8000 series policies and then Erie 1 BOCES can prepare the draft manual for Erie 1 BOCES. There are some additional updates and policies since we began this process in 2019 and Erie 1 will provide updates on these policies regulations as well.

Ms. Czamecki entered the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Bracken asked if the entire manual will be checked for grammar before submitting the manual. The manual will be thoroughly checked by Erie 1 before submission. Mr. Saltzberg shared that many of these final policies are pre Human Resources department policies in 1999, and should be deleted. Several items in these policies are now covered under collective bargaining agreements and the human resources department provides some of the services. For Policy 6161 Professional Staff Consulting Activities, there would only be an issue if a staff member was working in a digital capacity. For Policy 6211 Recruitment, Selection and Hiring of Professional and Support Personnel, Erie 1 does not have a policy and we will look at a BOCES 2 policy that is similar. For Policy 6440 Negotiations, the bargaining units are established and this policy is not necessary. The Board agreed to delete all these policies. Mr. Saltzberg recommended keeping Policy 6560 Employee Assistant Program (EAP) as this policy is not reflected in all bargaining unit contracts and will support the health and well-being of our employees. The Board was in agreement with all of Mr. Saltzberg's recommendations.

7. **MEETING EVALUATION**

The Board agreed that the sound was better this time.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Stone and was seconded by Mr. Kincaid at 7:24 p.m. to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the employment history of a particular person, collective negotiations and matters regarding district and student safety.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7
No: 0

Mr. Bracken moved the Board out of Executive Session and returned to the Study Session at 9:19 p.m.

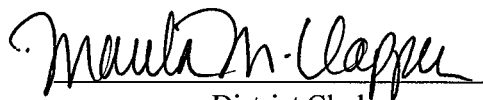
9. **ADJOURN**

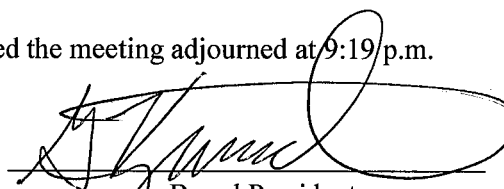
A motion was made by Ms. Stone and seconded by Mr. Kincaid to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7
No: 0

As there was no further business, Mr. Hutton declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.


District Clerk


Board President