

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

Date: April 12, 2022  
Spencerport, New York

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

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 6:09 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. Bracken and seconded by Mr. Kincaid that the Board of Education approve the Business Session Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7

No: 0

**3. BOARD RECOGNITION**

Munn Chorus – Ms. Swann shared that she was so thankful that so many students and parents are present tonight to celebrate Music in the Schools month. She introduced music teacher, Ms. Laurel Kane from Munn Elementary. Ms. Kane thanked the Board for the opportunity to perform and asked each student to introduce themselves. The following students performed two pieces, Tongo, arranged by Greg Gilpin and More to Me by Pinkzebra; Giuliana Arbore, Sophia Belluomo, Lilly Boyer, Lily Broccuto, Savanna Castleberry, Kennedy Graves, Zachary Goodwin, Lillian Harmon, Cailee Kastner, Emma Klingzahn, Gianna LaTona, Onalee Mahoney, Lainey Prosser, Madison Robinson, Ronneilya Robinson, Kody Shaw and Brielle Valajcovski. Mr. Hutton thanked the students for their excellent job.

As there were several members of the budget focus group present, the agenda was adjusted.

A motion was made by Mr. Bracken and seconded by Mr. Kincaid that the Board of Education modify the agenda to move items 7.5 and 7.6 forward in the Superintendent's section.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7

No: 0

4. **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 Old Business

5.11 Approval of the Board of Education meeting minutes held on March 22, 2022

5.2 New Business

5.21 2018 CIP Update – Change Order Approval

Recommending approval of Change Order 105-009 in the amount of \$38,143.

|                  |                                  |                         |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Contract No. 105 | Electrical Work:                 | Kaplan-Schmidt Electric |
|                  | <u>Change Order #105-009 Add</u> | <u>\$38,143</u>         |
|                  | Total for Award                  | \$38,143                |

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

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7

No: 0

6. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

6.1 President's Report and Communication

Mr. Hutton announced his intention to step down from the Board of Education, effective April 15, 2022. He shared that it was a difficult decision. He also states that for logistics, he would formally resign as president, effective immediately. This would allow the Board to vote on a new president for the balance of the term, April 12 to June 30, 2022. Mr. Hutton then nominated Mr. Bracken for president. As there were no further nominations,

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Ms. Czarnecki to nominate Mr. Bracken for Interim President of the Board of Education.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7

No: 0

## 6.2 Board of Education Members' Reports

Mr. Kincaid shared that he attended the budget focus group two weeks ago. He also attended the BOCES 2 annual meeting. The evening was awesome with the culinary students preparing and serving the food. Mr. Bracken shared that he also attended the BOCES 2 annual meeting. We have talented students in the culinary program. He attended the MCSBA legislative affairs meeting last week. They continue to advocate with legislators. A survey will be coming to collect opinions on the future of the MCSBA. Mr. Hutton shared that when a board member steps down from the Board, the Board is allowed to appoint an interim board member to fill the vacancy until the next election. He recommended that the Board appoint former board member Mr. Michael Miceli. Mr. Miceli has six years of experience and is familiar with Board policies. Ms. Stone share that she did not feel it was necessary to appoint someone. Mr. Bracken feels that it is important to appoint a member, as we do not know what will happen with remote attendance at board meetings. Mr. Kincaid shared that he is in favor of appointing Mr. Miceli. Mr. Hutton shared that this has been done in the past and is past precedence. It is good practice to have a full board. While Ms. Brown agreed with Mr. Bracken, she did not support appointing someone. Mr. Gibbardo feels that there is no harm in appointing Mr. Miceli. He shared that he understands everyone's point, but it would be better to have Mr. Miceli, as he is an experienced board member. Ms. Czarnecki shared that she is in favor of appointing Mr. Miceli as things are changing quickly. It is best to have a full board.

### RESOLUTION

#### APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Michael Miceli to serve as a member of the Spencerport Board of Education, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Kevin Hutton. This appointment shall be effective April 16, 2022 through the next District election occurring on May 17, 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Ms. Czarnecki That the Board of Education appoint Mr. Michael Miceli as the Interim Board Member to replace Mr. Hutton until May 17, 2022.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 5

Ms. Brown, Ms. Stone No: 2

## 6.3 Unofficial Review of the 2022-2023 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Board members reviewed the proposed dates for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Bracken inquired as to whether there were any concerns. As there were none, Board members were supportive of the proposed calendar.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**7.5 Budget: Superintendent's Budget Recommendation and Proposition 1**

Ms. Swann and Mr. Wood presented the 2022-2023 budget recommendation and proposition for approval. Ms. Swann shared the budget goals and priorities during budget development. Budget priorities focused on financial planning and sustainability, a plan for facilities planning including renovations, modernization for ADA, and security, a commitment to technology, and educational programming, small class sizes, increase in mental health support and security, thus building the framework to provide the best education for Spencerport students.

The proposed budget is \$88,042,980, which represents a .70% or a \$608,095 increase in spending. Mr. Wood shared that this is a spending plan, an estimate of what will happen throughout the coming school year. He provided updates to expenditures and revenues from the previous budget updates and is estimating using \$1,645,765 in restricted reserves to help balance the budget. Ms. Swann shared that federal stimulus funds will be used strategically for operation needs, lost instruction time, and to address social emotional needs. Mr. Wood shared that the three-part budget: administrative, capital and programs, has steadily remained the same over the years. He presented an estimated tax bill for a home valued at \$200,000. Equalization rates for each town will impact the tax rate. Final assessments will be determined in July. The Board will be voting to approve one proposition and two open board member seats for a period of three years and one seat for two years.

**PROPOSITION # 1**

**BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND \$88,042,980 AS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO LEVY THE NECESSARY TAXES THEREFORE**

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Kincaid to accept the Superintendent's Budget Recommendation and Proposition 1, as presented.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7  
No: 0

Mr. Kincaid left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

**7.6 Property Tax Report Card**

Mr. Wood previously provided the Board with the Property Tax Report Card for review.

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Gibbardo to approve the Property Tax Report Card as presented.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6  
No: 0

**7.1 Approve Tenure**

Ms. Swann shared the success of staff eligible for tenure this year. She recommended that you

Mr. Kincaid returned to the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

grant tenure status to the following administrators.

| <u>NAME</u>     | <u>TENURE AREA</u>               | <u>DATE</u>  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Andrea Pascuzzi | Director of Special Education    | July 1, 2022 |
| Michael Sorbera | Coordinator of Special Education | July 1, 2022 |

She recommended that you grant tenure status to the following teachers effective on the date noted by their name.

| <u>NAME</u>       | <u>SCHOOL</u>                | <u>SUBJECT</u>       | <u>DATE</u>        |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Elizabeth Corelli | Cosgrove Middle School       | Elementary           | September 10, 2022 |
| Alexander Elkins  | High School                  | Technology Education | September 1, 2022  |
| Erin Fredereksen  | Canal View Elementary School | Remedial Reading     | July 1, 2022       |
| Thomas Kanaley    | High School                  | Business Education   | September 1, 2022  |
| Maribeth Kyser    | Bernabi Elementary School    | Elementary           | September 1, 2022  |
| Emily Leone       | Cosgrove Middle School       | Elementary           | September 1, 2022  |
| Lisa LiPuma       | Munn Elementary School       | Elementary           | September 1, 2022  |
| Meghan Lupinetti  | Munn Elementary School       | Elementary           | September 1, 2022  |
| Ian Milam         | Cosgrove Middle School       | Elementary           | September 1, 2022  |
| Jessica Minicucci | Munn Elementary School       | Remedial Reading     | September 1, 2022  |
| Colin Nobles      | High School                  | Technology Education | September 1, 2022  |
| Heather Pahuta    | Cosgrove Middle School       | Science              | October 27, 2022   |
| Lindsey Pindroh   | Bernabi Elementary School    | Physical Education   | July 1, 2022       |
| Brandon Sartin    | Cosgrove Middle School       | Foreign Language     | September 1, 2022  |
| Amy Visca         | High School                  | Special Education    | September 1, 2022  |

A motion was made by Mr. Kincaid and seconded by Mr. Hutton to approve Tenure as presented.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7  
 No: 0

Mr. Gibbardo left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

**7.2 SEL and Student Support Update**

Mr. Zinkiewich introduced Mr. Cory Allen and Mr. Tim O'Connor. Mr. Allen shared that there has been district wide professional learning for teachers and staff members. Items such as SEL book studies and seminars began in the early fall and continue through the spring. Training was held across the district during faculty meetings regarding SEL and CRE. Mr. Allen shared that

another initiative, restorative circles, were held for administrators and teachers. Administrators were trained in the fall and then provided training to train staff. These circles work to build relationships in order to bring students together. Mr. O'Connor shared we have partnered with Genesee Mental Health to address SEL needs of our students and families. Staff from Rochester Regional Health provide a therapist in our buildings for confidential treatment sessions. These therapists collaborate with our staff and connect families with outpatient mental health services. Many districts participate in this program and we are looking to possibly expand to five days per week. Mr. O'Connor provided testimonials on the positive impact of the program. Mr. Zinkewich reminded the Board that teachers continue to provide SEL support to students on a daily basis. He shared that the district currently has four therapy dogs, three at the high school and one at Munn Elementary. He provided a video of Jen Davin and her therapy dog, Ellie, who is in her third year of service. Ellie greets students and provides support and a sense of relief. The program has had a great impact on students' lives. Mr. Zinkewich thanked the Board for their ongoing support of this program and the creative ways that we meet the needs of students.

### 7.3 7000 & 8000 Series Policy Review

Mr. Saltzberg shared that there were minimal policies with questions. For Policy 7312.1 Jewelry – Physical Education Class, he suggested the equity committee might review for consideration. He shared that Policy 7320 Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances recently had changes made. Questions arose for Policy 7450 Fundraising by Students. There are many formats for fundraising, student groups, PTA's, athletic teams. The sports booster club is the umbrella for student athletes to fundraise. Fundraisers were put on pause during COVID. Mr. Saltzberg shared that the district is seeing requests now through the facilities system. Mr. Bracken asked about the sports boosters being a separate entity and they are. Mr. Wood shared that they will continue to work with the extra class and sports boosters. The booster club is a separate entity and they will continue to research to identify and explain the differences. Ms. Swann shared that it could be part of a possible future audit. Mr. Saltzberg recommended possible deletion of Policy 8331 Swimming Program, 8222 Family Life Education, 8240.2 Showering, and 6212.2 Selection of Athletic Coaches. Regulations are changing and do not necessarily need these policies. The Board was in support of their deletion.

### 7.4 Widespread Disaster Policy – Second Read

Mr. Saltzberg shared that the Board completed a first read of the policy at the last meeting. He reached out to legal counsel to review the language in the policy. Their opinion was that education law does allow these types of mitigation strategies, as outlined in the policy. Mr. Bracken shared that he was uncomfortable making specific decisions as we are not medical experts. He felt that certain levels of strategies should be allowed, but others are concerning. Ms. Brown shared that these strategies are in line with other districts and is supportive of the policy. Ms. Czarnecki shared that she is supportive of the policy. Ms. Stone shared that she is supportive with the advice of legal counsel. Mr. Hutton agreed. The superintendent may have the authority but the Board is still working with the superintendent. Mr. Kincaid shared that we would be following all State and local guidelines and is comfortable with the policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Kincaid to adopt Policy 3511 Widespread Community Disasters from Natural, Terrorist or Infectious Causes.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 6

Mr. Bracken No: 1

**4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Community member and parent, Mr. Michael Zale of Maida Drive spoke before the board. He stated that he was not familiar with the process for privilege of the floor but asked if he could speak. Mr. Zale thanked Mr. Hutton for his many years of service, always leading by example. He shared that there were many changes during Mr. Hutton's term on the board and that the district benefited by his dedication to the Board. He then congratulated Mr. Bracken and looks forward to working with Ms. Swann and the Board in his new role as Ogden Town Supervisor.

**8. MEETING EVALUATION**

Ms. Swann thanked Mr. Hutton for his service, and as a new superintendent, she appreciated his guidance and working with him collaboratively. She thanked him for his student-centered approach. Mr. Bracken thanked Mr. Hutton for his service. He is very proud of his service on the board. Mr. Kincaid thanked Mr. Hutton for everything he has done for the district. He thanked him for his commitment and passion. Mr. Hutton was presented with an honorary Spencerport diploma. Mr. Hutton shared that he was honored and will miss everyone. He hopes to support the district again the future. He thanked everyone for their well wishes.

**9. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Kincaid to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

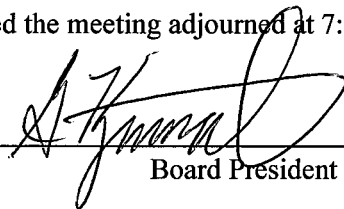
Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

As there was no further business, Mr. Bracken declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

  
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District Clerk

  
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Board President