



Minutes of the Board of Education

February 22, 2021

Members Present: Chris Foster  
Samantha Hicks  
Doug Kelley  
Meghan McGarry  
Ann Morone  
Peter Schaefer  
Jessica Zweig  
Danielle LaPier, Student Member

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools: Dr. James R. Franchini  
Assistant Superintendent: Matt Hladun  
Assistant Superintendent for Business: Michael Ouimet  
Director of Personnel Development: Kimberly Nugent  
Athletic Director, Mark Bubniak  
Athletic Trainer, Rachel Brown  
Coaches Dan Fairchild, Zach Gobel  
Co-Directors of Nursing, Valene Miller, RN and Rebecca Everett, RN

A meeting of the Board of Education was held virtually via ZOOM on February 22, 2021. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. McGarry, seconded by Dr. Schaefer, to move to go into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m., in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 5111, Article 7 and Subdivision E & F of the Laws of 1977 and Formal Opinion of counsel No. 239, Paragraph B to discuss the following checked item.

YES: 7

NO: 0

MOTION CARRIED

II. Executive Session

Recommended an executive session to discuss:

- proposed, pending or current litigation;
- collective negotiations under the Taylor Law;
- the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation;
- matters leading to the appointment, employment discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
- the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
- other [specify] Legal advice

On a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Morone, to move to regular session at 6:30 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

MOTION CARRIED

III. Superintendent's Report

- News and Updates
- Celebrations of Success

IV. Public Comment - Community members seeking to provide questions or comments to the Board of Education should email them to the District Clerk. Comments and questions that are received before the conclusion of the Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.  
*(No questions/comments received)*

V. Consent agenda - moved to approve the consent agenda as listed A-D  
Although Board action is required, it is generally unnecessary to hold discussion on these items. With the consent of all members, they are therefore grouped and approval is given in one motion. In the event a Board member wants to discuss any item, it is moved to an appropriate place on the agenda.

A. RESOLVED, to approve to accept Board of Education minutes of February 8, 2021.

B. Financial Recommendations

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the Treasurer's report for January 2021.

C. Routine Personnel Action

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board took action on routine resignations, appointments, leaves and terminations.

Non-Instructional: Leave of Absence

Name	Position	Effective Dates
Schreiner, Laura	Food Service Helper	02/02/2021-06/30/2021

Appointment Athletic Coaches: Resignation Fall 2 Season 2020-2021

Name	Sport/Assignment	Effective Date
Clark-Apelanz, Colleen	Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball Head Coach	02/10/2021

Appointment: Approved Non-Instructional Substitutes

Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Marchese, Michael	Custodial Worker	02/12/2021
Peplowski, Wayne	Bus Driver	02/05/2021
Rose, Bradley	Custodial Worker	02/08/2021

D. Special Education Recommendations

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the actions of the CSE, CPSE and 504 committees and Agreed upon Amendments.

On a motion by Mrs. Morone, seconded by Mrs. McGarry, to approve consent agenda items A-D.

YES: 7

NO: 0

MOTION CARRIED

VI. Discussion on Fall 2 Sports Higher-Risk Sports

VII. Resolution to approve Fall 2 Higher-Risk Sports

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, the Governor and the New York State Health Department authorized schools to operate certain higher-risk winter sports effective February 1, 2021 as may be permitted and authorized by local county health departments; and,

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health subsequently issued updated guidelines for the operation of Sports and Recreation related to higher-risk winter sports; and,

WHEREAS, NYSPHSAA and Section 2 have issued revised guidelines for Return to Interscholastic Athletics for the 2020-21 season: and,

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021 Rensselaer County Executive Steven F. McLaughlin and Public Health Director Mary Fran Wachunas approved schools within Rensselaer County to operate winter high risk sports should schools wish to participate in one or more Winter Higher-Risk Sports; and,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has shared with the Board the plan to provide Fall 2 Higher-Risk Sports in accordance with all applicable New York State Department of Health, Rensselaer County Department of Health, and any applicable league health and safety requirements which will be implemented during all practices and games.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby approves the following:

1. Implement the following interscholastic sports for the 2021 Fall 2 season:
  - Participate in athletic competitions in the following sports/levels:
    - Girls Volleyball (JV/V)
    - Football (JV/V)
  - Skill development sessions and intra-squad only scrimmages in the following sport/level:
    - Girls Volleyball (Modified)
  - Non-contact training/workouts in the following sport/level:
    - Football (Modified)
  - Practices, skill development sessions and/or non-contact training/workouts will begin on March 8, 2021 or as soon thereafter as practicable.
  - Athletic competitions will either be as part of the Suburban Council or as part of a Rensselaer County league for volleyball and will be a Class A schedule for football.
2. Each parent/guardian must sign a district/school developed COVID-19 informed consent for participation form that is issued by the District.
3. The Board delegates to and authorizes the Superintendent to take any action he deems necessary and appropriate to ensure that such sports are implemented in a safe manner consistent with all guidelines (NYS, County, and Section). This includes the authority to temporarily suspend District participation in any of the above sports if the Superintendent deems such action necessary.

On a motion by Dr. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Foster, to change the words High-Risk Sports to Higher-Risk Sports for consistency.

YES: 7

NO: 0

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED FALL 2 HIGHER-RISK SPORTS

On a motion by Mrs. Morone, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve the Resolution to approve Fall 2 Higher-Risk Sports.

YES: 6

NO: 1 (Ms. Zweig)

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. Policy Review  
Policy 0101 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

First Reading

APPROVED POLICY 0101 GENDER NEUTRAL SINGLE-OCCUPANCY BATHROOMS

On a motion by Dr. Schaefer, seconded by Mrs. Morone, to approve Policy 0101 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms and waive all further readings.

YES: 7

NO: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IX. Review of Employee Benefits and BOCES Services Budgets

X. Board Member Reports

XI. Adjourn Meeting

APPROVED TO ADJOURN MEETING

On a motion by Mrs. McGarry, seconded by Dr. Schaefer, to adjourn meeting at 9:09 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

MOTION CARRIED



Linda Primeau, District Clerk