

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**DEIRDRE BURNS  
DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS  
MARK FLEISCHHAUER  
DIANE LYONS  
LISA ROSENTHAL (arrived 7:36 pm)  
LAURA SCHULKIND**

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

**RICHARD WALKER**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**JOSEPH PHELAN, THOMAS BURNELL,  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, MEMBERS  
OF THE PRESS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Fleischhauer called the meeting to order in the RHS/BMS Library at 7:34 pm.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

**2.1 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Special Meeting.  
**VOTE: 5 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Schulkind); 0 NAY;  
0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Rosenthal, Walker)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.0 Public Comment**

None

**4.0 Reports and Discussion**

**4.1 Annual Data Report (M. Kreps)**

Mr. Kreps gave an overview of student achievement data for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Kreps explained that the District has been reporting into the New York State Data Warehouse and the State has made various reports available online.

The District's CDEP Committee has developed a new Mission, Vision, Core Values document which was approved by the school board with a focus on the collaboration between various stakeholders, including administrators, teachers, and community members. Education in Rhinebeck is a group effort.

Mr. Kreps reviewed the meaning of "educational assessment" and how it guides the process of improving and changing education, as well as determining the success of individuals, programs, instruction, and identified groups.

Mr. Kreps reported that the demographic data shows that enrollment in the District over the last 5 years has declined, as the numbers of students who are economically disadvantaged has risen.

Mr. Kreps went over a 5-year retrospective of grades 3-8 ELA, grades 3-8 Math, grade 4 & 8 Science assessment proficiency for the elementary and middle schools as well as the Regents proficiency of students in the high school. SAT scores also show Rhinebeck to have higher scores compared to the State and national averages as well as a high percentage of students scoring 3-5 in the Advanced Placement tests. The summative experience of students as they go through their Rhinebeck education shows great success, with 92% of students graduating and 92% of students going to 2- or 4- year colleges post-graduation. The Rhinebeck CSD is in solid shape when it comes to student performance. Mr. Kreps reported that Bulkeley Middle School and Rhinebeck High School were recognized by the State as reward schools and Chancellor Elementary School as a school in good standing.

Mr. Kreps reviewed with the Board the implementation timeline for the State's review of the ELA and math standards, curriculum, and assessments, with new tests on the horizon for 2019-2020. Teacher and principal evaluation data also will be reviewed. The State Education Department is convening teams to review the standards in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies line by line. The changes in recent years, specifically having a test-based accountability system, have created much fear and anxiety among staff and students statewide. However, in the Rhinebeck CSD, the professional faculty does not pressure students but only ask for students to do their best.

#### **4.2 Principal Reports**

##### **Chancellor Livingston Elementary School**

Mr. King reported that:

- Administrators from the Arlington school district came to visit the school's STEM Program
- Students in grades 3-5 attended a performance of the high school musical, "Fiddler on the Roof." The performance was outstanding, with a wonderful Q & A session with the cast and crew afterwards.
- CLS won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Move-On Grant Video Contest and secured \$500 in merchandise for the PE Department.
- Jump Rope for Heart and CLS Heart Healthy Day had a banner year. The goal was to raise \$4,800 which was shattered by raising \$13,640 for the American Heart Association.
- CLS' after-school programs were featured in the Northern Dutchess News.
- Run Across America - students have run a total of 900 miles and burned over 80,000 calories. We are all in Chicago, Illinois.
- CLS Parent Academy – Mr. King wished to thank the Health and Wellness Committee and the panelists that participated.

- CLS PE Council - Students work with the PE department to discuss units and provide feedback regarding events
- A Book's Journey – Mr. King wished to thank the Arts in Education Committee and the local authors and illustrators working with fourth grade students by bringing amazing insight into book writing
- Mr. King wished to thank the PTSO for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon today

#### Upcoming CLS Events

- Project ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) will be combined with Spirit Day in which each grade level was assigned a specific color to wear. A schoolwide photo of a rainbow made of staff and students will be taken to be displayed at CLS.
- May 4-5 - Engineer's Week, with every grade participating
- May 18 - Fourth Grade Concert
- May 19 - Fifth Grade Concert

#### Bulkeley Middle School

Mr. Kemnitzer reported that:

- The Peer Leadership Club worked with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, teaching them about cultural diffusion, the Silk Road, and the Columbian Exchange.
- Grade 7 French and Spanish students are writing children's books in their targeted languages, to be shared with students in France and Spain as well as 1<sup>st</sup> grade students.
- Grade 8 students are studying Shakespeare in ELA, and Mr. Kemnitzer wished to thank the Arts in Education Committee for a grant to work with the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival in creating their own versions of Romeo & Juliet
- Three students were nominated in the Catching Kids Caring Program
- State testing for ELA and Math have been completed; Science testing for 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be in late May/June
- BMS Band performed for the residents of Brookmeade

#### Upcoming Events

- Spring Concerts starts next week and follows with choral and small ensemble concerts later in June
- May 26 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands traveling to NYC to attend performance of the NY Philharmonic
- BMS Anthropology Club continues to work with Bard Archeology professor, Dr. Lindner
- May 13 - Health classes will host Randi Krieder, who will be presenting on her experience of losing a brother to drug addiction.
- May 16-20 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will spend an entire week outside the classroom learning through a variety of interdisciplinary, hands-on experiences including a visit to the Phillies Bridge Farm Project and the Slabsides Sanctuary.

### **Rhinebeck High School**

Dr. Davenport reported that:

- English Department - Bard students continue to work with 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in creative writing; Writing Workshop students continue to write and solicit publication; Ms. Wheeler is accepting submissions from all content areas for the first Rhinebeck High School Academic Writing Anthology
- Social Studies Department – Teachers attended the annual convention of NYS Social Studies teachers in Albany, focusing on promoting student engagement and changing assessment practices
- Science Department - Dr. Likens, Founder of the Cary Institute, visited Living Environment classes to share his research
- Music Department - HS Band travelled to Marist to work with the Director of Bands; students had a great opportunity to practice with the Wind Ensemble as they sat in a side-by-side rehearsal
- HS Musical was a fantastic success, with over 90 students participating in the production and over 1200 in attendance not including the performance for CLS students
- Montgomery Row Art Show Exhibit will contain K-12 student work
- Environmental Club sponsored a movie screening about the CCC directed by Robert Stone. Mr. Stone stayed after for a Q and A session with the attendees
- The GSA sponsored a Day of Silence in support of GLBT students
- National Honor Society are sponsoring the Senior Citizen prom on May 14
- With the help of District SROs, an assembly was held regarding distracted driving with victim impact speaker Jacy Good and her husband
- May 16-17 – SROs and PE Department will host the Battle of the Belts with a focus on traffic safety
- May 20 – RHS Prom
- A French Tutor from Bard will visit French classes to speak about the language and culture of France
- April 28 - Band Concert
- May 27 – Choral students attend Adjudication Festival in Bristol, CT
- AP exams start in early May

### **4.3 Board Committee Reports (Policy)\***

#### **Policy Committee**

President Fleischhauer reported that the Policy Committee discussed the Homework Policy, which leaves homework to a teacher's professional judgment to assign, consistent with several criteria. The Committee discussed a draft policy establishing guidelines for training, procurement, storage and use of Naxolone (NARCAN). The District discussed reviewing the DASA section of school policy to address transgender subjects. This topic will be discussed with middle/high school building principals for possible procedures. There will be more work in this area to follow.

**5.0 Comments**

**5.1 Good News**

Superintendent Phelan reported that the District was recognized once again with a School Safety Excellence Award. The Model UN Club travelled to NYC for a competition, which is a testament to the hard work of the students and their advisor.

**5.2 Old Business**

None

**5.3 Public Comment**

None

**5.4 Other**

None

**6.0 Action Items**

**6.1 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the following consent items:

**6.1.1 Motion** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the CSE and CPSE recommendations.\*

**6.1.2 Motion** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the schedule of Staff Pay dates for the 2016-17 school year. (See attached.)\*

**6.1.3 Motion** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the requests for Summer Study Grants – 2016, in accordance with the Rhinebeck Teachers Association Agreement.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6.2 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to cast one (1) vote for Ralph Chiumento as a candidate in the annual election of members of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES).\*

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6.3 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to cast one (1) vote for Ralph Coates as a candidate in the annual election of members of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES).\*

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.4 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to adopt a resolution to direct the District Clerk to cast one (1) vote to approve the Dutchess County BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$4,389,498 for the 2016-17 school year.\*  
**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 6.5 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to extend the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Rhinebeck regarding facilities use through August 31, 2017.\*  
**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 6.6 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the Rhinebeck Crew Team overnight trip to the New York State Scholastic Rowing Association Championships in Saratoga, NY on May 13-15, 2016, at no additional unbudgeted cost to the school district.\*  
**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 6.7 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve a leave request, under the Family and Medical Leave Act, from Julie Tait, to commence on September 6, 2016, with such leave to be taken as unpaid child care leave, through January 3, 2017.\*  
**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 6.8 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Jean Florio to score the 2015-16 Grade 4 NYS Science Assessments and of Patricia Danneman to score the 2015-16 Grade 8 NYS Science Assessments. (See attachment.)\*  
**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- 6.9 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept the award in recognition of the CLS Physical Education program for achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2016 New York

State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAPHERD) Southeastern Zone “Get Moving NY Video Grant Contest,” in the total amount of \$500 in Flaghouse equipment, to benefit the students of Chancellor Livingston Elementary School, as stipulated. (See attached.)\*

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.10 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve a first reading and consideration of Board Policy #4730 – Homework.\*

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.11 \*\*\*\*\* TABLED\*\*\*\*\* Motion** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to adopt the following resolution:

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed proposals for furnishing student transportation services in the Rhinebeck Central School District for Home-to-School transportation, and Field and Sports Trips transportation, which proposals were opened publicly on March 30, 2016; and*

*WHEREAS, L&M Bus Corporation is the lowest responsible bidder for the Home-to-School Transportation and Field and Sports Trip Transportation contracts;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the contracts for Home-to-School Transportation and Field and Sports Trip Transportation to L&M Bus Corporation, as the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the bid specifications, for the period April 4, 2016 through June 30, 2016, in accordance with the prices specified in the bid documents and as presented in the Transportation Bid Summary dated March 30, 2016, annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution, said contracts to be executed by the Superintendent of Schools upon the furnishing by the Contractor of the required security for the performance of said contracts (e.g., performance bond) in the amount of the individual contract prices and in the form specified in the Bid Documents.*

**Motion** by Schulkind, seconded by Burns, the Board voted to TABLE Item 6.11 for discussion in Executive Session.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Prior to the vote, Mr. Burnell explained that resolution 6.11 is for the L & M Bus Corporation to provide transportation for District students from April 4 through the end of the school year. L & M Bus Corporation was the only company to bid. Resolution 6.12 is for the L & M Bus Corporation to provide district students with transportation for the next three (3) years broken into one (1) year contracts to be negotiated each year.

**6.12 \*\*\*\*\* TABLED\*\*\*\*\* Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to adopt the following resolution:**

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***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby awards the contracts for Home-to-School Transportation and Field and Sports Trip Transportation to L&M Bus Corporation, as the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the bid specifications, for a term of three (3) years beginning with the 2016-17 school year, subject, however, to the approval of the 2016-17 Budget by the District's voters at the Annual Meeting on May 17, 2016; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that in the event that the District's voters do not approve the 2016-17 Budget, the Board hereby awards the transportation contracts for a one-year term, subject to renewal for additional years, in accordance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute contracts in accordance with the prices specified in the bid documents and as presented in the Transportation Bid Summary dated March 30, 2016, annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution, said contracts to be executed by the Superintendent of Schools upon the furnishing by the Contractor of the required security for the performance of said contracts (e.g., performance bond) in the amount of the individual contract prices and in the form specified in the Bid Documents.*

**Motion** by Schulkind, seconded by Burns, the Board voted to TABLE Item 6.12 for discussion in Executive Session.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**



**6.13 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the list of additional emergency conditional substitute teachers and substitute non-instructional staff for the 2015-16 school year.\*

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind);  
0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)  
MOTION CARRIED**

**7.0 Proposed Executive Session**

**Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:20 pm for the purpose of discussing a vendor contract.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind);  
0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board appointed Joseph Phelan as Clerk Pro Tempore.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind);  
0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)  
MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 9:53 pm.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind);  
0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)  
MOTION CARRIED**

**6.11 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

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hereto and made a part of this resolution, said contracts to be executed by the Superintendent of Schools upon the furnishing by the Contractor of the required security for the performance of said contracts (e.g., performance bond) in the amount of the individual contract prices and in the form specified in the Bid Documents.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 26, 2016  
Regular Meeting

**8.0 Adjournment**

**Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to adjourn at 9:54 pm.

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind);**

**0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; (1) ABSENT (Walker)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bovee  
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan  
Clerk Pro Tempore