

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DEIRDRE BURNS
DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS
MARK FLEISCHHAUER
DIANE LYONS
LISA ROSENTHAL
LAURA SCHULKIND
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 7:30 pm.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED**

2.2 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Annual Meeting*

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

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 Principal Reports

Chancellor Livingston Elementary School

Mr. King reported:

- Project ACES and CLS Spirit Day – Mr. King wished to thank Kathy Cassens for working with the school to print and frame the image of students/staff dressed in their respective grade level colors and Curtis Schmidt from Northern Dutchess News for reporting on the event.
- Engineer's week – Every grade level participated in this great event that focused on promoting STEM – Mr. King wished to thank Engineers Tom Hanna, Kurt J. Quackenbush, Lisa Heller, Peter Szwed, Robert Lang, Kerim Kalafala, and Rick Rizzolo.

- Run Across America– CLS student body has run 1,752 miles and burned 176,085 calories. Students are in Denver, Colorado with eyes on the final destination in San Francisco, CA by the end of this school year.
- 5th Grade Track Meet – Students have been practicing various track and field events getting ready for the meet on Tuesday, May 31.
- Congratulations to Giovanna Pozza, PE Teacher for the Day winner!
- May is Cystic Fibrosis Month – CLS Faculty to walk in support of Braedon’s Brigade.

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Concerts – Grades K-1 on 5/25; Grades 2-3 for parents is 5/26
- Special Friends’ Day @ CLS
- Field Days for Grades K-2 on 6/9 and Grades 3-5 on 6/13
- PTSO Color Run has been rescheduled for June 17

Bulkeley Middle School

Mr. Kemnitzer reported:

- Grade 7 students took part in the “Week of Discovery” traveling through the Hudson Valley and visited the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville, Phillies Bridge Farm Project in New Paltz, the Slabsides Sanctuary in West Park, the Esopus Meadows in Ulster County, and the Walking History Tour of Rhinebeck.
- Grade 6 students completed the annual Top 100 project during which students select an influential world figure, and research that individual in order to convince their peers/teachers that he/she is the most influential person in world history.
- Grade 8 students are wrapping up their study of Shakespeare. Thanks to an Arts-In-Education grant, students worked with performers from the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.
- Grade 7 students are nearing completion of an extensive research project on the Civil War and Reconstruction by creating documentaries using technology. Parents will be invited to attend presentations in June.

Upcoming Events:

- Grade 7 French and Spanish students will be sharing children’s books they have created as well as playing French and Spanish games with grade 1 students.
- Choral Concert - Thursday, June 2
- Small Ensemble Concert - Thursday, June 9
- Band Barnes & Noble Fundraiser - Friday, June 10
- Engineers will visit computer classes at all three grade levels to run hands-on coding activities with our students.
- June 16 – last full day of classes and Ice-Cream Social/Moving Up Ceremony
- June 17 – Field Day
- June 20 – 5th grade Parent Orientation

Rhinebeck High School

Dr. Davenport reported:

- English 12 students have been working on apocalyptic portfolios with different short stories that fall into the horror/zombie genre.
- English 11 students delivered digital author study presentations in class and received a greater understanding of the American literary landscape.
- Dr. Davenport wished to thank the Guidance Department for a successful administration of 189 AP exams.
- Gay/Straight Alliance will be marching in the Hudson Valley Pride Parade.
- Congratulations to the Junior class on hosting a very successful prom. Diversity Club sponsored five students to attend the prom.
- Technology Club refurbished many digital devices and has donated two devices to students.
- Model UN Club will sponsor “Dancing in Jaffa” to raise awareness about global issues. Many students have expressed interest in participating in the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates and may conduct a fundraiser during the film to raise funds.
- 88 students have been recognized as students of the month and 24 students have been awarded the Rhinebeck Respect awards.

Upcoming Events:

- RHS will host Victim Impact Panel sponsored by CAPE
- Academic Awards on June 6 and Athletic Awards on June 8
- Senior Concert on June 7
- Last day of classes on June 13
- Senior Class trip on June 15 and Senior Picnic on June 17
- Graduation Rehearsal on June 23 and Commencement on June 25

4.2 Board Committee Reports (Facilities, Policy, Curriculum, CDEP, School Start Time)*

Facilities Committee

Diane Lyons reported that the Facilities Committee learned that the RFP to hire an architect has gone out and is due on June 1, 2016. The Committee looked at three scenarios for projects of \$5m, \$7.5m, and \$10 million. The Committee discussed putting together a focus group of community members to gather feedback on this project over the summer. As a precaution, the District performed a water screening for lead and reported no issues. The Committee discussed purchasing cameras to be placed in the lobby areas of both schools which may reduce insurance rate costs. The cameras would not be monitored continually, but would assist with security after an incident.

Policy Committee

Lisa Rosenthal reported that the Policy Committee discussed the proposed policy relating to the use of credit cards. The policy will be revised to limit the use of credit cards for when a vendor will not accept an order without a credit card payment. The Committee discussed the Truancy and Tardiness policy. The

Committee suggested making minor changes to emphasize that the district disapproves of chronic, unexcused tardiness.

Curriculum Committee

Laura Schulkind reported that the Curriculum Committee discussed the elementary health curriculum and the ongoing discussions with the Center for Prevention of Child Abuse. As NYS is in the process of reviewing all learning standards, the Committee discussed the forward planning for the K-5 Math Curriculum, including how to insure that students develop “number sense”, basic fluency, and the ability to think mathematically. The Committee discussed the remarkable projects that have been submitted by the faculty for summer curriculum.

CDEP Committee

Laura Schulkind reported that the CDEP Committee reviewed a draft CDEP plan that has been developed with the following goals:

1. Academics & Achievement
2. School Climate & Social Emotional Development
3. Professional Development & Collaboration

The Committee discussed data and metrics that will be used to evaluate achievement. Board members commented that not all learning is based on tests and encouraged exploring various measures for student achievement with the understanding that it is difficult to measure the value added by all the experiences students have in the classroom.

School Start Time Committee

Diane Lyons reported that the School Start Time Committee formed a list of work that needs to be done, including a survey of our students sleep habits by the end of this school year. The Committee will meet with various people to help the Committee with their work and collect data that the District already collects to inform changes. Mr. Burnell reported that the new bus company has almost completed the new bus routes and plans for drivers to practice their runs over the summer. The Committee will use every communication tool available to the District to inform parents about the new start time and help inform parents on the topic of sleep hygiene. The Committee will discuss the indicators of success for the pilot of the new school start time at their next meeting.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

The Board thanked the community for supporting the District once again with the approval of the budget vote. Additionally, the Board wished to congratulate Laura Schulkind and Deirdre d’Albertis in their re-election to the Board and Steve Jenkins for his election to the Board. The Walking Tour of Rhinebeck was a great experience. It was remarkable the number of people involved in the program. Board members shared on the various activities of Rhinebeck’s sports teams.

5.2 Old Business

Superintendent Phelan drafted a summer schedule with possible dates for board meetings for the Board's review. All buses are now equipped with cameras with audio recording capabilities. Superintendent Phelan noted that only authorized personnel are allowed to view said recordings.

5.3 Public Comment

A high school student suggested the use of an electronic delivery system for hall passes.

5.4 Other

Superintendent Phelan shared a mailing from Assemblymember Didi Barrett. He will contact her office to discuss where her statements originated from as they are incorrect. Superintendent Phelan is working with Dr. Hooley regarding Dutchess BOCES putting a referendum before voters in the late Fall approximately the same time as the District is looking to do the same.

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 Treasurers' Report (General Fund and Extra Classroom Fund, April 2016).*

6.1.2 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to declare the attached items as surplus for disposal.*

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

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED**

6.2 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to David Woulfin, in the tenure area of Elementary, effective September 1, 2016, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED**

6.3 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Tennille Morrissey, in the tenure area of Elementary, effective September 1, 2016, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.4 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Brian McDonald, in the tenure area of Industrial Arts - General, effective September 1, 2016, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.5 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Sarah Wheeler, in the tenure area of English, effective September 1, 2016, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.6 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Jason Stevenson, in the tenure area of Science, effective September 1, 2016, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.7 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Cassie Wintermantel, in the tenure area of School Psychologist, effective September 1, 2016, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.8 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Gretchen Werner, in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2016, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.9 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to grant tenure to Fern Lox, in the tenure area of Elementary Assistant Principal, effective August 26, 2016, and may be revoked by the Board of Education up until that time.*

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

- 6.10 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept grants from the Rhinebeck PTSO in the total amount not to exceed \$500.00, as stipulated. (See attached.)*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.11 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: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.12 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the revised previous year's school tax bills, refunding a total of \$5,399.96 in reduction adjustments, and to make the appropriate refund to the property owner, if required.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.13 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the creation of one (1) full-time (1.0 FTE) non-instructional position of Typist/School Monitor, in the Civil Service competitive class, effective September 8, 2015.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.14 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the transfer of Katherine Mustello from Teacher Aide to Typist/School Monitor, effective September 8, 2015, at a salary of Step 11 (\$31,582). This transfer is the result of a desk audit conducted by Dutchess County Personnel and their subsequent reclassification of this Civil Service position from Teacher Aide to Typist/School Monitor.
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

6.15 Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of additional Enrichment Program advisors for Chancellor Livingston Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year. (See attached.)*

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

7.0 Proposed Executive Session

Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 8:54 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

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

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 10:31 pm.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to adjourn at 10:32 pm.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind, Walker); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bovee
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan
Clerk Pro Tempore