

MEMBERS PRESENT: **DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS**
 MARK FLEISCHHAUER
 STEVE JENKINS
 DIANE LYONS
 LIZ RAUM
 JACLYN SAVOLAINEN
 LAURA SCHULKIND

OTHERS PRESENT: **JOSEPH PHELAN**
 THOMAS BURNELL

NOTE: **Prior to the meeting, the Board members participated in the Annual Buildings Tour.**

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Call to Order

President d'Albertis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Raum, Schulkind, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 Principals' Reports

Chancellor Livingston Elementary

Mr. King reported that:

- Approximately 417 students are enrolled at CLS this year (25 new students across the grades)
- K-2 and 3-5 Open House programs began with staff in classrooms. It was very successful. He thanked Mark Fleischhauer and Laura Shulkind for attending in their Capacity as BOE members and addressing the parents.
- CLS Special Areas Harry Potter Character Ed Unit started and will continue through October.
- CLS faculty conferences were being used to discuss and share balanced literacy strategies.
- Pinwheels for Peace took place on the International Day of Peace (September 25, 2017) with all K-5 classes to represent their commitment to

promoting peace within the CLS school community. Each student “planted” their pinwheel.

- The CLS staff is working with the Center for Child Abuse Prevention to provide developmentally appropriate lessons K-5 in December.
- Illustrator Bryan Collier is coming to CLS on November 7th to work with grades 3 – 5.
- Math Night will take place on October 12th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.
- He is meeting with Henry Frischknecht to discuss possible pen pal initiatives with CLS through Culture Connect.

Upcoming Events:

- Culture Connect and the LLL Program – in its 12th year - begins October 3rd.
- Madagascar Day will take place on October 20th, with a Malagasy dance program with 2nd and 8th grades.
- Title I/AIS Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th.

Bulkeley Middle School

Mr. John Kemnitzer wanted to express kudos to Nancy Ebel for being selected as a 2017 Educator of Excellence by the New York State English Council. Ms. Ebel will be honored at an awards luncheon during the NYSEC Conference in Albany in late October.

He also wanted to give kudos to Sheldon Tieder and his crew for the fantastic job they did in preparing the school building for another year.

Mr. King reported:

- BMS current enrollment is 248 students. They gained 17 new students over the summer (Grade 6 – 85 students/Grade 7 - 87 students/Grade 8 – 76 students)
- 6th grade “Walk Your Schedule Night,” for 6th grade students and parents, was well attended. A group of 30 7th and 8th grade students assisted the 6th graders around the school.
- Open house was well attended - 175 welcome packets had been prepared and only had 5 were left over at the end of the night. John gave thanks to Jaclyn Savolainen for attending and representing the Board of Education.
- Beginning the school year, many teachers are anxious to put the products of their summer curriculum into practice. This includes:
 - ELA and Math departments worked in conjunction with the Special Education and AIS teachers to create vertically aligned and articulated exit assessments at each grade level, which will replace the use of NWEA MAP testing.
 - Several 6th grade teachers will begin using the Canvas platform with their students and parents.
 - The Artsonia program to create a district wide online art portfolio for all students K-12 is being piloted at BMS.
 - Tom Blass created has created unique QR codes for every homework assignment which will allow students to link directly to the YouTube videos he has previously created.

- In support of the CDEP plan and the Board's goal regarding social emotional wellness, the 6th grade team has worked to revamp the opening days of school agenda and the pro-social skills lessons taught at the start of the year in an effort to decrease anxiety, build community, and establish positive role models.
- 3rd annual Madagascar Day, a global awareness program working with Dr. Patricia Wright from SUNY StonyBrook, is scheduled for Friday, October 20th.

6th grade – Education. Students will view the movie Island of Lemurs: Madagascar and have the opportunity to learn about the culture and biodiversity of Madagascar from Dr. Wright's doctoral students. Students will then participate in 3 breakout sessions.

7th grade – Creation. The 7th grade program will allow a more direct exchange of ideas and culture with the children in Madagascar through storytelling, music, and theatrical performance. Working with the performers of Zara Aina, students will participate in one of three activities.

8th grade – Community Outreach. Students will participate in one of four service based projects.

- Meetings began last week for extracurricular clubs to identify students and after-school extra help programs. They will be up and running after the 5-week mark.
- This Friday, the BMS Anthropology Club will travel to Bard College to work with Bard Archeology professor, Dr. Charles Lindner, and his students on an archeological dig discovering and studying local Native American artifacts. This will be the first of three trips to Bard to work with the archeology students.

Rhinebeck High School

Dr. Davenport reported that they have 383 students (Grade 9 – 91/Grade 10 – 83/Grade 11 – 101/Grade 12 – 98)

He expressed his thanks to the custodians, summer staff, kitchen and counseling staff for their part in having a very smooth school opening. The building was in pristine condition.

Mr. Burg organized a new student orientation and freshman walk through. Almost two thirds of the 9th grade class attended.

This is the sixth year of the peer mentoring club advised by school social worker Mrs. Rodier. Fifteen peer mentors were trained, who then provided an orientation to new students to the district. There are a total of 50 peer mentors. Students new to our district are paired with a peer mentor, and during the school year, mentors will offer tutoring and will work with students who need support.

As of today, admission representatives from 30 colleges have visited our students in College and Careers classes. These visits will continue throughout the school year.

Academic Updates:

- The English Department will be partnering with Bard College for third year. Ninth grade students will work in small groups with Bard students on a Readers and Writer's workshop.
- English 11 Regents, Photography and Painting students are heading to Olana State Park in Hudson, NY for a field trip on October 21st.
- The Journalism class will be hosting their first press conference on October 2nd.
- The Seal of Biliteracy teacher committee is working on being able to award this seal to the diplomas of this year's graduates who qualify.
- An Activity Fair will be held on Friday, October 6th for students to learn about co-curricular activities. Faculty decided to pilot a monthly activity period schedule to present assembly and other programs for the students. For November, they looking at programs on diversity and positive school culture. December will present an in-school band concert.
- The Drama Club will host a talent show and a non-musical drama performance.
- The Environmental Club has started its fundraiser for the David Sheldrake animal shelter.
- National Honor Society induction ceremony is scheduled to take place on December 11th.

Building Safety Team recommended last spring to expand camera coverage to the inside the building in selected common spaces, including corridors and cafeterias.

Looking ahead:

Open house on Thursday, September 28th.

Senior parent meeting on October 5th at 6:30 pm.

Andy Bennett Tournament on October 6th and 7th

PSAT will be administered at Rhinebeck High School on October 14th.

Ninth and tenth grade parent meeting on October 17th.

4.2 Board Committee Reports (Long Range Planning, Curriculum)*

Long Range Planning Committee: Deirdre d'Albertis highlighted the minutes of the meeting with guest Emily Davison, Director of Special Education. Emily reviewed special education staff utilization in each of the District's schools. She informed the committee about all of the different student needs that they service, i.e., out-of-district placements, home-bound students, home schooled students and other special needs students. They discussed why the special education population is growing and trends for the future.

Curriculum Committee: Laura Schulkind reported that the committee discussed the potential for holding a Board Workshop centered around curriculum planning for the future. As part of the discussion, they will explore state requirements, Rhinebeck requirements, and additional courses offered. Marvin Kreps had researched and discussed technology driven education and all the different

challenges that would need to be considered. Sharing programs and staff between districts was discussed as an option to explore when needs arise.

4.3 +2017 NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions

Mark Fleischhauer (delegate) and Deirdre d'Albertis (alternate delegate) will be voting on behalf of the Rhinebeck Board of Education. The Dutchess County School Boards Association will be discussing NYSSBA Resolutions on October 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Deirdre requested an update from Mark and Joe, who will be attending.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

Laura Schulkind stated we've had a great start to school year.

Deirdre d'Albertis acknowledged that great work is being done and felt privileged to see it first hand with the building tour.

Joseph Phelan reported that Sheldon Tieder's department takes great pride in their work and in making the buildings look great.

Mark Fleischhauer was impressed with the improvement of technology in the tools for cleaning the floors.

5.2 Old Business

Joe Phelan reminded everyone of the upcoming events:

October 19th, 7:00 – 9:30 - Awards for Excellence: Deirdre Burns is being honored.

Joe stated that the administration has expressed interest in going to the event.

Diane Lyons requested a cancellation date for the event because of other obligations.

October 25th, 5:30 – 9:30 - NYSSBA Budget Workshop

October 26th, 7:00 – 9:30 - HV Regional Superintendent and Board of Education dinner. Speakers are Michael Rebell and Giselle Martin-Kniep.

Joe requested that board members let him know by the end of the week if they plan on attending.

5.3 Public Comment

None.

5.4 Other

Joseph Phelan reported that the September meeting with Rhinebeck Mayor and Town Supervisor was canceled due to conflicts that both had in their schedules and that it had been rescheduled for the third week in October.

Mark Fleischhauer informed the Board about Senator Serino's Education Advisory Committee meeting. The Senator provided information on how to submit a claim. Mark feels that we are on top of how to make a claim. The senator is coming to the

next meeting to discuss what unfunded mandates are. Superintendent Phelan stated that many unfunded mandates are worthwhile. The problem is that they don't come with any financial support from the State, so it's not as much a problem with the mandates as it is with the fact they are unfunded yet required. Mark stated they are looking at data collection and how they can streamline the reports to reduce time and money collecting data.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Motion Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools 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 declare the attached items as surplus for disposal.*

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Motion Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the list of additional emergency conditional substitute teachers and non-instructional staff for the 2017-18 school year. (See attached.)*

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

6.3 +Motion Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the voluntary resignation of Terrie Sikula from her position as Monitor, conditional upon her subsequent appointment to the position of Health Aide (6.5 hours per diem), with a 26 week probationary period, effective September 5, 2017, at a salary of Step 3 (\$22,968, pro-rated), in accordance with the ANIE Salary Schedule for 2017-18.*

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

6.4 Motion Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Civil Service appointment of Dawn McNamara to the position of Monitor (3.5 hours per diem), with a 26 week probationary period, effective September 5, 2017, at a salary of Step 1 (\$21,652, pro-rated), in accordance with the ANIE Salary Schedule for 2017-18.*

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

6.5 Motion Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the appointment of additional Enrichment

Program advisors for Chancellor Livingston Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year. (See attached.)*

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.6 Motion** Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve a leave request under the Family and Medical Leave Act from Ashley Wilsey, to commence on or about January 2, 2018, with such leave to be taken as paid medical leave through the period of disability as certified by a physician in writing through February 13, 2018 or thereabouts, to the extent of her accrued sick leave and, thereafter, such leave to be taken as unpaid child care leave if and as requested in writing.*

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.7 *****TABLED********Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint TBD as a .43 FTE Teacher Aide, assigned to a 3 hour per diem position with a Rhinebeck student at Dutchess BOCES, at the pleasure of the Board of Education, at a salary of Step 1 (\$21,652, prorated) effective September 19, 2016 in accordance with the ANIE Salary Schedule for 2017-18.*

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to table Item #6.7.

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.8 +Motion** Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint Vicki Hoener as a part-time Special Education Teacher, assigned to a position with an out-of-district student at the Primrose Hill school on an hourly per diem basis, the cost of which will be billed to the student's home school district, at the pleasure of the Board of Education, at a salary and effective date September 27, 2017, at the rate of \$88.33 per hour, in accordance with the RTA Salary Schedule for 2016-17.

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.9 Motion** Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the donation of miscellaneous used laboratory glassware to the Rhinebeck High School science department from Mr. Peter Grim.

VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

The Board wished to thank Peter Grim for the generous donation.

- 6.10 Motion** Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to accept the donation of 22 hand-sewn “superhero” capes by Mrs. Giovanna Seldin to Mrs. Giamportone’s Kindergarten class for use in the class’s reading program to inspire the love of reading in each student in the class.*.

VOTE: 7 AYE (d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

Deirdre d’Albertis is delighted there are super hero readers in this class. The Board is thankful for the donation.

- 6.11 *****TABLED*****Motion** to approve the 2017-18 Superintendent’s Administrative Goals.

Motion by Shulkind, seconded by Lyons, the Board voted to table Item #6.11.

VOTE: 7 AYE (d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.12 Motion** Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to award the contract for physical therapy to Restore Occupational and Physical Therapy.*

VOTE: 7 AYE (d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.13 Motion** Fleishhauer, seconded by Schulkind, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to award the contract for occupational therapy to Taconic Occupational Therapy.*

VOTE: 7 AYE (d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

7.0 Proposed Executive Session

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 8:49 pm for the purpose of discussion regarding the status of a potential new district employee.

VOTE: 7 AYE (d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Lyons, for Joseph Phelan as clerk pro tempore.

VOTE: 7 AYE (d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, to return to Regular session at 10:17 pm.
VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Schulkind, the Board voted to adjourn at 10:18 pm.
VOTE: 7 AYE (d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Lyons, Jenkins, Schulkind, Raum, Savolainen); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Druker
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan
Clerk Pro Tempore