

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 PRESS, MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC**

1.0 Call to Order

President Fleischhauer called the meeting to order in the High School/Middle School 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 September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting.*

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

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 Principal Reports

Chancellor Livingston Elementary: Mr. King reported that the current enrollment at CLS is 448 students with 79 Kindergarten students starting this year. The staff had a Family Picnic at Wilcox Park which was well attended by staff and their families. Mr. King reported that Mr. Larry Anthony, Director of Food Services, as well as representatives from the PTSO and the RSF, addressed the community during Open House, which was well attended. Mr. King thanked Mrs. Alstadt for inviting graphic novelist and illustrator, Raina Telgemeier, to share her work with students during library assemblies on September 22. CLS students read 161,248 pages during the Library's Summer reading contest. Mr. King shared that the work continues for the STEM lab modules and plans for a Science Night Out in January. In Art, Mrs. Johnson had students make pinwheels to participate in the International Day of Peace. The pinwheels were placed outside in the front of the school.

Bulkeley Middle School: Mr. Kemnitzer reported that the current enrollment at BMS is 272 students. The New Student Orientation was attended by all of the new incoming students to BMS. The Sixth Grade "Walk-through Night" was also very well attended. During Open House, two presentations were offered to parents. Ms. Breger presented information regarding the brain and the learning process in middle

school for 6th grade parents. The School Resource Officers (SRO) spoke about the do's and don'ts of social media for parents of 7th & 8th graders.

Mr. Kemnitzer reported on the many meaningful curriculum projects that the faculty worked on this summer, highlighting the Madagascar curriculum project. The middle school will be involved in Madagascar Awareness Day on the morning of October 10th.

- The 6th grade class will have the opportunity to speak with well-known anthropologists and Stony Brook doctoral students. They will play Malagasy games and learn how their daily lives differ from their counterparts in Madagascar.
- The 7th grade program will allow for a more direct and meaningful exchange of ideas and cultures with the children in Madagascar, while enhancing their understanding of Malagasy culture and the biodiversity of Madagascar.
- The 8th grade class will be taking the project to the community by teaching preschoolers about the culture of Madagascar, creating paper using local flowers (traditional Malagasy folk art), learning traditional Malagasy dances and working with 2nd grade students, and lastly a town art installation using lemurs that were created using the school's 3D printer. Students will paint the lemurs, attach a QR code, and display them throughout town.

The middle school is also working on the plans for upcoming activities like the 6th Grade Circus, the Veteran's Day Assembly, and the Day of Science program at BARD.

Rhinebeck High School: Dr. Davenport reported that the current enrollment for the high school is 394 students. Dr. Davenport stated that the "Walk-through Night" for the 9th grade class was well attended, with 36 peer mentors on hand to help orient new students. The Diversity Club sponsored the screening of the film "Code Yellow: Hospital at Ground Zero". The event was attended by over 60 participants, with a panel discussion following the film in remembrance of the September 11th attacks.

The new Principles of Engineering, Psychology, Anthropology, and Sociology courses are well enrolled. Last year's Spanish 5 class helped to translate the CLS Student Handbook to Spanish. The high school had one semi-finalist and four commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program and thirty-six students were named AP scholars.

4.2 Board Committee Reports **Policy Committee**

Ms. Rosenthal reported that the Policy Committee identified topics of discussion for the 2014-15 school year as follows: (1) continued review of District policies; (2) potential addition of policies relating to wireless usage and safeguarding student data; (3) new policies relating to meal charges, use of District property, and staff complaints; and (4) review of existing policies identified as requiring possible revision.

The Board had a short discussion on AIDS instruction for students K-12 outlined in Policy #4315. The Board discussed Policy #4322 relating to the gifted/talented program. Mr. Phelan stated that the District does not have a pull-out “Gifted and/or Talented Program” per se, but provides various opportunities for enrichment activities at the elementary school and accelerated programs at the middle and high schools that are offered to all students.

Facilities Committee

Ms. d’Albertis reported that the Facilities Committee, along with the rest of the Board, toured the facilities today with Mr. Tieder. Mr. Burnell presented a proposed revised schedule for building use fees to be presented to the Board at a future date. The District may wish to revise the rate for not-for-profit groups from outside the District that request to use District facilities as well as requests regarding the thrust stage.

The committee has begun discussing developing a potential capital project referendum. Mr. Phelan updated the committee on the solar panel review. After some research, the District received mixed reviews from the company that gave the presentation. In the meantime, we are waiting to hear the status of our application for participation with NYSERDA in a solar panel project.

Ms. Rosenthal asked for clarification on the over encumbered funds discussion within the Finance Committee. Ms. Burns replied that the District was short about \$70,000 with regard to the wireless project and the Finance Committee discussed potential financing options.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

Ms. Burns expressed her gratitude to Pat Wright and Susan Cummings Findel for their work with the District relating to Madagascar. The Board looks forward to the October 10 program at the middle school. Mr. Phelan added that it is hoped the District can sustain the half day Madagascar program each year.

Ms. d’Albertis expressed how wonderful it was to see all the students and families participate in the PTSO “Back to School” picnic.

Ms. Rosenthal reminded the Board that the ribbon cutting/open house for the new STEM Lab at CLS will be in January.

Ms. Burns stated that Rhinebeck Athletics has a new Twitter account and that it is a wonderful way to keep up with the scores. Mr. Phelan added that Mr. Jensen is working on creating a Twitter account for all other non-athletic Rhinebeck CSD news.

Mr. Phelan shared that Rhinebeck High School was recognized by Newsweek and the Daily Beast as one of the top high schools in the country.

Mr. Walker shared that he completed Board Member training with NYSSBA and found the information very valuable.

5.2 Old Business

Mrs. Lyons asked for an update regarding the idea of changing the school start time. Although superintendents are discussing this issue at the county level, she suggested the District find out what the interest is locally. Mr. Phelan shared that the Superintendent of Red Hook CSD is having a local psychologist, Dr. Susan Button, review the research and present her findings to the superintendents at their October meeting. Mr. Phelan suggested that the Board wait until the presentation to discuss this issue again.

5.3 Public Comment

None

5.4 Other

Ms. Schulkind asked how the District is using the teacher evaluations to improve instruction using the Danielson rubric. Mr. Phelan replied that the rubric has, in many ways, created positive opportunities for conversations between teachers and principals. Although the State is using the numbers to evaluate teachers, the Danielson rubric was not intended to be used in that way. Originally, the Danielson rubric was to be used to improve instruction, not to rate teachers.

Ms. Lyons requested information regarding the DCSBA by-law changes. Mr. Phelan and Ms. Rosenthal attended the meeting and agreed that the proposed changes to the by-laws would not significantly impact the District.

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 declare the attached items as surplus for disposal.*

6.1.2 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Treasurer's Reports (General Fund, August 2014; Extra Classroom Fund, August 2014).*

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 approve the selection of the following textbooks: Anthropology – Window on Humanity - Kottak (6th edition) (McGraw-Hill, 2014); Sociology – Sociology and You - Shepherd (McGraw-Hill, 2014).

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

Prior to the vote, Ms. Rosenthal expressed her pleasure in seeing the research and analysis that went into the choice of textbooks.

- 6.3 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Amie Worley as a long-term substitute in the position of Grade 7 Science Teacher at the Bulkeley Middle School, at the pleasure of the Board, effective September 9, 2014 through June 24, 2015, at the salary of MA Step 1+29 (\$59,536 prorated), in accordance with the 2014-15 RTA Salary Schedule. This appointment is to fill the vacancy created by the leave of absence granted to Patricia Danneman, Science Teacher at the Bulkeley Middle School School.*

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

Ms. Burns stated how fortuitous it is for the District that Ms. Worley has a primatology background.

- 6.4 Motion** by Burns, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept the donation of AED instruction equipment and supplies from the Rhinebeck Heart Safe Club. (See attached.)*

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

Prior to the vote, Ms. Burns expressed her gratitude to the Rhinebeck Heart Safe Club for their generous donation of equipment.

- 6.5 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 non-instructional staff for the 2014-15 school year. (See attached.)*

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 Richard Zipp, in the administrative position of Director of Special Education, in the Director of Special Education tenure area, effective October 1, 2014, and may be revoked by the Board of Education until that time.

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

6.7 ******Tabled****** **Motion** to approve the 2014-15 Superintendent's Administrative Goals.

Motion by Schulkind, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to TABLE Item 6.7 to allow Board members additional time to review the 2014-15 Superintendent's Administrative Goals.

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 8:45 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons.

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 9:43 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 9:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bovee
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan
Clerk Pro Tempore