

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DEIRDRE BURNS
DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS
MARK FLEISCHHAUER
STEVE JENKINS
DIANE LYONS
LISA ROSENTHAL (arrived at 7:50 pm)
LAURA SCHULKIND**

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 Call to Order

President Fleischhauer called the meeting to order in the RHS/BMS Library at 7:32 pm.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting*

VOTE: 5 AYE (Burns, d'Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons);

0 NAY; 1 ABSTAIN (Schulkind); 1 ABSENT (Rosenthal)

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 2017-18 Budget Development Update*

Superintendent Phelan reported that the District is currently looking at a \$585,000 gap between the current proposed budget and the tax levy work. The District's goal is to work with potential reductions in the draft budget to get to that threshold. It will be difficult to reduce the budget by such a large gap without impacting staffing and programs. The District is focusing on reducing costs without eliminating programs completely. The District is looking at moving staff around, reducing professional development funds, reduction of staffing during the summer, cutting athletic placeholders for teams we are not running, and cutting back on small classes. Due to the nature of the proposed staffing cuts, additional discussion will be had during executive session. Superintendent Phelan reminded the Board and audience that should the District not reduce the budget by \$585,000, it would mean that we would be required to go out to the community requesting a budget approval in excess of the tax cap.

Lisa Rosenthal arrived.

For the benefit of students in the room and people watching, Superintendent Phelan explained voting procedures should the District propose a budget that exceeds the tax levy cap.

Tom Burnell reported that historically, there has been no change to the state aid formulas and does not expect that to change this year. The District is expecting \$18,000 in foundation aid. The Board discussed the combined wealth ratio (50% wealth and 50% property) and how it impacts the District.

4.2 2017-18 Draft School District Calendar*

Superintendent Phelan reported that the proposed school calendar looks the same as in the past except the Wednesday before thanksgiving has been added. The calendar shows two regents rating days (set by the State) due to a Muslim holiday.

**4.3 Board Committee Reports (Facilities, Finance, Personnel, School Start Time)*
Facilities Committee**

Lisa Rosenthal reported that the memo from Rich Michel referenced in the minutes did not make it into packet and will be circulated as soon as it is received from him. The project is on target as far as timing projections. The schematics are in good shape and is being shared within all the groups involved. The Committee discussed the scope of the base bid for paving of the parking area; and the scheduling of the athletic fields renovations. The fields will need two growing seasons before they can be used. The CLS curtain wall work has been moved from summer 2019 to summer through mid-fall 2018. Preliminary design work on the science labs has been done.

Finance Committee

Diane Lyons reported that the Finance Committee discussed the cafeteria running at a loss partly due to a freezer replacement. Although the program is doing very well, the Committee discussed other possibilities in light of the current financial climate. Tom Burnell reported that he projects that the District will underspend this year by \$1,207,319 which is consistent with past years. The Board had a brief discussion on spending 97% vs. 98% of the budget each year in order to replenish the fund balance for emergencies and give the District more stability.

Personnel Committee

Laura Schulkind reported that the Personnel Committee discussed upcoming negotiations to be further discussed at executive session

School Start Time Sub-Committee

Deirdre d'Albertis reported that the School Start Time Sub-Committee discussed the slightly shifted timeline on its recommendation to the Board for Board action/vote on the SST pilot program. Based on parent and teacher surveys, the response has been overwhelmingly positive. A comprehensive overview of the data

will be made available to the public on the district website and in a newsletter in April.

4.4 Nominations for Dutchess BOCES Board*

The Board did not have any nominations to submit for the Dutchess BOCES Board.

4.5 2017-18 BOCES Budget Presentations*

Superintendent Phelan reported that Dr. Hooley offered to present the BOCES budget to the Board at a regular Board meeting. The Board accepted his invitation.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

Deirdre d'Albertis expressed gratitude for so many students in the audience. Superintendent Phelan acknowledged the Boys' Basketball team and coaches who represented our district well during the sectional competition. The Alliance for Quality Education had a good turnout with several board members and teachers supporting the event. Deirdre d'Albertis wished to thank her colleagues on the Board for participating with Bard students on what it takes to run for school board. President Fleischhauer and Superintendent Phelan were invited to present at the Dutchess County School Boards Association.

5.2 Old Business

None

5.3 Public Comment

None

5.4 Other

Superintendent Phelan reported that the District has used three of the remaining snow days left on this school year's calendar. Should the District not use any more snow days by Spring break, he's proposing that the District use one of the days the Monday after break and save the last one for Memorial Day weekend.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Motion by d'Albertis, 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 accept the resignation of Jan Bonanza, JV Boys lacrosse coach, effective February 23, 2017.*

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

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

6.2 Motion by d’Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept donations from the Rhinebeck PTSO in the total amount of \$2,603.52, as stipulated. (See attached.)*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

6.3 Motion by d’Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept a grant from the Rhinebeck Science Foundation to fund the public viewing of the documentary film, “Screenagers,” submitted by the Rhinebeck School District Health and Wellness Committee, in the total amount of \$650, as stipulated. (See attached.)*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

The Board wished to thank the Rhinebeck Science Foundation for their generous donation.

6.4 Motion by d’Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Jennifer Raymo to conduct Athletic Placement Process testing for the 2016-17 spring sports season, as necessary.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

6.5 +Motion by d’Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the emergency conditional appointments and amended emergency conditional appointments (#) of additional Spring coaches/advisors for the 2016-17 school year:

Softball: Modified	Henry Frischknecht #	\$2,365
Lacrosse: JV	Sean Gilbane #	\$2,837
Crew: Girls’/Boys’ Novice	Casey Heady #	\$3,136
Varsity Track (Throwing, Pole Vault)	Ryan Cimorelli #	\$4,032
Softball: Varsity Volunteer Assistant	David Booz	---
Baseball: Varsity Volunteer Assistant	Jeff Cassens	---
Baseball: Varsity Volunteer Assistant	Mike Denatale	---
Baseball: JV	Todd Martin	\$2,837
Baseball: Modified	TBA	\$2,308
Softball: JV	TBA	\$2,837*

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

- 6.6 Motion** by Rosenthal, seconded by Lyons, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to appoint Whitney Druker to the part-time position of Personnel Assistant, effective February 28, 2017, at a salary of \$20.00 per hour for 3.5 hours per day as amended*
- VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**
- MOTION CARRIED**

The motion was amended to correct Whitney Druker’s name by removing the “c” in Drucker.

- 6.7 Motion** by d’Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted that the Board of Education award the Infrared Roof Moisture Survey RFP award to Roof Scan, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, d’Albertis, Fleischhauer, Jenkins, Lyons, Rosenthal, Schulkind); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**
- MOTION CARRIED**

- 6.8 Motion** by d’Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Foundation Aid was established in 2007 in order to help provide a sound basic education to all students; and

Whereas, the Foundation Aid formula has not been fully funded since 2009; and

Whereas, New York State is underfunding Foundation Aid by more than \$4 billion; and

Whereas, school districts have been left without a school funding system that accurately reflects changes in enrollment, student need and district wealth; and

Whereas, such a proposal would make permanent the underfunding of Foundation Aid that impacts hundreds of districts statewide; and

Whereas, school districts deserve a funding system that provides adequacy, equity, flexibility, predictability and clarity;

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Board of Education calls on the State Assembly and the State Senate to reject the proposed repeal of the Foundation Aid formula and instead commit to full funding of the formula over the next three years.

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

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.9 Motion** by d’Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted approve the list of additional emergency conditional substitute teachers and non-instructional staff for the 2016-17 school year.*

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

7.0 Proposed Executive Session

Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:05 pm for the purpose of discussing **personnel matters.**

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

Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board appointed Joseph Phelan as Clerk Pro Tempore.

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

Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 11:06 pm.

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

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by d'Albertis, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to adjourn at 11:07 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Torres
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan
Clerk Pro Tempore