

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting/Board of Canvassers
May 19, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Minutes No. 24

May 19, 2021

Present: President Young, Vice President Linderman, Secretary Sandell, Board Member Cheatham, Board Member Hare, Board Member Kershaw, Board Member Lambalzer, Board Member Pratt, and Board Member Tobin – 9.

Board President Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

No. 678 On motion by Board Member Linderman, seconded by Board Member Sandell, the Board moved into executive session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- to review the employment history for reasons of dismissal for one LASA member;
- to review employment qualifications for three DEI program positions;
- to review a litigation notification from STA/RRE;
- student needs protected under FERPA as they relate to transportation were discussed.

– Ayes 9.

No. 679 On motion by Board Member Hare, seconded by Board Member Tobin, the Board moved out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. – Ayes 9.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Young.

MISSION STATEMENT

Honoring the Lockport High School Class of 2021 Top Ten Students. The following teachers spoke on behalf of the top ten students:

Kelly Brandel for Rebecca Cioara – Valedictorian
Kelly Dry for Liberty Wendt – Salutatorian
Anna Barrett for Delaney Adams – ranked third
Julie Kwoka for Jessica McClain – ranked fourth
Martha LaPoint for Jack Marso – ranked fifth
Heather Eusanio for Hannah Eisenhauer – ranked sixth
Valerie Hamluk for Emma Fitch – ranked seventh
Hollie Vaeth for Emma Cain – ranked eighth
Stephen Jarosch for Jordan Heburn – ranked ninth
Erika O'Brien for Hayley Robinson – ranked tenth

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Lisa Schrader, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2021-2022 Code of Conduct as required by the State Education Department.

President Young opened the Public Forum.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CODE OF CONDUCT HEARING

There were no emails/comments.

PUBLIC FORUM - Agenda Items

There were no emails/comments.

DISCUSSION

Facility Use Update during COVID-19

No. 680 On motion by Board Member Pratt, seconded by Board Member Linderman, the proposed agenda was approved – Ayes 9.

No. 681 On motion by Board Member Sandell, seconded by Board Member Kershaw, the minutes for the Work Session Meeting of April 14, 2021, Regular Meeting of April 21, 2021, and the Special Meeting of April 27, 2021 were approved – Ayes 9.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Pursuant to Article 53, Section 2610, Subdivision 4, of the State Education Law, the Board of Education met for the purpose of determining, declaring, and certifying in the manner provided by law, who, by the highest number of votes was duly elected to the Board of Education of Lockport, New York, at the school election held May 18, 2021, and the results of the voting on Proposition 1 pertaining to the School District Budget and Proposition 2 pertaining to the Bond Resolution.

The Clerk presented a statement of the votes filed at her office by the election inspectors. The Board proceeded to canvass the statement of returns and found them as follows:

District	Proposition 1		Proposition 2	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	46	14	47	13
2	111	37	105	41
3	19	13	19	13
4	66	32	64	34
5	54	37	58	33
6	222	72	227	65
TOTAL	518	205	520	199

District	John A. Linderman	Michael P. Ferraro	Kristina M. Schutt
	1	46	43
2	116	111	117
3	25	25	22
4	72	61	68
5	66	57	62
6	232	221	219
TOTAL	557	518	529

No. 682 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

WHEREAS, Section 2610, Subdivision 4, of the Education Law provides that where more than one office is to be filled by such election and there is a variance in the length of terms for which such offices are to be filled as authorized by this chapter, or where one or more persons are to be elected for a full term or terms and one or more persons are to be elected for the unexpired portion of a term or terms or both, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be entitled to the longest term, and the candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be entitled, in decreasing order of the length of such terms or unexpired portion of terms, and

WHEREAS, a canvass of the votes cast at the school election held May 18, 2021, as reported by the Election Inspectors, shows that John A. Linderman received the highest number of votes cast, Kristina M. Schutt received the next highest number of votes cast, and Michael P. Ferraro received the next highest number of votes cast,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That John A. Linderman, Kristina M. Schutt, and Michael P. Ferraro received the highest, next highest, and next highest number of votes cast, be and hereby are declared elected Trustees of the City School District of the City of Lockport, New York, for a period of three years, effective July 1, 2021.

Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 683 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

WHEREAS, the canvass of votes cast on the Budget Vote held May 18 2021, as reported by the Election Inspectors, shows that Proposition 1 is passed as follows:

Passed:

PROPOSITION 1 – 2021-2022 EXPENDITURE BUDGET:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the City School District of the City of Lockport for the year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$110,172,074, for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and the necessary amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of tax upon the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Passed:

PROPOSITION 2 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT-2021

Shall the following bond resolution of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lockport be approved, to-wit:

A bond resolution, dated March 24, 2021, of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lockport, Niagara County, New York (the "District"), authorizing the District (1) to undertake (subject to the approval of the voters of the District) a Capital Improvements Project consisting of the reconstruction and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to, various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof (collectively, the "Project"), at an estimated maximum cost of \$22,941,000; (2) to expend or apply toward the Project \$3,167,000 from the District's Capital Improvements Reserve Fund - 2014; and (3) to issue serial bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,774,000 to finance the balance of the cost of the Project, and delegating the power to issue Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to the president of the Board of Education of the District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby acknowledges and accepts the results of this School District Budget Vote.

Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the corporate seal of the said Board of Education to be affixed hereunto this 19th day of May, 2021.

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(SEAL)

No. 684 On motion of Board Member Tobin, seconded by Board Member Kershaw, the Board as a Board of Canvassers adjourned at 9:40 p.m. - 9 Ayes

Attest: _____
 Secretary Clerk

No. 685 On Motion by Board Member Tobin
 RESOLVED: That the Board of Education receive and file the treasurers' reports for Lockport City School District for March 2021 and March 2021 for Lockport Public Library as attached.
 Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 686 On Motion by Board Member Tobin
 RESOLVED: That the Board of Education receive the Certification of Warrant Reports from the Claims Auditor for the periods ending April 30, 2021 as listed below:

	Accounts Payable	General Ledger
	Cash Disbursements	Cash Disbursements
	4/01 - 4/30/2021	4/01 - 4/30/2021
General Fund	\$ 2,170,228.42	\$4,521,753.52
School Lunch Fund	257,264.60	
Federal Fund	98,287.76	
Capital Fund	<u>50,350.00</u>	
Total	\$ 2,576,130.78	<u>\$4,521,753.52</u>

Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 687 On Motion by Board Member Tobin
 RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorize year end budgetary transfers for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with external audit preparation and finalization for individual account codes which exceeded the original appropriated amount.
 Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 688 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education does hereby approve the third Amendment to the Partnerships Agreement for UPK Services with YWCA of Niagara, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contract be amended to reflect the 2020-2021 student enrollment that was lower than what was allocated as allowable by New York State Education Department (approximately 77% of total student capacity), the UPK contract will be reduced by \$70,045.00, resulting in a new total contract amount of \$497,192.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all other contract terms not specifically addressed herein shall continue in full force and effect in this contract,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the amended agreement. Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 689 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education does hereby approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Contract for Transition Services with Judy Arlington, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contract be amended to reflect the addition of enhanced services and to allow current contracted services to be conducted outside of school hours to allow time for enhanced duties during the school day at a fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per hour for enhanced services, not to exceed five (5) hour per week commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all other contract terms not specifically addressed herein shall continue in full force and effect in this contract,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the amended agreement. Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 690 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education does hereby approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Contract for Speech Therapy Services with Pamela Juron, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contract be amended to reflect the addition of services due to a staff shortage at a fee of forty-four dollars (\$44.00) per hour for additional services, not to exceed twenty (20) hour per week commencing May 10, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all other contract terms not specifically addressed herein shall continue in full force and effect in this contract,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the amended agreement. Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 691 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education does hereby approve Amendment No. 2 to the 2018 Energy Performance Contract Agreement with Siemens Industry, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Amendment amends and modifies Exhibits B of the original 2018 Energy Performance Contract that was board approved on February 28, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all other contract terms not specifically addressed herein shall continue in full force and effect in this contract,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the amended agreement.

Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

No. 692 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

A2250-472-24-0000 A2250-400-24-0000 \$49,338.10 Increase for Rehab Associates Contract for additional services.

A2250-472-24-0000 A2250-471-24-0000 \$96,000.00 PO's transfer to different account for Buffalo Public & Pembroke Public from privacy agency line.

Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 9.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

No. 693 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Jill Kent, science teacher, as a teacher mentor to Erik Baillie at a stipend of \$70 per month for a total of ten months be approved, effective May 1, 2021.

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 694 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following student teacher for the 2020/2021 school year be approved. There shall be no compensation for this appointment.

Shelby Krawczyk

RBK

Niagara University/Tracia McKissic

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 695 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Richard Russell as certified substitute teacher at the rate of \$16.77 per hour be approved, effective September 1, 2021.

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 696 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Brianna Gauthier, 819 South Huth Road, Cheektowaga, New York, 14225, as uncertified substitute teacher at the rate of \$14.60 per hour, substitute teaching assistant and substitute teacher aide at the rate of \$12.50 per hour be approved, effective May 21, 2021.

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 697 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the request for an unpaid child rearing leave of absence for Rebecca Rudz be approved, effective on/about December 1, 2021 through on/about February 7, 2022.

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 698 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the request for an unpaid child rearing leave of absence for Jennifer Rubert be approved, effective on/about October 20, 2021 through on/about November 17, 2021.

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 699 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following LEA teacher members to the grade 1-6 summer extended learning program be approved, effective June 28, 2021. Teachers will be paid based on the hourly rate of their 2021/2022 annual salary.

a) Nicole Mack

classroom teacher

AM

b) Chris Graziano	classroom teacher	AM
c) Robert Carlin	classroom teacher	CU
d) Bea Mattina	classroom teacher	CU
e) Jill Nemi Enderton	classroom teacher	CU
f) Jennifer Striffler	classroom teacher	CU
g) Margaret Janus	classroom teacher	GS
h) Tiffany Ellis	classroom teacher	GS
i) Kelli Cala	classroom teacher	GS
j) Paul Zuccari	classroom teacher	GS
k) Kristin Duffy	classroom teacher	GS
l) Jennifer Rubert	classroom teacher	RBK
m) Erin Fritz	classroom teacher	RBK
n) Lynn Dockery	classroom teacher	RBK
o) Sharon Saraf	classroom teacher	RBK
p) Amanda Criddle	classroom teacher	RBK
q) Lisa Madden	classroom teacher	RBK
r) Tammy Whissel	classroom teacher	RBK
s) Margot Bailey	classroom teacher	RBK
t) Ray Gueli	classroom teacher	EB
u) Tanya Reese	classroom teacher	EB
v) Lynn Simonian	classroom teacher	EB
w) Amy Hill	classroom teacher	EB
x) Marla Sparks	teacher leader	RBK
y) Kelli Cala	teacher leader	GS
z) Jill Nemi Enderton	teacher leader	CU

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 700 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following non-LEA teacher staff members to the grade 1-6 summer extended learning program be approved at the rate indicated below, effective July 1, 2021. The rate will be prorated as needed based on time worked.

a) Francesca Surace	classroom teacher	AM	\$2,193
b) Wynter Dumont	classroom teacher	AM	\$2,193
c) Isabella Dockery	classroom teacher	AM	\$2,193
d) Christine Derby Cuadrado	classroom teacher	AM	\$2,193
e) Whitney Atkins	classroom teacher	AM	\$2,193
f) Brianna Gauthier	classroom teacher	CU	\$2,193
g) Abbie Welch	classroom teacher	CU	\$2,193
h) Ryan O'Shea	classroom teacher	GS	\$2,193
i) Marsha Nevins	classroom teacher	RBK	\$2,193
j) Pauline Anderson	classroom teacher	EB	\$2,193
k) Silvana Bonura	classroom teacher	EB	\$2,193
l) Martha Craig	classroom teacher	EB	\$2,193
m) Chelsey Barter	classroom teacher	EB	\$2,193
n) Ryan Caisse	classroom teacher	EB	\$2,193
o) Emily Corieri	classroom teacher	EB	\$2,193
p) Kathleen Klapp	logistics facilitator	AM	\$1,440
q) Kathy Granchelli	logistics facilitator	CU	\$1,440
r) Rose Lutz	logistics facilitator	RBK	\$1,440
s) Cheryl Connolly	logistics facilitator	EB	\$1,440

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 701 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following LEA teacher members to the grade 7-9 summer extended learning program be approved, effective July 1, 2021. Teachers will be paid based on the hourly rate of their 2021/2022 annual salary.

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| a) Jamie Schragel | English Teacher |
| b) Heather Eusanio | English Teacher |
| c) Kilee Brown | English Teacher |
| d) Nicolette Navarro | English Teacher |
| e) Adam Corry | English Teacher |
| f) Jeffrey Schmidt | Mathematics Teacher |
| g) Sarah Gow | Mathematics Teacher |

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 702 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following non-LEA teacher members to the grade 7-9 summer extended learning program be approved, effective July 1, 2021. The rate will be prorated based on time worked.

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| a) Kyle VanSchoonhoven | English Teacher | \$1,736 |
| b) Chelsea Williams | English Teacher | \$1,736 |
| c) Marissa Marfurt | Mathematics Teacher | \$1,736 |
| d) Jessica Mullane | Mathematics Teacher | \$1,736 |
| e) Quiorang Zhang | Mathematics Teacher | \$1,736 |
| f) Anna D’Aloise | Mathematics Teacher | \$1,736 |
| g) Erin Miles | Special Education Teacher | \$1,736 |

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 703 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the resignation for purposes of retirement for Curt Nighswander, assistant custodian, be accepted, effective end of day on August 10, 2021.

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 704 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the recommendation for tenure for the following professional staff members be approved, effective July 1, 2021, unless otherwise indicated.

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| a) Bernadette Smith | Principal |
| b) Sheila Murphy | Director of Student Services |
| c) Rebecca Allen | Special Education Teacher (July 10, 2021) |

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 705 On Motion by Board Member Linderman

RESOLVED: That the resignation of Rachel Cammilleri, School Secretary I, be accepted, effective May 20, 2021.

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

No. 706 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Lockport City School District hereby approves the resignation agreement between the District, the Lockport School Administrators and Supervisors Association, and James Snyder.

Seconded by Board Member Pratt – Ayes 9.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES MATTERS

No. 707 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the Physical Education and Athletics Plan be approved.

Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 9.

SPECIAL EDUCATION MATTERS

No. 708 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

RESOLVED: That the minutes from the Committee on Preschool Special Education meetings of April 20, 22, 26, 28; May 4, 6, 7, 2021 were approved as attached.

Seconded by Board Member Sandell – Ayes 9.

No. 709 On Motion by Board Member Tobin

RESOLVED: That the minutes from the Committee on Special Education meetings of March 11, 12, 18, 24, 29, 30, 31; April 1, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 2021 were approved as attached.

Seconded by Board Member Sandell – Ayes 9.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – May 2021

Trustee Hare reported on several Legislative updates:

Bills Awaiting Signature by the Governor

- **S1239/A5127** Relates to allowing the administration of prescribed glucagon or epinephrine auto injectors in emergency situations by trained unlicensed school personnel. **Passed both Senate and Assembly. Not yet delivered to Governor.**

Bills to Watch

- **S6382A/A7120A** Extends certain provisions relating to implementation of the federal individuals with disabilities education improvement act of 2004. **Passed Assembly (5/11/21), Passed Senate Disabilities Committee and now on floor calendar.**
- **S5743A/A6528A** Provides that a student whose parent or guardian is being relocated to the state under military orders and is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state shall be deemed to be a resident pupil of a school district for the purposes of enrollment; makes related provisions. **Passed Assembly Education Committee (5/12/21), in Senate Education Committee.**
- **S1925/A3093** Relates to adding additional factors that should be considered when determining if a child safety zone should be considered hazardous. **Passed Senate, referred from Education to Ways and Means in Assembly (5/12/21).**
- **S5576A/A6750** Relates to the granting of tenure to probationary classroom teachers or building principals; provides that no school district shall complete an annual professional performance review for the 2020-2021 school year. **Passed Senate (5/10/21), passed Assembly Education Committee (5/12/21).**
- **S4243/A6210** Establishes the tax certiorari stabilization reserve fund to reserve against, lessen or prevent increases in the school district's real property tax levy and/or tax rate resulting from decreases in revenue or taxes or a significant shift in tax liability due to tax certiorari settlement or judgment; defines terms; makes related provisions. **Passed Senate Education Committee (5/11/21), in Assembly Education Committee.**
- **S3682/A7339** Directs the Commissioner of education to study and report on the provision of services to public school students in grades 8 through 12 by guidance counselors. **Passed Senate (5/4/21), referred to Assembly Education Committee (5/5/21).**
- **S4650** Allows for unlicensed personnel to administer seizure rescue medication in schools. **Passed Senate Education Committee (5/11/21), no corresponding bill introduced yet in Assembly.**
- **S5268/A6754** Allows for reimbursement of school districts for the purchase or lease of electric school buses. Initially **referred to Senate Education Committee (3/1/21) and now in Senate Finance Committee (5/11/21), referred to Assembly Education Committee (3/29/21).**

- **S392/A710** Requires nonpublic and private elementary and secondary schools to require their prospective employees to submit fingerprints for the purpose of criminal background checks. **In Senate Finance Committee and Assembly Education Committee. No recent movement.**
- **S572/A5142** Relates to special act school districts and special education; authorizes boards of education of special act school districts to establish fiscal stabilization reserve funds. **Passed Senate. In Assembly Ways and Means Committee. No recent movement.**
- **S2687/A945** Authorizes school districts to enter into a lease outside of such school district. **Passed Senate, in Assembly Education Committee. No recent movement.**
- **S3184/A5180** Relates to ensuring all children have access to the delivery of technology through high-quality broadband internet connectivity. In Senate and Assembly Committees. **In Senate Finance Committee and Assembly Education Committee. No recent movement.**
- **S4315/A4820** Relates to eligible purchases by school lunch service programs receiving additional state subsidies. Permits a school food authority to attribute moneys spent on purchases of food products from New York State farmers, growers, producers or processors made for its school breakfast program to the thirty percent of costs for school lunch service programs. **Passed Senate Education Committee (3/2/21) and referred to Senate Finance Committee, and in Assembly Education Committee.**
- **S4561/A5404** Relates to the reimbursement for certain lunch meals served during the declared COVID-19 state of emergency. **Passed Senate Education Committee (3/2/21) and referred to Senate Finance Committee, and in Assembly Education Committee.**
- **S2287/A6751** Requires public schools to provide at least one flavored milk option at scheduled meal periods. **In Senate and Assembly Education Committees.**
- **S4605/A6795** Amends New York State college tuition savings program to have the program also apply to elementary and secondary schools. **In Senate and Assembly Committees.**
- **A6864** Provides for health education pertaining to cannabis in all schools. **In Assembly Education Committee, no similar bill in Senate.**
- **A6505** Requires the commissioner of education to promulgate regulations that provide for the immediate decertification of any teacher who is convicted of a felony under NY law or any offense under the law of another jurisdiction that would be a felony under NY law. **In Assembly Education Committee, no similar bill in Senate.**

Bills to Watch

- **S2555/A6771** Establishes a task force on educator diversity in New York State to study the presence of educator diversity. **Passed Senate (2/3/21), in Assembly Education Committee.**
- **S531/A503** Directs the commission of education to conduct a study regarding the assistance needed to encourage women and minorities to pursue technology careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Up for Senate floor vote after Senate Education Committee passed it. Still sitting in Assembly Economic Development Committee. **Passed Senate Education Committee but no Senate floor vote, in Assembly Economic Development Committee (5/14/21).**
- **S1100/A4689** Relates to developing grown your own initiatives at school districts, boards of cooperative educational services and higher education institutions. Has been introduced once before. **Passed Senate (2/3/21) and amended in Assembly Education Committee (4/6/21). No movement.**

Impact of Virtual Education

- **A6419** Enacts the “VIP Program”; establishes a virtual inclusion plan grant fund which will give grants to schools to implement technologies allowing for critically ill students to continue to maintain their studies while unable to attend class; makes a five hundred thousand dollar appropriate therefore. **In Assembly Education Committee, no similar bill in Senate.**
- **S6284/A6440** Requires that the same educational requirements shall apply for students who require nursing services as for general education students; provides that nursing services may be delivered to students with disabilities through electronic communication or a virtual or online platform or in the home of the student. **In Senate and Assembly Education Committees.**

Elections and Voting

- **S912/A5829** Establishes a school voter registration access program. Has been introduced once before. **Passed Senate (2/22/21) and in Assembly Education Committee. No recent movement.**
- **S546** Relates to student governments in secondary schools. Has once before been introduced. **Passed Senate and delivered to Assembly. Not yet taken up by any Assembly committee. No recent movement.**

Miscellaneous

- **S4781A** Requires a principal, superintendent or a principal's or superintendent's designee to notify law enforcement if they believe a hate crime is occurring. Has been introduced several other years. **In Senate Education Committee. No movement in Assembly.**
- **S311** Directs the commissioner of education to study and report on the provision of services to public school students

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Young commented on the following: thanked everyone who came out to vote; welcome back John Linderman and welcome to the new board members, Michael Ferraro and Christine Schutt; thanked Deborah Coder, Laurie Banko, and Karen Schleicher for their hard work on the election; next week will be four days a week for grades 5-12—please be patient; congratulations to all of our students for accomplishing great things.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Board members discussed/commented on the following topics: thanked everyone who participated in the mission statement presentation for the top ten students; congratulated the top ten students and was disappointed they couldn't be at the board meeting; they are our leaders of the future; amazed by their memories; thanked teachers and nurses for their amazing work this year; congratulations to John Linderman, Michael Ferraro, and Christine Schutt; a lot of unrest in the community; need teachers of color...it is a disservice to all students; hope we can move forward with change.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Superintendent Bradley commented on the following topics: thanked everyone who came out to vote; congratulated the board members who were voted in for next year; thanked Ms. Coder, Mrs. Banko, and Mrs. Schleicher; thanked Audit Committee Chair Kevin Pratt and the Audit Committee for the budget; thanked Facilities Committee Chair Edward Sandell and the Facilities Committee for their hard work on the capital project; NPJHS—*High School Musical Jr.* will be livestreamed; recognized Heather McClain for receiving Administrator of the Year from the WNY Administrators Group.

PUBLIC FORUM – General Interest

There were two emails that were read at the Board of Education meeting:

The first email is as follows verbatim:

To the Board of Lockport School District

My name is Teria Young.

I just wanna put Lockport School District on notice, I don't agree with the school to prison pipeline environment you are trying to create!!! Yes a armed officers at the entryways along with the metal detectors is fine, but loading the schools with armed civilians or police is not acceptable!!! It's traumatizing to our African American students who have a well deserved distrust from the police and our kids have a right to be educated with out these feelings

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of anxiety, stress and all these emotions that come with that!!! So you need to come to the table with a solution because this current budget that includes funds for this is unacceptable!!! I'm all for security and safety!!! Lockport is unique is that we have 3 police departments in minutes from our schools. Lockport City Police, State Troopers and Sheriffs you can't get no safer than that, especially a school district with no incidents.

And this district is hiring. No longer will you post positions and act like you are interviewing candidates when you already have the person you wanna to hire, lined up. And I'm speaking facts. I know several candidates that have applied for positions without even getting an interview. Trust when I state something I have facts, I've done my research.

We want inclusion and diversity. We want our children needs and concerns addressed too.

Sincerely,

The Mother of an Black Son

I am tired of this district lip service you look us in our faces and you act like you understand and care . And than you do nothing !!! I will hold you accountable. No longer will you just give me lip service. I want action.

I just want to state again , I don't want any armed nothing, that includes ex police , police or civilian in the school with my son .

And no I'm not Anit-Police, my son is graduating on May 20 from Basic training as a Military Police Officer , with the intention of becoming a State Trooper . I encourage my kids to be the change they wanna see.

In light of The George Floyd trial , the issues here with Troy Hodges . The School Board/ district hasn't addressed any of these matter with our African American students . Yet we got something on Asian Hate like really a slap in our faces .

And the old and new staff needs diversity training.

#MakeDecisionsThatAreBestForAllChildren

The second email is as follows verbatim:

Syreeta Dean – 6958 Academy Lane

Good morning Schoolboard Members and Superintendent,

I'm writing regarding a concern I; parents and the community has with a decision by the board to allow armed officers in our high school. This decision will mainly affect children and students of color. Please, let's be real and stop sweeping the truth under the rug. As schoolboard members you can't be that nonchalant about decisions you vote on for students who will be endured to live through. Why is it that the schoolboard and superintendent want armed officers in the high school so bad? Do you all realize that this is a learning institution, a school and not a prison. That worldly events have affected children of color and their terrified by police officers. Not all officers are bad but a majority are and unfortunately we can't detect them until something horrible happens. A school is supposed to be a safe haven, sanctuary and peaceful place not uncomfortable, uneasy or scary for a student.

The decisions you all make don't affect you but the student and community you represent. I would really like to know if all board members and the superintendent live, have children that attend and pay taxes in the Lockport School District? If you don't then that a huge problem. How can you make decisions for a community which you don't occupy? If you do then you'll want the best for your community and own family. We have three subdivisions

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of police departments within minutes from the Lockport High School if there's ever an emergency. let's stop intimidating our children and start supporting, encouraging, and treating them equal. Enough is Enough. Us parents, community and activists aren't going anywhere and we're going to hold you the school board and superintendent accountable for your actions, decisions and expose your inconsistencies and unfair decision that don't represent the entire community and all students. We feel our civil rights are being violated. I have written the NYS Governor regarding this issue and other issues concerning the Lockport School District abiding by laws and I wait for his office response. Lockport District is required by law to abide by guidelines, laws and regulations and I, parents, activist and the community will make sure you to.

My son will be graduating next month but he will still have friends of all races that will be attending Lockport High School and I'm concerned for them all. I will fight for them like my own child. I would also like for this concerned/complaint letter to be read during the 5/19/21 schoolboard meeting. Diversity is not that difficult and it's not hard to add inclusiveness. Approximately 29% of Black and Brown students represent our school district but only 1% are employed within our school district. It's horrible for a student to not see an educator that looks like them. This is unacceptable and we refuse to be disproportionate. Please let's get it right and together school board and superintendent or move out the way let those who can do the job that we need done. Change is needed now.

No. 710 On motion by Board Member Hare, seconded by Board Member Tobin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. – Ayes 9.

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Clerk of the Board