

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session Meeting
March 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Minutes No. 27

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Present: President Tobin, Vice President Linderman, and Board Members Caruso, Cheatham, Hare, Kershaw, Pierce, and Schutt – 8

Absent: Secretary Ferraro - Excused

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Tobin.

No. 731 On motion by Board Member Linderman, seconded by Board Member Schutt, the Board moved into executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- matters leading to the appointment or approval of an individual, and
- student issues protected under FERPA – Ayes 8.

No. 732 On motion by Board Member Hare, seconded by Board Member Schutt, the Board moved out of executive session at 6:34 p.m. – Ayes 8.

DISCUSSION

- Reviewed the proposed agenda for the March 22, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

PRESENTATION

- 2023-2024 Expenditure Budget Staffing Update and Recommendation – Deborah Coder, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Management Services

ACTION

BUSINESS MATTERS

No. 733 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the amended 2022-2023 School Calendar be approved as attached.

Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

No. 734 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the following item has been identified by staff at the Board of Education as unserviceable and obsolete and have requested it be declared as surplus and will be disposed of according to Board of Education Guidelines. The item is as follows:

Uniforms (No Asset Tag)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Board of Education be and she hereby is authorized and directed to dispose of this item according to Board of Education guidelines.

Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

No. 735 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the following item has been identified by staff at Aaron Mossell Junior High School as unserviceable and damaged and have requested it be declared as surplus and will be disposed of according to Board of Education Guidelines. The item is as follows:

Smart Board (Asset Tag #A00414295)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Board of Education be and she hereby is authorized and directed to dispose of this item according to Board of Education guidelines.
Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

No. 736 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the following item has been identified by staff at the Board of Education as damaged and have requested it be declared as surplus and will be disposed of according to Board of Education Guidelines. The item is as follows:

11 Boardroom Chairs (No Asset Tags)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Board of Education be and she hereby is authorized and directed to dispose of this item according to Board of Education guidelines.
Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

No. 737 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw
RESOLVED: That the Board of Education does hereby authorize the following budget transfers in the 2022-2023 budget:

A9060-800-26-9100	A9060-800-26-9000	\$33,845.00	To increase self-insured health insurance line to cover anticipated expenses through the fiscal year end.
A9060-800-26-9200	A9060-800-26-9000	\$350,962.00	To increase self-insured health insurance line to cover anticipated expenses through the fiscal year end.
A1430-160-23-0000	A1430-400-23-0000	\$9,999.00	To cover Supplemental Health nurse contract through June 2023.
A2020-160-23-0004	A1430-400-23-0000	\$20,000.00	To cover Supplemental Health nurse contract through June 2023.
A2110-130-23-0000	A1430-400-23-0000	\$24,000.00	To cover Supplemental Health nurse contract through June 2023.
A2330-150-23-0600	A2110-130-23-0600	\$300.00	Budget code changes from Business Office due to ESSA requirements.
A2330-150-23-6340	A2110-130-23-6340	\$9,169.71	Budget code changes from Business Office due to ESSA requirements.
A2330-150-23-6345	A2110-130-23-6345	\$8,768.81	Budget code changes from Business Office due to ESSA requirements.
A2330-160-23-6345	A2110-160-23-6345	\$16,253.18	Budget code changes from Business Office due to ESSA requirements.
A9050-800-23-0000	A2805-160-23-0007	\$9,999.00	To pay attendance callers.
A9050-800-23-0000	A2020-160-23-0008	\$5,000.00	Over-time from buildings that Personnel did not know about.
A9050-800-23-0000	A2815-160-23-0004	\$25,000.00	Contractual nurse increase-due to resignation of staff.
A9050-800-23-0000	A2850-160-23-4010	\$5,000.00	To cover additional expenses.

Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

No. 738 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education enter into a contract with Community Health Center of Buffalo for mental health, substance abuse and physical health services for students and their families within the Lockport City School District who are experiencing homelessness at a cost not to exceed \$39,015.00 effective April 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Interim Superintendent of Schools be and he hereby is authorized and directed to sign the contract.

Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

No. 739 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education enter into a contract with the YWCA of Niagara for the 2023 Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 effective July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Interim Superintendent of Schools be and he hereby is authorized and directed to sign the contract.

Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

No. 740 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That Mr. William Watson be reappointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lockport Public Library for a term of three years, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

No. 741 On Motion by Board Member Schutt

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Joshua Dzikoski, school safety monitor at the rate of \$29.90 per hour be approved, pending fingerprint clearance, effective March 9, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 742 On Motion by Board Member Schutt

RESOLVED: That the revised appointment date for Diane Campbell as substitute teacher be approved, effective November 2, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 743 On Motion by Board Member Schutt

RESOLVED: That the contract of employment between the Lockport City School District and Richard Rucci, school safety monitor, be approved, effective March 9, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 744 On Motion by Board Member Schutt

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following student observer be approved for the 2022/2023 school year. There shall be no compensation for this appointment.

Madison Class CU (M Leuer) Niagara University

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 745 On Motion by Board Member Schutt

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Rita Dembrow as certified substitute teacher at the rate of \$18.51 per hour be approved, effective July 1, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 746 On Motion by Board Member Schutt

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Tom Dockery as AIS Coordinator at Lockport High School at a stipend of \$500 be approved, effective for the 2022/2023 school year.
Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 747 On Motion by Board Member Schutt
RESOLVED: That the resignation of Tavia Morris as substitute noon hour monitor be accepted, effective on March 9, 2023.
Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 748 On Motion by Board Member Schutt
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Maria Zuppelli as substitute teacher aide at the rate of \$14.20 per hour at George Southard Elementary School be approved, effective March 9, 2023.
Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 749 On Motion by Board Member Schutt
RESOLVED: That the resignation of Caroline Drinkwater as substitute noon hour monitor be accepted, effective at the end of the day on March 8, 2023, pending her appointment as noon hour monitor.
Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 750 On Motion by Board Member Schutt
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Caroline Drinkwater as noon hour monitor at the rate of \$14.25 per hour be approved, effective March 9, 2023.
Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 751 On Motion by Board Member Schutt
RESOLVED: That the resignation of Rugaya Singleton as noon hour monitor be accepted, effective at the end of the day on March 8, 2023.
Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 752 On Motion by Board Member Schutt
RESOLVED: That the appointment of Rugaya Singleton as substitute noon hour monitor at the rate of \$14.20 per hour be approved, effective March 9, 2023.
Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 753 On Motion by Board Member Schutt
RESOLVED: That the request for half day pay for Chuck Hackmer be approved from on/about March 6, 2023 through on/about June 30, 2023.
Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 754 On Motion by Board Member Schutt
RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following coaches be approved, effective for the spring 2023 athletic season. All spring 2023 coaching appointments are contingent upon school being open for students based on guidance from the New York State Education Department, Centers for Disease Control, New York State Public High School Athletic Association, and/or the National Federation of State High Schools and will not be considered active unless and until the actual spring athletic season commences. Stipends will only be remitted to coaches if the spring season officially commences for the respective sport and only until the season continues for students in the respective sport.

	Sport	Coach	Tier	Salary	Pending Anything
a)	Varsity Baseball	Trait Smith	3	\$4,958.69	
b)	JV Baseball	Steven Styrzo	5	\$4,145.79	

c)	Varsity Lacrosse-Boys	Chris Graziano	3	\$4,958.69	Concussion & First Aid
d)	JV Lacrosse-Boys	Gabe Lewis	5	\$4,145.79	
e)	Varsity Lacrosse-Girls	William Morello Jr.	3	\$4,958.69	
f)	JV Lacrosse-Girls	Michael Nowak	5	\$4,145.79	
g)	Varsity Softball	Stephen Kojza	3	\$4,958.69	
h)	JV Softball	Jill Ruffino	5	\$4,145.79	
i)	Varsity Tennis- Boys	Walter Potocki	3	\$4,958.69	
j)	Varsity Track	Tim Willett	3	\$4,958.69	
k)	Assistant Track	Patrick Seidel	5	\$4,145.79	Concussion
l)	Assistant Track	Dan Langendorfer	5	\$4,145.79	certification, CPR/AED, First Aid
m)	Assistant Track	Adam Perilli	5	\$4,145.79	
n)	Unified Sports Basketball	Karl Griffin	6	\$2,723.21	
o)	Modified Lacrosse-Boys	Robert Stuewe	6	\$2,723.21	
p)	Modified Lacrosse-Girls	Danielle Smith	6	\$2,723.21	
q)	Modified Baseball	Alex Licata	6	\$2,723.21	
r)	Modified Track	Jeff Hulshoff	6	\$2,723.21	
s)	Modified Track	Jeff Schmidt	6	\$2,723.21	
t)	Modified Track	Brandon Bratek	6	\$2,723.21	
u)	Faculty Manager	Joe Scapelliti	1a	\$6,787.71	CPR/AED & Concussion

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 755 On Motion by Board Member Schutt

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following athletic department volunteers for the spring 2023 athletic season be approved. All spring 2023 coaching appointments are contingent upon school being open for students based on guidance from the New York State Education Department, Centers for Disease Control, New York State Public High School Athletic Association and/or the National Federation of State High Schools and will not be considered active unless and until the actual spring athletic season commences.

	Sport	Volunteer	Pending Anything
a)	Varsity Baseball	Todd Fragale	certification
b)	JV Baseball	Christopher Oliver	
c)	Varsity Softball	Shawn Haley	
d)	JV Lacrosse - Girls	Daniel Haseley	
e)	Modified Lacrosse- Boys	Ethan Shaft	First Aid
f)	Modified Baseball	Jonathan Jesonowski	CPR/AED, First Aid, certification
g)	Varsity Track	Hayley Coakley	concussion, CPR/AED, First Aid, certification
h)	Varsity Track	Matthew Vermette	First Aid

i)	Varsity Tennis	Kevin Clark	CPR/AED
j)	Varsity Tennis	Brandon Reid	First Aid
k)	Varsity Track & Field	Kelly Weidel	certification

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

No. 756 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the resignation of Joel Yacono as substitute teacher be accepted, effective March 8, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Pierce – Ayes 8.

No. 757 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Samantha Lawson as substitute teaching assistant at the rate of \$14.20 per hour be approved, effective March 2, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Pierce – Ayes 8.

No. 758 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the appointment of Madelyn Yeager, uncertified substitute teacher at the rate of \$14.52 per hour be approved, effective March 10, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Pierce – Ayes 8.

No. 759 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the permanent appointment of Robert Heller as assistant custodian be approved, effective March 21, 2023, following the successful completion of his probationary period.

Seconded by Board Member Pierce – Ayes 8.

No. 760 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the resignation of Martha LaPoint as substitute teacher be accepted, effective March 8, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Pierce – Ayes 8.

No. 761 On Motion by Board Member Kershaw

RESOLVED: That the appointment of the following coaches be approved, effective for the spring 2023 athletic season. All spring 2023 coaching appointments are contingent upon school being open for students based on guidance from the New York State Education Department, Centers for Disease Control, New York State Public High School Athletic Association, and/or the National Federation of State High Schools and will not be considered active unless and until the actual spring athletic season commences. Stipends will only be remitted to coaches if the spring season officially commences for the respective sport and only until the season continues for students in the respective sport.

	Sport	Coach	Tier	Salary	Pending Anything
a)	Modified Softball	Shae Owens	6	\$2,723.21	
b)	Assistant Track and Field	Joseph Poole	5	\$4,145.79	certification

Seconded by Board Member Pierce – Ayes 8.

No. 762 On Motion by Board Member Hare

RESOLVED: That the following policies be adopted:

- a. 1530 – Minutes
- b. 3310 – Public Access to Records
- c. 5130 – Budget Adoption
- d. 5230 – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Requests to the School District

- e. 5681 – School Safety Plans
- f. 5683 – Fire and Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats, and Bus Emergency Drills
- g. 5730 – School Bus Safety Program
- h. 5731 – Idling School Buses on School Grounds
- i. 5740 – Qualifications of Bus Drivers
- j. 6121 – Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- k. 6140 – Employee Medical Examinations
- l. 6150 – Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Substances (staff)

Seconded by Board Member Kershaw – Ayes 8.

No. 763 On Motion by Board Member Hare
RESOLVED: That the following policy be deleted:
 a. 5150 – Contingency Budget
Seconded by Board Member Linderman – Ayes 8.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES MATTERS

No. 764 On Motion by Board Member Schutt

RESOLVED: That the following field trips be approved:

Lockport High School – Overnight field trip for one student, a Lockport High School swimmer, to Ithaca, NY from Thursday, March 2, 2023 through Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Lockport High School – one student, a member of Indoor Track, to Staten Island, NY from Thursday, March 2, 2023 through Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Lockport High School – approximately 20 students, Lockport High School cheerleaders, to Binghamton, NY from Friday, March 3, 2023 through Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Lockport High School – approximately eight students, members of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), to Orlando, Florida from Friday, April 21 through Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Lockport High School – approximately 50 students, member of Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Advanced Jazz Ensemble, to Philadelphia, PA from Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

SPECIAL NEEDS MATTERS

No. 765 On Motion by Board Member Pierce

RESOLVED: That the minutes from the Committee on Preschool Special Education meetings of January 27 and February 3, 6, 8, 2023 be approved as attached.

Seconded by Board Member Hare – Ayes 8.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

 This is Interim Superintendent Mike Bonnewell's last meeting with us. We appreciate him for filling in these past months. He is well-respected throughout the district.

No. 766 On motion by Board Member Hare, seconded by Board Member Pierce, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. – Ayes 8.

Deborah A. Coder
Clerk of the Board