

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL
Dolgeville, NY 13329

Approved 5/22/19

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Special Meeting

James A. Green School

PRESENT:

R. Maxwell, Pres.
President
S. Hongo, VP
T. Prestigiacomio
J. Williams
J. Schmid
M. Huddleston
J. Izzo

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

L. Rhone
T. Jenny (Absent)
R. Leavitt
C. Chrisman
M. Primeau (Absent)
J. Radley
Leah Zilkowski (Student BOE member)

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Robert Maxwell,

Following the special dinner reception held in the high school cafeteria for the top seniors (with averages 90 and above), the special meeting was called to order by President Maxwell at 7:00 in the auditorium. Call to Order

Mr. Maxwell asked everyone to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge to
the Flag

Public Information Session – Budget Review

Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Radley reviewed the budget newsletter and then addressed the following questions from the public:

How was the decision made to reduce the Family and Consumer Science curriculum?

Why is the district proposing an 11% tax increase instead of making more cuts?

What will next year's budget look like? Will there be another huge tax increase and more position cuts?

How much money was made from the sale of the two acres to the Little Falls Hospital and how was that money spent?

Please explain why it cost \$250,000.00 per year to operate the 3-year old PreK program.

In order to save money, will the district consider offering a health insurance plan to its employees more comparable to what is available to the rest of the community through exchanges, rather than the "cadillac insurance plan" they currently receive?

Mrs. Radley plans to define a 5-year plan. Will the public have an overview of what that might look like before the budget vote so we can fully understand the impact of what an 11% tax increase will be, not only for next year, but for years to come?

With the decrease in enrollment, can the district eliminate one principal and operate with two principals for K-6 and 7-12?

Is there a reason this deficit needs to be addressed in full this school year - can part of it be addressed this year and then the remainder over the next few years?

Who is on the Board Finance Committee? How are they chosen and what are their credentials?

If the 11% budget is defeated, what is the district's plan?

Why were additional stipends created in September 2018 when the district is facing financial problems?

How were cuts to the athletic programs determined?

Why hasn't the Board of Education apologized for the financial situation the district is in? The Board is responsible for this.

Would it be cost effective to stop accepting out-of-district students? This would lower class sizes and require less staff.

At 9:05 p.m. Mr. Maxwell thanked the public for attending and then the board continued with the following business items:

BOCES Administrative 2019-20 Budget Vote

Motion by Mr. Hongo, second by Mrs. Williams, to approve the 2019-20 proposed Administrative Budget of the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES in the total amount of \$2,918,550. as distributed to component districts and presented at the BOCES Annual Meeting held on April 4, 2019.

BOCES
Budget
Vote

BOCES Board Election

BOCES
Board
Election
Cast Votes

Motion by Mr. Hongo, second by Mr. Schmid, to cast one of the Board’s three votes for Janine Lynch, for one of the three seats which will become vacant effective July 1, 2019 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022) on the BOCES Board of Education.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Lynch
Voce
North

Motion by Mr. Hongo, second by Mr. Schmid, to cast one of the Board’s three votes for Daniel Voce, for one of the three seats which will become vacant effective July 1, 2019 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022) on the BOCES Board of Education.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Motion by Mr. Hongo, second by Mr. Schmid, to cast one of the Board’s three votes for Jane North, for one of the three seats which will become vacant effective July 1, 2019 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022) on the BOCES Board of Education.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Approve Memoranda of Agreement

Approve
Memos

Motion by Mrs. Prestigiacomio, second by Mrs. Williams, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to Amend and Extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Dolgeville Central School District and the Dolgeville Administrators’ Association dated March 15, 2019, as attached. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020) will be modified and extended for an additional two years and will now expire on June 30, 2022.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Motion by Mr. Schmid, second by Mrs. Prestigiacomio, to approve the following two Memoranda of Agreement:

To approve the Memorandum of Agreement to Amend and Extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Dolgeville Teachers’ Association and the Dolgeville Central School District dated March 28, 2019, as attached. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020) will be modified and extended for an additional two years and will now expire on June 30, 2022.

To approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Dolgeville Central School District and the Dolgeville Teachers’ Association dated April 11, 2019, as attached. This Memorandum of Agreement will sunset on June 30, 2019.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Motion by Mrs. Williams, second by Mrs. Huddleston, to approve the Tentative Agreement by and between the Dolgeville Central School District and Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO (CSEA) dated April 1, 2019 as attached. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021) will be modified and extended for an additional two years and will now expire on June 30, 2023.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Approve Reduction in Force

Reduction
In Force

Motion by Mrs. Prestigiacomio, second by Mr. Schmid, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the reduction of force of the following teacher position effective June 30, 2019: Family and Consumer Science Teacher and that the service of the teacher with the least seniority in the tenure area of Home Economics be reduced to .50 FTE effective as of that date.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Budget Transfers for 2018-19

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for 2018-19

Motion by Mrs. Prestigiacomio, second by Mrs. Williams, to adopt the following resolution:

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business manager, the Board of Education hereby resolves to utilize the Debt Service Reserve in the amount of \$4,305. to increase unassigned fund balance for a portion of the 2018-2019 Debt Service paid through the General Fund Budget. The ending balance in the Debt Service Reserve will be zero as of June 30, 2019.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Motion by Mrs. Prestigiacomio, second by Mrs. Williams, to adopt the following resolution:

Upon the recommendation of the superintendent and business manager, the Board of Education hereby

Retirement expenditure for the year ending June 30, 2019. The ending balance in the Reserve at June 30, 2019 will be \$342,025. plus any interest earned.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Approve Amended Property Tax Report Card

Approve
Amended
Property
Tax Report
Card

Motion by Mrs. Prestigiaco, second by Mrs. Williams, that the Amended Property Tax Report Card dated April 24, 2019, (which reflects the above budget transfers) be approved as attached showing a tax levy for 2019-20 in the total amount of \$5,384,828.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Proposed Resolution Approving Easement – Sale of Real Property to Little Falls Hospital

Easement
LF Hospital
Tabled

Further clarification regarding the easement is necessary and the adoption of a resolution approving same was tabled.

Executive Session

Enter
Executive

Motion by Mrs. Williams, second by Mrs. Prestigiaco, to enter executive session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss items related to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Motion by Mr. Hongo, second by Mrs. Izzo, to return to regular session at 10:40 p.m.

Return to
Regular
Session

Ayes All - Motion Carried 7:0

Personnel Action

Personnel
Approve
Reduction
in force to
Half Time
Employment
K. Winkler

Motion by Mrs. Williams, second by Mrs. Prestigiaco, to approve the reduction in force of employment (from 1.0 FTE to .5 FTE) of Kathy Winkler as Family and Consumer Science Teacher effective June 30, 2019.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Adjournment

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Motion to Mr. Hongo, second by Mrs. Prestigiaco, to adjourn at 10:42 p.m.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Sandra L. Allen

District Clerk

