# DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL Dolgeville, NY 13329

**Approved 4-18-2023** 

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 Regular Meeting James A. Green School

PRESENT: ABSENT: OTHERS PRESENT: PRESIDING OFFICER: S. Hongo, President None I. Gilfus Scott Hongo, President

J. Williams, V. President C. Chrisman I. Schmid M. Primeau C. Williams B. Manley C. Spofford J. Radley

J. Izzo Gabrielle Rockwell, Student BOE Member (absent)

T. Rutkowski

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. high school cafeteria. Call to Order

President, Scott Hongo, asked everyone to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge to

the Flag

**Approve** 

Payment of Warrants

Presentation

Dr. Jones

DEI

**MINUTES Approve** Minutes

Motion by Mrs. J. Williams, second by Ms. C. Williams, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023 2/14/2023

(regular meeting), as presented.

Ayes All - Motion Carried 7:0

**CORRESPONDENCE** Correspond.

Letter from Kathleen Ellis expressing her displeasure that school was not closed on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 due to inclement weather.

**FINANCIAL** Approve **Financials** 

Motion by Ms. C. Williams, second by Mr. Spofford, to approve the following financial items:

That General Fund Schedule #A-45 in the sum of \$333,984.78; General Fund Schedule #A-46 in the sum of \$1,104.38; General Fund Schedule #A-48 in the sum of \$347,622.55; General Fund Schedule #A-49 in the sum of \$723.236.83: General Fund Schedule #A-51 in the sum of \$19.377.00: School Lunch Fund Schedule #C-8 in the \$21,943.65; Special Aid Fund Schedule #F-6 in the sum of \$2,516.76; and Capital Fund Schedule #HB-1 in the sum of \$27,825.00 be approved and ordered paid pursuant to review of

claims auditor, Jacquelene Hill.

To accept the Treasurer's Report for February, 2023 as presented.

Accept Treas.Rept. 2/2023

PRESENTATION - Dr. Eva Jones - "Diversity-Equity-Inclusion, and Elevating Student Voices" Dr. Eva Jones, together with Student Leader Advisors and Student Leaders, presented to the Board a summary of what they have been working on to date with DEI, as more fully outlined in the attached

power point presentation.

Supt. Rept.

# BUDGET REVIEW/UPDATE/LONG RANGE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - Mrs. Radley - Attached

Mrs. Radley informed the board that she is waiting for the State Budget to be finalized and for additional information from the building principals before being able to complete the proposed budget. Mrs. Radley also reviewed with the board the Long Range Financial Analysis as attached.

With regard to the grant funds, Mr. Gilfus notified the board that the NYS Sustainability Team found the district's utilization of funds to be very effective and complimented the district on its usage.

**REPORTS** Reports

<u>Elementary School Report</u> – Mrs. Chrisman – Attached Elem. Rept.

<u>High School Report</u> – Mrs. Primeau HS Rept.

<u>Director of Pupil Personnel Services Report</u> – Mrs. Manley – Attached

Dir. Of
Pupil Serv.

<u>Dean of Students/Athletic Director Report</u> – Mr. Zilkowski – Attached Dean/AD

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Gilfus

Mr. Gilfus reported that he met NYS Assemblyman Robert Smullen, describing him as a true advocate for our rural districts. Assemblyman Smullen is working on an alternative plan for electric busses.

Mr. Gilfus also outlined the procedure used to determine snow day closings and delays, stating that safety is always first and foremost. Closings and delays are based on information gathered from many sources including Adam Hutchinson, Supervisor of Safety Services at Herkimer BOCES, discussion with superintendents from the component districts, and highway supervisors from the towns of Manheim, Salisbury, Stratford and the Village of Dolgeville. Communication with the highway supervisors is critical and begins very early in the morning. The process is truly a joint effort with input from many sources.

Buildings & Grounds Report – Mrs. Radley – Attached Build/Grounds

<u>Transportation Report</u> – Mr. Stack – Attached Transport.

<u>Food Service Report</u> – Mr. Dupuis – Attached Food Serv.

<u>Technology Report</u> – Mr. Dy, Mr. Randall – Attached Technology

Revenue Analysis/Expenditure Analysis Reports for February, 2023 – Mrs. Radley – Attached Rev/Expend.

Motion by Mr. Schmid, second by Mr. Spofford, to accept the above building reports as presented Accpt. Bldg. Reports

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Privilege of Floor

Mrs. Katrina Cheney (DCS Employee) spoke to the Board of Education regarding Administrative pay increases versus CSEA pay increases and suggested that perhaps all pay increases could be distributed

equally, among all staff.

Miss Katelyn Helmer (DCS Student) spoke to the Board of Education expressing concern that school was not closed on March 14th due to inclement weather, noting that many students and staff were absent that

day.

Mrs. Lynn Stalnaker (DCS resident) spoke passionately to the Board of Education expressing her displeasure that the school was not closed on March 14<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather.

L. Stalnaker

Capital

Project

OLD BUSINESS Old Business

- a. <u>Capital Project Update</u> Mrs. Radley / Mr. Gilfus
  - Still on target for use of grant funds by August 30th for the roof project
  - Will continue to utilize cooperative purchasing for securing bids for the project
  - Plan to create a retention basin for water drainage to be located by the Greenway
  - Trail and the football practice field, with basin to be fenced and gated
  - Recently had Green Engineering here to check on needs for asbestos abatement
  - Will begin ceiling tile replacement in the next hallway
  - This fall, plan to shift classrooms to continue instruction while working on the unit ventilator system
  - Regarding the generator connectivity, plan to add additional emergency items
  - Need to create temporary opening in boiler room wall in order to install new boiler
  - April, 2023 Will receive recommendations for cooperative purchasing bids
  - May, 2023 Will award bids
  - June, 2023 Construction to begin

### b. 2023-2024 District Calendar - Review

2023-2024 Calendar Review

Mr. Gilfus reviewed the most recent calendar draft (March 16, 2023) as attached. The final draft will be presented at the April 18, 2023 BOE meeting for adoption.

# c. Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers Exemption

At the February BOE meeting, Ruth Jaikin, on behalf of the East Canada Creek Fire Department, requested the Board consider adopting a resolution offering an exemption to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers on their property/school taxes. At tonight's meeting Mrs. Allicia Rice from the Town of Stratford reported that Fulton County will be holding a public hearing on the issue on April  $10^{th}$  and plan to propose a 10% reduction for those eligible (10 firefighters/ambulance workers from the Town of Stratford). Mr. Hongo indicated that the district will look into this further with regard to Herkimer County.

# d. <u>BOE Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and adoption</u>

Motion by Mr. Schmid, second by Mr. Spofford, to adopt the following board policy: 8500 Special Education Programs and Services

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

NEW BUSINESS New Business

a. <u>BOCES Capital Project – Bond Resolution & Notice of Estoppel</u>
Motion by Mr. Schmid, second by Ms. C. Williams to adopt the following BOCES Capital Bond resolution:

BOCES Bond Resolution

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 21, 2023 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,180,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, TO PAY SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SHARE OF THE COST OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING BOCES FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District, Herkimer, Fulton, Hamilton and Otsego Counties, New York (the "BOCES") has heretofore been created and this School District is one of the component school districts thereof; and

WHEREAS, the BOCES has proposed to acquire, construct and equip improvements to various BOCES school facilities to increase their utility for the purposes of the BOCES at a maximum estimated cost of \$50,000,000 (the "Project") and in furtherance thereof, has entered into an agreement by and among the BOCES and each of the component school districts of the BOCES providing for such acquisition, construction and equipping, the allocation and apportionment of such maximum cost among such component school districts, the payment by each such component school district of its respective share to the BOCES and other matters incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, said agreement has heretofore been duly executed by the BOCES and by each of the component school districts thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to subdivision 14 of Section 1950 of the Education Law, neither the approval of the voters of the component school districts, nor the voting of a special tax or a tax to be collected in the installments are conditions precedent to the adoption by the boards of education of each respective component school district of the BOCES of bond resolutions authorizing the financing of their respective proportionate share of the aforesaid maximum costs; and

WHEREAS, the BOCES, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has duly complied with the requirements of the SEQRA with respect to the purpose hereinafter described and the financing therefor; now therefor, be it now therefor, be it

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize an appropriation by this School district of its share of the aforesaid maximum costs and to authorize (but not require) the financing by this School District of its share of the aforesaid maximum costs, as authorized by said subdivision 14 of Section 1950 of the Education Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Dolgeville Central School District, New York (hereinafter referred to as the "School District"), by a majority vote of the entire voting strength of the Board of Education as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The specific object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the share of the School District of the maximum costs of the aforesaid acquisition, construction and equipping of facilities owned by BOCES, as more fully described in the preambles hereto (the "purpose"). No money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the purpose.

Section 2. The share of the School District of the maximum cost of the aforesaid purpose is \$4,180,000 (which share of said costs constitutes the maximum estimated cost thereof to the School District, for purposes of Section 32.00 of the Local Finance Law), and the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of up to an aggregate of \$4,180,000 of general obligation serial bonds (and, if desirable, notes (and renewals) in anticipation thereof) of said School District, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Investment earnings on such obligations shall be applied to either the debt service on such obligations, or to the costs of the aforesaid purpose within the School District's share amount as set forth above or as may be proportionately increased by the Board of Education, but only if within the overall BOCES authorization. Such bonds and notes are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in the School District, and the faith and credit of the School District, are hereby pledged for the payment of the bonds and notes and the interest thereon.

 $\underline{Section\ 3}. \ It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid purpose is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision\ 14 of Section\ 1950 of the Education\ Law.$ 

<u>Section 4</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell the bonds herein authorized and the bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of such bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer, or to the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. Such bonds and notes shall be of such terms, forms and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President or Vice President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds and notes herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein, and the manner of execution of the same and also including the consolidation with other issues, the determination to issue Bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, the authority to determine whether to accept bids electronically to the extent allowed by the Local Finance Law, all contracts for, and determinations with respect to, credit or liquidity enhancements, if any, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, or by the Vice President of the Board in the event of the absence or unavailability of the President. Such bonds and notes shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President or Vice President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. It is hereby determined and declared that the School District reasonably expects to reimburse the general fund (or such other fund as may be utilized, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized herein, from the proceeds of the obligations authorized hereby for expenditures, if any, from such fund that may be made for the purpose prior to the date of issuance of such obligations. This is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation §1.150-2.

<u>Section 7</u>. The validity of such bonds and notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suite or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution, which takes effective immediately, shall be published in full in each official newspaper of the School District, together with a notice of the School District substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES NAYS ABSENT Mr. Hongo None None Mrs. J. Williams

Mr. Schmid Ms. C. Williams Mr. Spofford

Mr. Spofford Ms. Izzo

Mrs. Rutkowski

Motion Carried 7:0

This resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### NOTICE PURSUANT TO LOCAL FINANCE LAW SECTION 81.00

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on March 21, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Dolgeville Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

# b. Resolution - Capital Project SEI Architect Services Contract

Resolution Architect Contract

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Dolgeville Central School District (the "Board of Education") has determined that it is in the best interest of the Dolgeville Central School District (the "School District") to retain an architect/engineer to: provide architectural and engineering services; provide design, construction planning, and construction oversight; prepare and update as needed a project milestone schedule; assist with bid solicitation and analysis; provide status reports; and provide related professional services ("Architectural Services") in connection with its 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Project, federally funded ARP and CRSSA Projects, 2022-23 Capital Outlay Project, and its 2023-24 Capital Outlay Project (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to continue its professional relationship with SEI Design Group Architects, DPC ("SEI") for the purpose of providing Architectural Services for the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the School District's legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC, and SEI have jointly prepared a proposed contract for Architectural Services for the Projects (the "Contract");

WHEREAS, the School District's Superintendent has recommended approval of the proposed Contract as being in the best interest of the School District and shared a copy of the Contract with the members of the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

- 1. Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the retention of SEI to provide Architectural Services and proceed with the Projects in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, for the fees and expenses set forth therein.
- 2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designee to enter into the Contract on behalf of the School District in substantially the form presented to the Board of Education with such modifications, additions, and revisions (other than a change to the scope of the Project, the fees, or expenses) as may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools and legal counsel, which approval shall be conclusively shown by the execution thereof and take all actions necessary or convenient to proceed under the Contract in connection with the Projects.
- 3. Upon Board of Education approval, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Absent: None

Vote: Mr. Hongo – Aye

Mrs. J. Williams – Aye Mr. Schmid – Aye Ms. C. Williams – Aye

Mr. Spofford – Aye Ms. Izzo – Aye

Mrs. Rutkowski – Aye

Motion Carried 7:0

This resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

c. Resolution - Capital Project C&S Construction Management Services Contract

Resolution Construct.Manage.

Motion by Mrs. J. Williams, second by Ms. C. Williams, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Dolgeville Central School District (the "Board of Education") has determined that it's in the best interest of the Dolgeville Central School District (the "School District") to retain a construction manager to: collaborate with the project architect; provide construction planning; prepare and update as needed a project schedule; assist with bid solicitation and analysis; coordinate the activities of multiple contractors to meet the milestone dates set forth in the project schedule and comply with the Contract Documents; provide cost estimating and accounting services; provide project status reports; and provide related professional services ("Construction Management Services") in connection with its 2022 Capital Improvement Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it's in the best interest of the School District to continue its professional relationship with C&S Engineers, Inc., ("C&S") for the purpose of providing Construction Management Services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the School District's legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza, PC, and C&S have jointly prepared a proposed contract for Construction Management Services for the Project (the "Contract");

WHEREAS, the School District's Superintendent has recommended approval of the proposed Contract as being in the best interest of the School District and shared a copy of the Contract with the members of the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

- 1. Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the retention of C&S to provide Construction Management Services and proceed with the Project pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract, for the fees and expenses set forth therein.
- 2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designee to enter into the Contract on behalf of the School District in substantially the form presented to the Board of Education with such modifications, additions, and revisions (other than a change to the scope of the project, the fees, or expenses) as may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools and the District's legal counsel, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof and take all actions necessary or convenient to proceed under the Contract in connection with the Project.
- 3. Upon Board of Education approval, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Absent: None

Vote: Mr. Hongo – Aye

Mrs. J. Williams – Aye Mr. Schmid – Aye Ms. C. Williams – Aye Mr. Spofford – Aye Ms. Izzo – Aye Mrs. Rutkowski – Aye

Motion Carried 7:0

This resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

d. Award Bid – SED Project #0001-24 (2023 Capital Project using CRRSA Funding for Roof)

Award Bid Roof

Motion by Ms. C. Williams, second by Mr. Spofford, to award the following bid for the 2023 Capital Project for roof replacement on the James A. Green School Building (TIPS Roof Replacement Contract) as attached.

Pulver Roofing Company, Inc.

\$704,276.00

Utica, NY

Ayes All - Motion Carried 7:0

e. Resolution – Municipal Cooperative Agreement to Provide Health Insurance Benefits Motion by Ms. C. Williams, second by Mr. Spofford, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution Municipal Cooperative Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Dolgeville Central School District, hereby approves the amended and restated Municipal Cooperative Agreement to Provide Health Benefits, effective July 1, 2023 among the Member Districts of the Herkimer County Schools Health Insurance Consortium, and authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the District, as attached.

Agreement Health Ins. Benefits

# f. Resolution – Authorizing Partial Settlement of Vaping Litigation

Motion by Mrs. J. Williams, second by Mr. Spofford, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution Vaping Settlement

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Dolgeville Central School District (the "School District") have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceeds, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Juul Labs, Inc. and other parties by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, the litigation involved more than 1400 U.S. public school districts across more than 25 states; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Juul Labs, Inc. and certain individual board members, directors, executives and parties with whom Juul Labs, Inc. has indemnity agreements; and

WHEREAS, litigation against Altria and remaining defendants will continue; and

WHEREAS, partial settlement means the School District would forever release all claims against Juul Labs and other released entities: and

WHEREAS, in return, the School District would receive certain cash payments; and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be based on a final allocation framework recommended by the court-appointed Special Master Thomas Perrelli with the allocation framework for all governmental entities including factors such as population litigation risk and be no less than \$18,741 for the School District; and

WHEREAS, an initial payment of approximately 54% of the settlement amount is anticipated to be paid by late 2023; and

WHEREAS, the remaining payments will be made in four installments anticipated in late 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026: and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Juul Labs, Inc. and continue the litigation against remaining other parties involved with e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District as follows:

- 1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Juul Labs, Inc. and certain individual board members, directors, executives and parties with whom Juul Labs, Inc. has indemnity agreements.
- 2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.
- 3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote: Mr. Hongo – Aye

Mrs. J. Williams – Aye Mr. Schmid – Aye Ms. C. Williams – Aye

Mr. Spofford – Aye Ms. Izzo – Aye

Mrs. Rutkowski - Aye

### Motion Carried 7:0

This resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

## g. Approve SPO Agreement for 2023-2024

Motion by Ms. C. Williams, second by Mrs. J. Williams, to approve the Interagency Agreement for Special Patrol Officer (SPO) Services between the Village of Dolgeville and the Dolgeville Central School District for school year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as attached.

Absent: None

### Ayes All - Motion Carried 7:0

### h. Approve Memorandum of Agreement

Motion by Ms. Izzo, second by Mr. Spofford, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Dolgeville Central School District and the Dolgeville Teachers' Association dated March 1, 2023, regarding the need for a substitute varsity softball coach for school year 2022-2023 as attached. This Memorandum of Agreement will expire on June 30, 2023.

# Appr. MOA I DCSD & DTA S Sub. Var. Softball Coach

Approve

Agreement

2023-2024

SPO

### Aves All - Motion Carried 7:0

# i. <u>Appoint tellers/election workers for Budget Vot</u>e/Board Election

Motion by Mrs. J. Williams, second by Ms. C. Williams, to approve the appointment of the following Tellers/Election workers for the Budget Vote/Board Election scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023: Jennifer Winkler, Lacy Baylor, Tina Coffin, Paula Mosher, Esther Ellis, Carol Ernye, Carmelita Maddocks and Donna Loucks.

# Appoint Tellers/ Elect.Wkrs. Budget Vote

### Aves All - Motion Carried 7:0

# j. Approve Trip Request – 7th Grade Canoe Trip

Motion by Mrs. J. Williams, second by Mr. Spofford, to approve the request of Mr. Bruce Risley to take the  $7^{th}$  graders on the Annual  $7^{th}$  Grade Canoe Trip to Raquette Lake on May 12-13, 2023 as per attached letter.

# Approve 7th Grade Canoe Trip

# Ayes All - Motion Carried 7:0

### k. Approve Trip Request – Senior Class

Motion by Mr. Spofford, second by Mrs. J. Williams, to approve the senior class trip to Six Flags New England in Agawam, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 and senior luncheon on Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown followed by a day at Glimmerglass State Park.

# Approve Senior Class Trip

Information

Only

### Aves All - Motion Carried 7:0

# INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Thank you letter to Mrs. Allicia Rice, Southern Adirondack Fire Prevention Team
  - b. Building Use Requests by outside groups approved by Superintendent
    - 1) Coach Cari Gehring Use Gym 2 AAU Basketball Practice evenings
    - 2) K. Winkler/P. Nichols Use Auditorium Girl Scout Awards Ceremony 6/14/2023
    - 3) Lindsay Randall Use Gym 2 Girl Scout Fundraiser Game Night for Grades 3-6 3/25/2023

- 4) B. Risley/Health Class Use Gym 1 American Cross Blood Drive 5/31/2023
- 5) Coach Jennifer Morse Use Gym space Girls Basketball practice for Peggy Blais Tournament – evenings
- 6) Gregory Reid Use Aud. Lobby Little League Signups 2/26/2023 during youth basketball
- 7) C. Miller (DESPTO) Use Gym 2 Cabin Fever Fun Day Event 3/11/2023
- 8) Cyrece Mahardy (Dolgeville Little League) Use HS Cafeteria Little League Board Meeting 2/16/2023
- 9) Kelsea Holdridge (R4K Program) Use Concession Booth CABVI Vision Screenings for UPK 4/3/2023
- 10) Kasey Foster Use Gym 1 Youth wrestling practice 3/15/23, 3/16/23, 3/21/23 and 3/23/23

BOARD FORUM Board Forum

The board members offered the following comments during Board Forum:

- Thank you to everyone in attendance and for those who spoke during Privilege of the Floor
- Glad to see that Mrs. Primeau is meeting individually with students who are failing classes
- Thank you to Mr. Gilfus for standing by his decision to keep school open on the 14th
- Thank you for DEI presentation, but would caution not to "put ideas" into children's heads
- Congratulations to Mrs. Hemmerich on her retirement
- Thank you to Julie Castor for organizing the dental program for our students
- Thank you to the Administration for everything they do
- Just a reminder: It is important that everyone make their own decision on what is best for their own family when it comes to safety during inclement weather
- Thank you to Dr. Jones and the students and staff for the DEI presentation It is a very positive program. It is great to see the teachers and students partnering to work on these important subjects.
- Thank you to Mrs. Radley for the budget presentation and for the Long-Range Financial Analysis
- Congratulations to our sports teams and coaches on a great winter season
- Welcome to Mrs. Manley as our new Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- Congratulations to our art students and to our music students participating in All County
- Thank you to Allicia Rice for her input from the Adirondack Fire Prevention Team
- Thank you to our custodial staff and thank you to our transportation staff
- The BOCES construction class has now built their 37th house. This is a great program.
- Reminder: The BOCES Annual meeting will be held on March 30th
- Mr. Hongo, Mr. Schmid and Mr. Spofford have joined the BOCES Facility Committee to work on the upcoming BOCES capital project. Everyone on the facility committee has agreed to begin doing more smaller projects to keep current on necessary renovations at the BOCES.
- Thank you again to the audience We do want to hear your voices and do appreciate your input

   even on subjects and comments that are difficult to hear.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter
Executive
Motion by Mr. Schmid, second by Mrs. I. Williams, to enter executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss items

Session

Motion by Mr. Schmid, second by Mrs. J. Williams, to enter executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss items related to the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person(s) or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person(s); and to discuss contract negotiations and ongoing litigations.

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

Motion by Mrs. J. Williams, second by Mr. Spofford, to return to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

Aves All - Motion Carried 7:0

# **CSE/CPSE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

CSE/CPSE Min. & Rec. 3/1/23 -3/21/23

Motion by Mrs. J. Williams, second by Ms. C. Williams, to approve the CSE/CPSE Minutes and Recommendations covering the period 3/1/2023 through 3/21/2023 as attached.

Ayes All - Motion Carried 7:0

**PERSONNEL** 

Personnel Actions

Motion by Mr. Spofford, second by Mrs. J. Williams, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept and approve the following resignations/leaves/appointments:

Resignations Leaves Appoints.

To approve the Superintendent's Evaluation for 2022-2023 as printed, with each board member's signature. The original evaluation will be filed in the Superintendent's personnel folder.

Approve Supt. Evaluation

To accept the resignation of Eileen Foster as K-12 Monitor, effective February 17, 2023.

Accpt.Resign E. Foster K-12Monitor

To accept the resignation of Christopher Lee as Mathematics Teacher, effective June 30, 2023.

Accpt.Resign C. Lee Math Tea.

To approve the request of Frederick Herringshaw for unpaid leave days as may be necessary beginning March 1, 2023 per the CSEA Contract.

Appr. Unpd. Leave

F.Herringshaw

To approve the leave request of Audra Ashley, Social Studies Teacher, for the period beginning approximately May 22, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Appr. Leave A. Ashley

To approve the probationary appointment of Tina Petkovsek to the following position, replacing A. Avery. (*Antonia Avery moved from the night shift to the day shift*).

Appr.Appt. T.Petkovsek Cleaner

Appr.Appt.

T. Rumrill

K-12 Mon.

Effective Date:.....3/6/2023 Probationary Period:......6 Month ending 9/6/2023

Certification: .....NA

Salary: \$32,577.00 to be pro-rated for the period 3/6/2023 - 6/30/2023 with

approval for 7 days of unpaid leave during 3/17/2023-3/27/2023.

To approve the probationary appointment of Tina Rumrill to the following position, replacing E. Foster:

Name:.....Tina Rumrill

Position:.....K-12 Monitor – Lunch/Recess – 1 Year appointment

Type: ......Hourly

Effective Date:.....3/22/2023 – 6/30/2023 Probationary Period:......6 month ending 11/22/2023

Salary:.....\$14.29/hr.

| To approve the appointment of John Huddleston to the following position:   | Appr.Appt.  |
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| Name:John Huddleston   | J.Huddleston                                      |
| Position:Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies Teacher   | LT Sub  |
| Reason:Fill in for A. Ashley   | Teacher   |
| Effective Date:Approximately 5/22/2023 – 6/30/2023   |   |
| Tenure Area:Social Studies   |   |
| Certification:Permanent Certification – Social Studies   |   |
| Rate of Pay:Days 1-10 – Sub rate for substitute teacher (Retired DCS Teacher)–(\$130/day)  |   |
| Beginning Day 11 - $1/200^{th}$ of Step 1 DTA Salary Schedule - (\$223.49/day) for days worked   |   |
| To grant a permanent appointment (civil service) to Dillon Lyon as bus driver, effective March 21, 2023.   | Perm.Appt.<br>D. Lyon                             |
| To approve the appointment of Mikaela Phillips as substitute varsity softball coach to fill in for S. Flint-Rados at a weekly rate of \$335.23 as further outlined in the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the DCSD and DTA dated March 1, 2023. | Appr.Appt.<br>M.Phillips<br>Sub Softball<br>Coach |
| Aves All – Motion Carried 7:0  |   |

Ayes All – Motion Carried 7:0

FUTURE MEETINGS Future
Meetings

BOCES Annual Meeting – Thursday, March 30, 2023 Regular Meeting – April 18, 2023 – Tenure Celebration

Special Meeting - April 19, 2023 (Wednesday) - Top Senior Recognition & BOCES Budget Vote

Special Meeting - May 9, 2023 - Budget Hearing - Auditorium

Special Meeting - May 16, 2023 - Budget Vote/Board Election - HS Cafeteria - 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting – June 20, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT** Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Schmid, second by Ms. C. Williams, to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Ayes All - Motion Carried 7:0

Sandra L. Allen

District Clerk