

**SCHENEVUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom

Board President, Stacie Haynes, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Stacie Haynes, Jay Deitchman, Liz Reed, Tom Snyder, Tim Walke

Members absent: NONE

Also present: Theresa Carlin, Superintendent  
Nicole Couse, District Clerk  
Kimberly Matthews, District Administrator  
Greg Beall, Treasurer  
Deb Geci, Deputy Treasurer

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the October 13, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes and October 26, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

**Motion: Jay Deitchman; second, Tom Snyder, vote 5-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Schenevus United Teachers provided the Board with a prepared statement and surveys on their concerns regarding bringing back our students at 100%. The Board of Education read the statement, reviewed the concerns and will take all information into consideration.

Andrea Spencer addressed the Board regarding the Merger Study, which is almost complete, with a final report that will soon be submitted to the Boards of Education. She requests that, regardless of personal feelings, the Board vote to move the process along and allow the community to vote on the Merger.

**REPORTS**

Kimberly Matthews, District Administrator, reported that she continues to conduct Faculty meetings. The Elementary teachers seem more willing to have students return to their self-contained classrooms at 100% noting that the students do not have to move about the building. She noted that the Middle school and High school students move about more as they have classes scheduled in several locations in the course of the school day.

The decision has been made to continue to keep DragonFest, coordinated by Ashley Warren, virtual as all in-person meetings with parents have been put on hold. This month students received awards for Safe Behavior.

The Discipline Committee met and shared information with other staff which resulted in only 4 referrals for the year thus far. Students have respected the rules, staff and other students during this difficult time.

The K-5 benchmarks are being completed at a slower rate because students are evaluated individually in ELA and Math and are currently in the building only half time due to COVID restrictions. Completed evaluations are reviewed by RTI, Special Education and General Education teachers to develop the support system necessary for a student to meet all goals and reach the desired level by the end of this school year. The process has been extremely difficult as Intervention is an "all hands on deck" effort or it is not effective. There is a plan in place to make sure everyone is getting to be where they need to be.

Deb Geci, Deputy Treasurer, reviewed the Summary report that was sent to the Board which included all savings compared to last year, the unexpected COVID expenses, refunds and revenues received.

Greg Beall, Treasurer, continued to explain the resolutions to be approved authorizing participation in the cooperative energy purchasing service for Electric and Natural Gas.

Theresa Carlin, Superintendent, stated that due to COVID, the governor announced we will not be receiving transportation aid for fuel and miles driven during the time of the 2019-20 school closure. This will not be a significant cost as buses were used approximately one day a week.

The January Regents has been canceled. At this time we are assuming students will receive COVID credit. Since we do not have students scheduled to take the January Regents, this will not affect us.

We currently have 100% of PK and Kindergarten in the building. We are waiting on a shipment of dividers scheduled to arrive on Thursday the 12th. This delivery determines whether or not all students in elementary will be able to return to full capacity starting on Monday, 11/16.

We plan to host our Holiday Luncheon, free to all students, on December 21 (snow date, Dec. 22). COVID restrictions prevent us from inviting parents and members of the community as has been our practice.

We are composing a letter to parents explaining the flexibility we have in utilizing our five snowdays as virtual days so that we will not have to eliminate, and may possibly extend, one or both of our holiday vacations. This letter will also explain the COVID zones that are currently in place. If our County is designated as a red or orange zone, we will be mandated to go virtual. If we are placed in the yellow zone, we will have to test 20% of staff and students weekly. The Department of Health has already informed us that they do not have enough testing materials or testing sites to handle this many people which will result in us going fully virtual.

#### **APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2020 TREASURER'S REPORTS**

**Motion: Jay Deitchman; second, Tom Snyder, vote 5-0**

#### **REVIEW**

The Board reviewed Student Accounts for September 2020.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Business Items:**

On the recommendation of the superintendent, RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following:

1. Special Education program service recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.
2. Accept the 2019-2020 Audit Response
3. *Removed for further discussion*
4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE (NYSMEC) FOR ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, Schenevus Central School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the

Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Schenevus Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Schenevus Central School District to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$0.0736 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2021, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE (NYSMEC) FOR NATURAL GAS

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, Schenevus Central School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Schenevus Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Schenevus Central School District to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$0.583 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2021, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

6. Approve the refund of \$521.00 to Stiehler Kinch for overpayment of taxes.  
**Motion: Jay Deitchman; second, Tom Snyder, vote 5-0**

3. Accept the 20 21-22 Budget Development Calendar  
**Motion:Liz Reed; second, Tim Walke, vote 5-0**

**Personnel Items: (Motion)**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following:

1. Amend the 10/13/2020 appointment of Ashley Bevins to include a 4 year probationary period ending on June 30, 2024.
2. Appoint the following as Coaches of the 2020-2021 Sports seasons, pending certifications:
  - i. Heather Henderson Boys Varsity Basketball
  - ii. Frances Pickett Boys Junior Varsity Basketball
  - iii. Les Burton - Girls Varsity Basketball
  - iv. George Nebesnik - Girls Junior Varsity Basketball
  - v. Shana Ritton Girls Modified Basketball
3. *Removed for further discussion*
4. Appoint Taylor Diffley to a 4 year probationary period ending on November 15, 2024 in the position of Guidance Counselor at the contractual rate of M30 Step 3 starting on November 16, 2020
5. Approve Brideen Edwards to the position of Mentor for Ashley Bevins and Diana Brady at the contractual rate for the 20-21 school year.
6. Approve Ashley Warren to the position of Mentor for Taylor Diffley at the contractual rate for the 20-21 school year.

**Motion: Jay Deitchman; second, Liz Reed, vote 5-0**

3. Approve Montana Kelman to extend her leave of absence from returning on 1/4/2021 to continue until the end of the 20-21 school year.

**Motion: Tom Snyder; second, Jay Deitchman, vote 5-0**

**Administrative Items:**

On the recommendation of the superintendent, RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following:

1. Approve the first reading of the following updated policies:
  - 8410 - Student Transportation
  - 8411-R - Student Transportation Regulation

**Motion: Jay Deitchman; second, Liz Reed, vote 5-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jen Andrews seconded Andrea Spencer's earlier comment about the merger.

Shana Ritton reminded the Board to please contact her if the Board is in need of any information from the teachers

**BOARD INFORMATION**

It was discussed that BOE Operations and Finance Committee would be removed as it is a duplicated committee. Tim Walke would then replace Stacie Haynes on the Policy Committee.

The Board discussed the necessity of the finance committee meetings being held in November and December and agreed to cancel those two meetings. They all agreed that the information in the presentation form is very informative and would like to continue to receive the information for review.

The Board then discussed the "Blueprint for Better School Board Operations" they received from a Board retreat (number 1-6). The goal is to see what can be done to facilitate sharing information to and from the community as well as other entities.

Zoom Links for the School Board Institute, held on Tuesday, November 17th, will be emailed on Thursday.

Having no further business before the Board, Jay Deitchman made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. second, Tim Walke; vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Couse". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Nicole Couse, District Clerk