

**SCHENEVUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Agenda for Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

Board President, Stacie Haynes, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:39 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
Greg Beall, Treasurer
Kimberly Matthews, Principal

Ashley Warren, School Social Worker
Shana Ritton, Co-SUT President
Jason Ritton, Community Member
Cheryl Jory, Community Member
Dona Jahnke, Community Member

APPROVE MINUTES

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the July 14, 2020 Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting Minutes and the July 14, 2020 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

REPORTS

Greg Beall, Treasurer, distributed the budget status and revenue reviews which outline monthly revenues and expenses. Because of current fiscal issues, we are encouraged to contact our Legislators to request they allow Districts the use of debt services for educational purposes and not just to reduce taxes. .

Theresa Carlin, Superintendent, reported the NYS Athletic Association agreed that even when children are virtually learning they are able to participate in sports. The practice of Homeschooled students not participating in school sports continues.

Our District's Transportation Policies (adopted in 2001) state that all K-8 students who reside within 2 miles of school will not receive school transportation. And, students in grades 9-12 who reside within 3 miles of school will not receive school transportation. However, the District has not been following that policy and is currently providing transportation to every student.

In order for the Board of Education to change the policy as written, we must conduct a public vote. At this time we are unsure of the number of families affected by these policies. The Board will consider obstacles such as lack of sidewalks or the necessity of crossing railroad tracks before making any determinations and has agreed to set a special meeting for August 26 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a proposition and date of a public vote.

Our Reopening Plan is currently a hybrid plan for all students in grades K-12. Half of our students will attend in person on Monday and Tuesday; on Wednesday, the building will be cleaned and sanitized. The other half of our students will attend in person on Thursday and Friday. By contract, we cannot require teachers to come in to work on this plan unless they are compensated; no funds have been budgeted for this cost. Additionally, NYS has given schools the responsibility of providing testing sites and developing plans for contact tracing. We must also consider internet capabilities.

At this point, it would be considered unsafe to bring students back into the building; parents are requesting to keep students home for virtual learning.

Superintendent Carlin requests the Board support her recommendation to provide complete virtual learning for all students for the first 4-5 weeks. This will allow teachers time to develop their plans. We will schedule a Parent/Student Information Night(s) providing an opportunity for parents to pick up educational materials and supplies and to receive instructional guidance for home. All staff will report to the building.

The Board agreed that all students need to be back in the building however, until we can guarantee that all regulations and requirements will be met in time for the students to return, the Board supports Ms. Carlin's recommendation to start the school year off with virtual learning for the first 5 weeks.

It was suggested that prior to the end of this meeting the Board give authorization to do a budget transfer to cover the cost of additional instructional days for staff to prepare for virtual learning.

APPROVE JUNE 2020 TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

REVIEW

The Board reviewed the Student Accounts for June 2020

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. The Board of Education having been informed that it may designate one or more of its members to appoint an impartial Hearing Officer in regard to a pending request for a hearing, and having been further advised of the short time periods for appointing a Hearing Officer and for initiating a hearing,
3. A request for an impartial hearing having been made, and the Board President having appointed Vanessa M, Gronbach in accordance with Board policy who was the next available person from the District's rotational hearing officer list.
4. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the New York State Governor declared, under Executive Order 202.4, all schools within New York State to be closed to students no later than March 18, 2020 for a period of two weeks, ending on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, various subsequent executive orders were issued by the New York State Governor resulting in the closure of schools to students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 13, 2020, the New York State Department of Health issued interim guidance for in-person instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 schools during the COVID-19 public health emergency for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 16, 2020, the New York State Education Department released reopening guidance for schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. In an effort to comply with reopening requirements, the Board hereby temporarily suspends any Board policy or administrative regulation/procedure that conflicts with any current or future federal, state, or county law, regulation, executive order, or guidance released for the purpose of reopening of schools during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to follow the federal, state, or county laws, regulations, executive orders, or guidance and to take such action as reasonably necessary and proper for the purpose of reopening of schools.
5. SCS D School & Library Tax and Warrant for the 2020-2021 school year
6. *The Board tabled this item to be discussed during executive session and returned for a vote.*

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

Personnel Items:

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

1. Appoint the following as poll inspectors for the August 31, 2020 Bus Proposition Vote: Theresa Mellor, Matt Gregory, Kathleen Bentley

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

Treasurer, Greg Beall, advised the Board that if they plan to bring teaching staff in for preparation work, to be paid with un-budgeted funds, that a motion be made to approve a transfer of funds prior to the need to indicate the decision was approved by the Board prior to assigning the additional hours.

Jay Deitchman made a motion to bring instructional staff in up to 3 days, prior to the school year starting and \$5,000 from unappropriated balance for further re-opening preparation curriculum work. **Tom Snyder seconded with a vote of 5-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Jory, a community member and CSE Chair for Jefferson Central School, asked for an explanation of how our Special Education students would receive the required support they need during either the hybrid plan or the virtual learning plan. She asked if those students could report to the school building for additional assistance and to monitor the progress of their goals.

Ms.. Carlin responded that no students are to be allowed in the building. If they have out of building placements they will continue those services according to their plans. Elementary Interventions are planned for and in place.

Jay Deitchman made a motion at 8:01 p.m. to move to an executive session to discuss Business Item number 6. Second, Tom Snyder; vote 5-0. The board invited Administrator, Kimberly Matthews to attend.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:10 p.m. to continue the vote on the Business item they previously tabled.

6. Accept the settlement agreement that was a result of a Due Process hearing.

Motion: Jay Deitchman; second, Tim Walke, vote 5-0

Having no further business before the Board, Tom Snyder made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. second, Liz Reed; vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Couse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and "C".

Nicole Couse, District Clerk