

**SCHENEVUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom

Board President, Stacie Haynes, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Members absent:

Also present: Theresa Carlin, Superintendent
Nicole Couse, District Clerk
Kimberly Matthews, District Administrator
Greg Beall, Treasurer
Deb Geci, Deputy Treasurer
Dr. Rick Timbs, Financial Consultant
Jen Pier, Athletic Director

APPROVE MINUTES

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the January 12, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Tom Snyder; second, Liz Reed, vote 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shana Ritton, SUT President, informed the Board that on Thursday, January 28, 2021, JoAnn Fredette participated in a NYSUT Legislative reception call to bring attention to the under funding of School Districts statewide. In Jan., 2020, NYSUT launched a statewide "Fund our Future" bus tour and made a stop at our District. NYSUT remembered our school and asked for a volunteer. JoAnn Fredette spoke passionately about our students and the impact the underfunding has made on our district.

REPORTS

Dr. Rick Timbs, Financial Advisor, presented the Schenevus Central School Financial Forecast to the Board. His powerpoint presentation is his comprehensive 5 year fiscal plan for the Schenevus Central School District.

Athletic Director, Jen Pier, updated the Board. It was determined by the Tri Valley Superintendents that there will be no basketball season this year. This was an impossible task passed down from the Governor's office, to the Department of Health, to the School Districts, to put a season together within a week for a 3 week season. The Fall sports season will begin March 1st and will last 5 weeks, 2 games per week. The Spring sports season will begin April 19th; the goal is to have 10 games, and end on June 11th. However, we have until June 30th to end all sports.

Deb Geci presented the Treasurer's Report Summary with the Board; report was discussed. The Board was given an opportunity to ask questions if there were any and no questions were asked at this time.

Theresa Carlin, Superintendent, continued her review of the Merger Study Update. This month she discussed Facilities and Transportation. The Shared Values of both Boards were that both buildings remain open with Schenevus as the Elementary School and the Worcester building as the Middle School/High School. The name would/could be "Schenevus Elementary" or "Draper Elementary". Both buildings are about the same size with small differences. Since the school buildings are in close proximity, there is no need to consider a new building. There are currently **two** options being considered to transport students.

Option one would have all students transported to the closest school building, using currently established routes. Schenevus students would be transported to the Schenevus building and middle school and high school students would shuttle to Worcester. Worcester students would be transported to the Worcester building and elementary students would shuttle to Schenevus. The shuttle system would use 3 buses making 10 shuttles per week.

Option two would be to change all routes so that students are dropped off at the building they attend. This plan would involve more buses, however it adds only 5 minutes additional ride time.

Ms. Carlin reminded the Board of the Merger Monday meeting dates: March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14, with special guests at each of the meetings. Both Boards will vote, June 15, on whether or not to put a vote out to the communities. Due to the timeline, Ms. Carlin is encouraging any questions and comments to the Board to be made at the designated Merger Monday meetings or emailed to Ms. Carlin to be answered during the meeting. This update on the Merger Study will also be presented at the Worcester Board meeting. The next Schenevus BOE meeting is scheduled for March 9 in Schenevus. The next meeting of the Worcester BOE is March 24 in Worcester.

Ms. Stacie Haynes reported that she has spoken with Representative Mickel who recently conducted a survey on the proposed merger. The District was not aware of the survey and has been assured that the results of the survey will be passed on to the Board.

Ms. Stacie Haynes commented on the community Trap Shooting Club currently involving Worcester students. An invitation has been extended to interested students from Schenevus to participate if eligible. This club is not funded by the District, rather it is similar in structure to Little League and Pony League.

APPROVE DECEMBER 2020 TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

REVIEW

The Board reviewed the Student Activity Account for December 2020.

The Board was advised of the following events: Winter Break - 2/15-2/19, (the building will be closed on 2/15 and 2/19). The Finance Committee will meet - February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The NYSSBA Board Training, through CASSAC, "Discussion on closing the 2021-22 Budget Gap" scheduled for Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m.

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 letter of intent to purchase a bus from Leonard Bus Services during the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Accept the Section IV Merger with Worcester Central School for Outdoor Track & Field (Boys and Girls) during the 20-21 school year.

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

Personnel Items:

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

1. Appoint Shana Ritton as Volunteer Assistant Class Advisor to the Sophomore class during the remainder of the 20-21 school year.
2. Accept the letter of resignation, with regret, due to retirement, of John Currie from the position Food Service Worker effective June 30, 2021.
3. Appoint Heather Henderson to the position of Cross Country Coach for the 20-21 school year at the contractual rate.
4. Accept the letter of resignation with regret, due to retirement, of Joan Gregory from the position Teachers Aide effective June 30, 2021.
5. Appoint Joan Gregory to the position of Substitute Teacher Aide, Substitute Bus Aide, starting

9/1/2021, at the contractual substitute rate.

6. Removed to discuss during Executive Session
7. Appoint Jayme Bentley to the position of Modified Boys Soccer Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.
8. Appoint Ron Spranger to the position of Volunteer Assistant Modified Boys Soccer Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

BOARD INFORMATION

Ms. Carlin shared a letter of gratitude from BOCES for speaking at the Legislative Event.

Ms. Deb Geci, Deputy Treasurer, reminded Board members that if they have any questions about finance, please submit them to her, so that she can prepare a response in time for the Finance Committee meeting.

Ms. Stacie Haynes asked the Board for permission to table the Board Blueprint review until the March Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jay Deitchman made a motion at 8:49 p.m. to move to executive session, after a 5 minute break, to discuss specific personnel item #6. Second, Tom Snyder; vote 5-0.

6. Approve the updated contract of District Treasurer, Deb Geci for the term February 12, 2021-June 30, 2023.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:45 p.m. The Board decided to table the vote on specific personnel item #6 until the next Board meeting on March 9, 2021.

Having no further business before the Board, Tom Snyder made a motion to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. second, Jay Deitchman; vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted



Nicole Couse, District Clerk