

**SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**September 13, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting held in the High School Cafeteria**

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:11 PM Board President Kelsey Rossbach called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Board members present:** Kelsey Rossbach, Christine Brozon, Matthew Bennett, Susan Gloss, David Harvatine, Bruce Kopp, Rachel McCarthy

**Board members absent:** None

**Administrators present:** Patrick Jensen, Loretta Van Horn, Luke Carnicelli, Boyan Mnahoncak, Caitlin Wasielewski

**Others present:** Buck Alford, Melissa Alford, Maureen Angotti, Jamie Bailey, Mark Bailey, Charli Bennett, Sophia Bennett, Riley Binns, Audrey Brown, Erin Burroughs, CJ Calarco, Tammy Cornell, Julia Dunsmoor, Justin Frisbie, Julia Gloss, Sandra Groth, Marcy Hand, Sara Iszard, Justin Jillson, Molleigh Johnson, Jill Kulis, Rachel Landon, Jennifer Lane, Janet Lehman, Eric Littlejohn, Melissa Littlejohn, Steve Lonsky, Jennifer Michael, Jacob Myers, Mary Napier, Michelle Nichols, Julie Palmer, Morgan Palmer, Tammy Pettit-David, Heather Prince, Stephen Prince, Heather Quinn, Heather Rejman, Stephanie Rossbach, Josh Saville, Kim Waler, Steve Waler, Cindy Whitten, Heather Whitten, David Wiemann, Marissa Wiemann, Lisa Wood

**2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

-- On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Susan Gloss, the agenda was approved.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

The calendar was reviewed.

**CALENDAR/DATES TO REMEMBER**

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 27

**3.0 PRESENTATIONS – none**

**4.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS – none**

**5.0 OLD BUSINESS – none**

**6.0 NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS; CONSENT AGENDA**

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the action items listed in section 6.0.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

-- Minutes BOE meeting August 23, 2021

-- CSE Recommendations 2021/2022

-- Surplus Items; obsolete items from the cafeterias to be sold or discarded if deemed no value

-- bowls, pots, toaster, pitcher, lids, strainers, scale - aged

-- Surplus Items; obsolete items from the Jr/Sr. High School to be sold or discarded if deemed no value

-- world history, geometry, precalculus, English grammar & composition, reading books, college handbooks – outdated

-- overhead projector – outdated technology

**7.0 PERSONNEL/CONSENT ITEMS**

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the personnel items listed in section 7.0, for the 2021/22 school year or for the term as indicated.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

-- Create Position; a Civil Service position of Clerk, for future use

-- Salary Adjustments; 2021/2022 school year, based on verification of completed Masters level classes previously approved by Personnel.

Name	Current Step	Masters Level Credits Earned	New Step	Credit Stipend
<b>Mark Johnson</b>	OS+66M	12	OS+78M	\$1,166
<b>Nate Van Hall</b>	Step 4 +54M	6	Step 4 + 60	\$583 + \$411 per contract

-- **APPOINTMENTS**

-- Substitute Food Service Helper; **Phyllis Proctor** for 2021/2022 school year

-- Mentor; **Meghan Smith** for Craig McMeekin, 2021/2022 school year; \$1,250

-- Mentor; **Julia Dunsmoor** for Emma Greenfield, 2021/2022 school year; \$1,250

-- Transportation Supervisor; **Eric Cummings** of Auburn, to a provisional Civil Service appointment as Transportation Supervisor, \$65,000 pro-rated, effective September 7, 2021

-- Food Service Helper; **Rebecca Cope** of King Ferry as Food Service Helper, four (4) hours per day, effective September 1, 2021, with a 52-week probationary period, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

-- Stipend; **Lindsay Herrling**, substitute interviews, 2021/2022 school year; \$1,650

-- Special Assignment summer work 2021 for the following

-- **Heather Snyder**, Staff Development/STEM; ten (10) paid work days during summer 2021, at a per diem rate of 1/200<sup>th</sup> of her salary

-- **Kathy Perez**, ELL Class Scheduling and Parent Meeting/Communication; ten (10) hours

-- **Sarah Allen**, ELL Class Scheduling and Parent Meeting/Communication; ten (10) hours

-- **Co-Curricular Appointments 2021/2022:**

After School Supervisor	Ryan Vanacore	\$34 per hour
After School Supervisor	Mary Ferro	\$34 per hour
Freshman Class Advisor	Christine Bartolotta	\$1,041
Sophomore Class Advisor	Caitlin Wasielewski	\$1,041
Junior Class Advisor	Elishia Hoatland	\$1,908
Senior Class Advisor	Peter Bakija	\$3,310
Drama Director – Fall	Jennifer Diana	\$2,545

Drama - Tech Director – Fall	Joseph R. Gessler	\$1,734
Drama - Musical Director – Winter	Jennifer Diana	\$3,470
Drama - Tech Director – Winter	Joseph R. Gessler	\$1,734
Drama – Music/Pit Band Director – Winter	Elissa Murphy	\$2,545
Lighting Coordinator – all year	Jennifer Diana	\$1,041
FFA	Halee Wasson	\$3,817
HS Challenge/Masterminds	CJ Calarco	\$1,734
National Honor Society – Jr. HS	Meghan Picciano	\$2,082
National Honor Society – Sr. HS	Caitlin Rejman	\$1,908
Public Policy Club	Justin Frisbie	Volunteer
Robotics Club	Caitlin Rejman	\$1,146
SALC (Athletic Leadership)	Caitlin Wasielewski	Volunteer
Ski Club	Caitlin Rejman	Volunteer
Student Council - Jr. HS	Mary Beth Howell	\$2,082
Student Council - Sr. HS	Caitlin Wasielewski	\$1,734
Student Leadership – 7-12 <i>split stipend</i>	Nate Van Hall	\$867
Student Leadership – 7-12 <i>split stipend</i>	Lisa Carnicelli	\$867
Yearbook - Jr. HS <i>split stipend</i>	Shelly Kulis	\$678
Yearbook - Jr. HS <i>split stipend</i>	Mary Beth Howell	\$625.50
Yearbook - Sr. HS <i>split stipend</i>	Shelly Kulis	\$1,655
Yearbook - Sr. HS <i>split stipend</i>	Peter Bakija	\$1,400
ENL Coordinator	Sarah Allen	\$3,068
STEAM Coordinator	Heather Snyder	\$3,068
Elementary Swim Director/Lessons	Cathy Murray	\$67 per 2 hour session
Family Night Swim/Community Swim	Cathy Murray	\$67 per 2 hour session
Event Chaperone	Joanne Cartner	\$50 per event/session/game
Event Chaperone	Greg Otis	\$50 per event/session/game
Event Chaperone	Janet Otis	\$50 per event/session/game
Event Chaperone	Paula Schmitt	\$50 per event/session/game

**-- CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

-- Gloria Sherman, District Treasurer, permanent appointment at conclusion of probationary period

**8.0 BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – none**

## **9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

-- School Reopening – Superintendent Jensen gave an update on the building project. The sidewalks are all finished, the high school office structural wall repairs are finished, painting is done, they're waiting on carpet. Vitale finished all of the major paving before school reopened last week, they're doing a little bit of pavement patchwork. Any building project delays are due to a lack of supplies across the board. NYS has required Covid testing of all unvaccinated staff members, this is a limited number of folks. Our nurses can also test staff members by request. Any on-site contractors must be tested and our nurses are also helping with this. The contractors are separated from the students. The Health Department has been helpful with providing test kits.

Bruce Kopp asked how the budget for the building project is in regard to the unexpected mortar, asbestos and structural repairs. Superintendent Jensen said the project expenses are still under budget. The stage work may be pushed back to November because Syracuse Stage doesn't have curtain materials yet. They're having a hard time procuring supplies.

Superintendent Jensen spoke about the open positions in the district. We're still seeking three reading coaches, a family liaison/social worker, an ELL teacher assistant/teacher aide, a nurse's clerk, a groundskeeper, and bus drivers. Some of these positions are grant funded and we may leave grant money on the table. New teachers have mentors to assist them.

Headstart will discontinue their program here next fall. Superintendent Jensen is applying for an expansion grant for UPK. He said there is pretty steady enrollment in the Headstart classroom and our current UPK classroom.

Board members Kelsey Rossbach, Rachel McCarthy and Chris Brozon asked questions about grant funding for the various unfilled positions and what some of those unfilled positions would look like, in terms of responsibilities. Superintendent Jensen and Assistant Superintendent Van Horn responded with details.

## **10.0 BOARD OF EDUCATION; COMMITTEES/DISCUSSION TOPICS**

-- Discussion Topics - none

-- Athletics; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy

-- Met September 13, 2021, meeting minutes will be provided

-- Chris Brozon said Caitlin Wasielewski gave a rundown of coaches and student participation numbers. The modified numbers are low.

-- Audit; Chris Brozon, Bruce Kopp, Kelsey Rossbach

-- Next meeting is September 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm, the Auditors will also attend the Board Meeting to share their results.

-- Budget/Finance; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Bruce Kopp

-- No report.

- Directions/Long-Range Education; Matt Bennett, Susan Gloss, Rachel McCarthy
  - The committee will meet in October.
- Facilities; Matt Bennett, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy
  - Met September 13, 2021, meeting minutes will be provided
- Policy; Matt Bennett, Rachel McCarthy
  - No report.
- Safety/Wellness; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
  - No report.
- Transportation; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
  - The district is excited to have a new transportation supervisor.
- Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA) Executive Committee; Dave Wiemann
  - Dave Wiemann shared BOCES is concerned about their staff turnover rate also, they have two new members on their Board of Education, and they're having facilities challenges with the replacement of heat pumps due to microchip supply issues.

#### **11.0 VISITOR RECOGNITION; RESIDENTS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

- Janet Lehman asked about lead testing of drinking water and the results. She also expressed concern about staff turnover.
- Heather Rejman shared her concerns about staff, school culture, and the disenfranchisement of district parents.
- Lisa Wood shared her concerns about classroom activities and messaging from staff.
- Erin Burroughs shared her concerns about sexualization of our youth, teacher opinions and politics, lowered academic rigor and excellence, and lowered expectations of teachers.
- Heather Prince shared her concern that students need to catch up academically and focus on curriculum. She expressed that parents should be making decisions regarding how to raise their children, not teachers.
- Jill Kulis shared her concerns regarding age-appropriate health curriculum and the personal opinions being voiced by staff to students.

-- Melissa Littlejohn shared her want for great academic teachers and shared her concerns of student bullying by staff.

-- Morgan Palmer shared his concerns regarding indoctrination versus education.

-- Heather Whitten shared her concerns about school culture, students feeling safe or respected and parents not feeling valued.

-- Jennifer Michael asked the Board to reevaluate the one pick-up location transportation policy.

Kelsey Rossbach, Board President, thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and expressed there would be follow up.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Chris Brozon seconded by Rachel McCarthy, the Board of Education entered executive session at 8:13 pm to discuss matters leading to the appointment of particular persons who have applied to fill positions needed within the district and the employment history of a particular person.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

On a motion by Matt Bennett seconded by Dave Harvatine, the Board of Education returned to open session at 10:00 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Susan Gloss, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Hand, District Clerk