

BoE Regular Meeting Transcript

Steven Gellar

We are doing this live online as was the case with the last meeting. If you have questions for the superintendent or the Board of Ed, you can email them to us for the superintendent. The email address is WI.OfficeofSuperintendent@wi.k12.ny.us-- or for the Board of Ed, it's Boe.wi.k12.ny.us. Okay, now everybody would rise for the Pledge. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Okay, please let the record reflect that all board members are present. I think I already covered the announcement part. Okay. Can I have a motion for the approval of minutes of March 24, 2020? You guys have your microphones muted?

Ronald Maginniss
sorry, so moved

Annmarie LaRosa
second

Steven Gellar
discussion all in favor

Paul Michaluk
Aye

Annmarie LaRosa
Aye

Steven Gellar
opposed motion carries Okay, we do not have a Personnel report just a curriculum update. Mrs. Morrison.

Dawn Morrison
Good evening, phase two of the district's continuity of instruction plan started today. It includes the introduction of new coursework and grade level curriculum K-12 as well as increased opportunities for students to interact with your teachers a guidance document for students and parents outlining that plan was posted on the district website on Monday parents that have questions in regard to a teacher's plan should address those questions. Teachers continue to collaborate with administrators on a daily basis in regard to the effective implementation of the plan. The plan will be periodically reviewed and if necessary and adjusted purposeful learning experiences and I would like to thank and acknowledge the learning taking place K-12. The district's leadership and the district's administrators for their leadership throughout these unprecedented times and to our teachers for their dedicated efforts in supporting the students as a district. The ongoing academic needs of our students, we have figuratively moved mountains in the past three weeks and while challenges no doubt will continue to present themselves. So we'll find solutions and as a result, our instructional practices will be stronger when our students and staff return to the classroom. The New York State Education Department posted their

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participation rate status report for all school districts as required by ESSA, Manetuck Elementary School, Oquenock Elementary School and Beach Street Middle School have been identified on the list with participation rates on the test in the bottom 10% of the state this unfortunately puts those three buildings on a list that requires participation. It should also be noted that Bayview Elementary School and Paul J Bellew and Udall Road Middle School were flagged and are in jeopardy of being on the list for the 2020-2021 school year. So together as a district for the three through eight testing process, we are going to be working to re-engage our students with the assessment process will utilize those results to ensure that our academic programs are sound and that our students are receiving the correct supports that they need in order to perform at grade level standards.

Annmarie LaRosa

If we cannot improve those engagement rates. Do I have a question just a question what is the next step in terms of their state consequence?

Dawn Morrison

They haven't provided additional guidance on that at this point. I believe it is their hope that districts are going to UNINTELLIGIBLE. So if I do receive additional information, I will share it with you.

Annmarie LaRosa

Thank you.

Dawn Morrison

In conclusion, I would just like to UNINTELLIGIBLE Thank you.

Steven Gellar

Mrs. Morrison actually tried to ask

Dawn Morrison

Yes.

Steven Gellar

UNINTELLIGIBLE, I mean the governments of various levels not threatening to withhold money at this point in regard to participation levels?

Dawn Morrison

At this point this is something that has been floated out there, but it is nothing that has been confirmed.

Steven Gellar

Thank you. Okay.

Dawn Morrison

You're welcome.

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Steven Gellar

Mr. Taylor, apparently some people are telling Mr. Michaluk that they cannot hear us.

Brian Taylor

I am aware. I'm trying to figure it out right now. I've tried everything I can I don't know why we are not getting any sound.

Steven Gellar

All right, I suggest we hold on for a minute. Okay.

Ronald Maginniss

Hopefully it's at least recording the sound.

Steven Gellar

Yeah.

Brian Taylor

I think we now have sound at this point.

Steven Gellar

Thank you. Alright, let's let's continue. Mr. Maginniss will discuss the meeting of the finance committee. Okay.

Ronald Maginniss

Thank you. On March 31 an online meeting took place, committee members present were Annmarie LaRosa, Paul Michaluk, myself other board members in attendance Steve Gellar, Richard Antonello, Tom Compitello and Peter McCann. Administrators present were Superintendent Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mrs. Pellati and Brian Taylor Executive Director of Human Resources. The purpose of the meeting each month is to discuss pertinent fiscal matters and review the warrants. The meeting was called to order at 7:43. We went through the monthly reports as usual the treasurer's reports for school district funds for February the payroll summary 2020 were presented and accepted by the committee report from March 2020 was presented and accepted by the committee as was the financial statements or February of 2020 presented and accepted by the committee. The system manager audit trail report for February 22 through March 25, and the payroll certification report for March 6 and March 20 were presented and accepted by the committee. We reviewed the following board agenda Finance items approval of the budget transfers were presented and accepted by the committee for approval and for submission to the board for approval the 2020-2021 Affordable Care Act Administration agreement was presented and accepted by the committee. Approval of donations and resolution for CPI Aerostructures who donated a Bridgeport milling machine to the high school technology department valued at \$4,000, approval of Health Services contracts for Bay Shore UFSD in the amount of \$20,197.32 and Deer Park UFSD for \$2,794.50, and approval of the following bid extensions for 2020-2021 for Advantage Music, Best Climate Control Corp., Ideal Fence Corp., and Riddell All-American approval for request for Auditors as well as approval of a proposals for Cullen and Danowski and 2019-2020 change order for LoDuca Associates for \$27,281.00. We had a couple of other items due to school closure the

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district began serving grab-and-go lunches and breakfasts on Monday, March 30 feeding 60 children as well as children who couldn't come to the facility. They fed 81 students on Tuesday and 69 on Wednesday. The board also asked about the status of potential lost Revenue during the pandemic and what the runs at the time were But I believe we've gotten an update that at this point and it probably or could change going forward but between five and fifteen percent decrease in our aid, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43.

Elisa Pellati
That's correct.

Steven Gellar
Mr. McGinnis. Mrs. Pellati were you going to comment on that? Thank you.

Elisa Pellati
Sorry about that. No, he was just saying you can correct me if I'm wrong. So that was correct. The estimate was 5 to 15%.

Steven Gellar
Thank you. Mr. Taylor. I'm understanding that the public could hear for a minute and now they can't again.

Brian Taylor
Still trying to figure out what the issue is. I'm trying everything I can I'm not sure why we're not getting any audio.

Steven Gellar
You're on mute. Mrs. LaRosa.

Bernadette Burns
Mr. Taylor, is it transcribing at least is it kept capturing the dialogue?

Brian Taylor
Is transcribing it is

Annmarie LaRosa
Okay, so it'll post later then.

Brian Taylor
And the and the closed captions are on so people should be able to read what's being said, but I'm still trying to figure out what the audio issue is. I didn't do anything differently this time, so I don't know why it is not playing audio at this point.

Annmarie LaRosa
So Paul and Pete if you tell your people to put on the captions, they can follow along.

Steven Gellar

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Yeah.

Peter McCann

Yeah, I'll send that out.

Brian Taylor

Through our meeting they should be going on the left hand side of the screen. I'm running the caption through they should be able to read what the captions are on the screen

Paul Michaluk

I'm texting him now.

Peter McCann

Same here.

Steven Gellar

Okay, we'll move forward. As soon as he's done trying to let everyone know, Mr. Michaluk will discuss the meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Paul Michaluk

Good evening, the Buildings and Grounds committee met on March 31, 2020. We started approximately at 7:45 p.m. it was an online meeting members in attendance were a Annmarie LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss myself Mrs. Burns Mrs. Pellati, James Bosse, Richard Antonello, Tom Compitello and Mr. McCann. We discussed the shutdown due to the Covid-19. Mr. Bosse explained actions taken due to the closure of all school buildings a custodian performs a building check daily to ensure that all mechanical systems are performing correctly, and other tasks such as payroll is addressed, and mail is picked up and delivered twice weekly. Mr. Bosse gave an update as to the status of Phase 4B and Phase 5 bond projects. Despite the school closures, the bidding process will commence shortly, and will likely be conducted in a virtual manner so that work can begin as soon as schools are reopened. Due to the Executive Orders relating to Covid-19, there are limitations to the type of contraction work that can be done, so there may be a delay in the start of some projects. Mr. Bosse gave an update on the PV solar project. A financial evaluation was provided to the Board by the ECG Group comparing the strengths and weaknesses of the final two proposals for the PV solar project - Johnson Control and Noresco. The committee discussed the proposals and requested that Mr. Bosse contact Noresco with questions about how contingencies were to be handled within their proposal. Fire Code compliance inspections were postponed due to the closures related to Covid-19. An extension was submitted by the district and accepted by NYSED. Inspections will proceed when the Suffolk County fire marshal is available. A tent donated by VJ Entertainment was set up in the high school parking lot to facilitate the distribution of meals to eligible families in accordance with one of the recent Executive Orders. The meeting adjourned at 8:15. Thank you.

Steven Gellar

Thank you Mr. Michaluk, you know, I just want to get back to Mr. Maginniss who has questions about the state budget and if the Foundation Aid is to remain constant for all districts from last year with gaps coming from federal money to help fight Covid-19. potential issues coming

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down the road because the governor now has unilateral authority to make changes to the state aid. As the year goes on I believe there are four separate times when he can do so and basically, we are at that point and will be on pins and needles. Also come next year when the government money and the federal government money is not there. Then the state is in theory going to have to make that up. So it will likely be played out over a series of years. Like it was with the G EA and in fact, you know, they're calling this pandemic adjustment. So, you know for us right now, we only lost a small amount of money forward, but I think it's certainly a so we'll see what happens as it goes to discussion. I know there's some recommendation that Mrs. Pellati had in her memo and had talked about adopting of the budget until after the first adjustment date and I certainly think that's a good idea. Mrs. Burns would you care to weigh in on that.

Bernadette Burns

Yes, Mr. Gellar. Actually, I had a conference call earlier today with NYSCOSS and Greg Berke and Bob Lowry who are really the gurus up there in Albany. From the perspective the superintendents made it very clear that no one should really move forward with budget adoption until updated aid numbers are posted UNTELLIGIBLE and they are pretty confident that we are not going to see that full reimbursed amount next year right now the economy and the state is just too much in flux. And even if the federal package is a little bit better a district such as ours is unlikely to benefit from it. So they felt that at best we would get half of that amount and some people are confident and think it would be 3/4, but certainly not the full amount as represented in the run that we received yesterday.

Steven Gellar

Yeah, I agree as I say I think that over a period of time and probably go if best case it will be reimbursed to higher need first and to districts that the government sees. So, okay. Thank you.

Mr. Compitello will discuss the meeting of the Special Ed committee.

Thomas Compitello

The Special Education Committee met on the first of April by conference call. Members present were Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Maginniss and myself. We discussed CSEs and annual reviews ongoing throughout the district. Then we talked about the learning progress and a couple of minor hiccups but apparently it is going fairly well with the virtual learning program and we discussed alternative placement and new programs for those students that could meet their needs.

Steven Gellar

Thank you. Mr. Compitello. I understand that there's some difficulties with the closed captions So I want to apologize to everybody as well and the scrolling for that. I know you can't hear me apparently, but if you can read it, we do apologize for the technical difficulties that we are having we understand that the meeting is being recorded properly and will be transcribed and available on the website. So again, we apologize and ask you to bear with us. Okay. Mr. Antoniello will discuss the meeting of the Education Committee.

Richard Antoniello

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Okay, thank you. Mr. Gellar the Education Committee met tonight online at 7:15. Members present including myself were Mr. McCann, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Michaluk, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Compitello, Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Morrison were also present. First item discussed which was highlighted already is the continuity of instruction plan. Phase two of the continuity of instruction plan started today and a copy of the plan was provided to all teachers and reviewed with them by the respective administrators with a guidance document outline. The plan for parents and students was posted to the district website. The expectation for students to complete the assignments engage in daily learning experiences provided to them is emphasized in the plan, mechanisms are in place on the technology platforms being utilized that relate to student access and provide information to teachers usage of various resources. The administrative team is in daily contact with teachers in regard to the implementation of the plan, which will be periodically reviewed to ensure its effectiveness as appropriately necessary and make adjustments. The second item discussed was the NYSED participation rate status report as required by the state approved, Every Student Succeeds Act. The New York State Education Department posted the participation rate status. Manetuck and Oquenock elementary schools and Beach Street Middle School participation rates on the state tests were in the bottom 10% of the state. Principals must create a building participation rate improvement plan that delineates how they plan to increase testing participation rates for the 2020 2021 school year. The testing participation submission to the New York State was originally due to the education department on May 1 but due to the current circumstances, the deadline has been extended. The principals were provided with the information to complete the plans for their buildings. The plan for each building will be submitted to the board of education for approval prior to the submission to the New York State Education Department. It should be noted that Bayview and Paul J. Bellew elementary schools and Udall Road Middle School have been flagged also and are in jeopardy of being officially on the list next year. The meeting ended at 7:35.

Steven Gellar

Thank you, Mr. Antonello, Mrs. Pellati will discuss financial matters and business items. Thank you.

Elisa Pellati

Thank you. Mr. Gellar. The treasurer's report for the month of February had a beginning balance of \$61,287,196.37 and an ending balance of \$54,509,277.12. May I have a motion for the approval general fund budget transfers 3828-3831 and capital fund budget transfers 3829-3833.

Ronald Maginniss

So moved

Peter McCann

second

Steven Gellar

Mrs. LaRosa, and I'm second please you're muted.

Annmarie LaRosa

second

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Steven Gellar
all in favor discussion

Paul Michaluk
Aye

Annmarie LaRosa
Aye

Peter McCann
Aye

Steven Gellar
opposed motion carries

Elisa Pellati
May I have a motion for the approval of the donation of a Bridgeport Manual Milling Machine from CPI Aerostructures, Inc., that will be used by the West Islip High School Engineering Technology Department and is valued at \$4,000.

Ronald Maginniss
So Moved

Annmarie LaRosa
second

Steven Gellar
discussion all in favor

Peter McCann
Aye

Paul Michaluk
Aye

Steven Gellar
opposed motion carries

Elisa Pellati
May I have a motion for the approval of 2019-2020 Health Services contracts for Bay Shore Union Free School District in the amount of \$20,197.32 and Deer Park Union Free School District in the amount of \$2,794.50.

Ronald Maginniss
So moved

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Annmarie LaRosa
second

Steven Gellar
discussion all in favor

Peter McCann
Aye

Annmarie LaRosa
Aye

Paul Michaluk
Aye

Steven Gellar
opposed motion carries

Elisa Pellati
May I have a motion for the approval of a request for proposal from internal Auditors for next year from Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

Ronald Maginniss
So moved

Annmarie LaRosa
second

Steven Gellar
discussion all in favor

Richard Antonello
Aye

Peter McCann
Aye

Paul Michaluk
Aye

Steven Gellar
opposed motion carries

Elisa Pellati
May I have a motion for the approval of the 2020-2021 bid extensions as listed on the agenda

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Ronald Maginniss
So moved

Annmarie LaRosa
second

Steven Gellar
discussion all in favor

Paul Michaluk
Aye.

Richard Antonello

Peter McCann
Aye

Steven Gellar
opposed motion carries

Elisa Pellati
May I have a motion for the approval of the Affordable Care Act Administration agreement for 2020-2021

Ronald Maginniss
So moved

Annmarie LaRosa
second

Steven Gellar
discussion all in favor

Peter McCann
Aye

Paul Michaluk
Aye

Richard Antonello
Aye

Steven Gellar
opposed motion carries

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Elisa Pellati

May I have a motion for the approval of the change order from LoDuca Associates, Inc. valued at \$27,281.45 for the West Islip High School.

Ronald Maginniss

So moved

Annmarie LaRosa

second

Steven Gellar

discussion all in favor

Annmarie LaRosa

Aye

Richard Antonello

Aye

Peter McCann

Aye

Paul Michaluk

Aye

Steven Gellar

motion carries opposed

Elisa Pellati

Thank you.

Steven Gellar

Thank you. Okay. Can I have a motion for the approval of the Compact for Learning plan?

Ronald Maginniss

So moved

Annmarie LaRosa

second

Steven Gellar

all in favor discussion

Richard Antonello

Aye

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Paul Michaluk
Aye

Peter McCann
Aye

Annmarie LaRosa

Steven Gellar
opposed motion carries. Mrs. Burns

Bernadette Burns
Thank you, Mr. Gellar.
First I did send out an e-mail earlier this evening basically a community update and also alerting everyone that next week there will be UNTELLIGIBLE, I would be remiss if I didn't thank Mrs. Morrison for all of her hard work and I'm really very proud of the effort the administrators and teachers have made on behalf of our students. So back to my school messenger call little bit of my email earlier next week. We're going to make sure that we provide flexibility to our students so that we can respect all of the religious obligations that people may have throughout the week, although we will continue with our learning activities. They will certainly be sensitive to the fact that some students and their families do have other obligations throughout the week so Friday will be a catch-up day. We are also going to consider that since we will not UNINTELLIGIBLE. So we wish everyone a good holiday, whatever the holiday is that you are celebrating next week. Also, our next item for consideration is that our next budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14. I don't know if the board would like to consider pushing that back a little bit until we have more information from the state as far as what kind of number we are dealing with or if you would like to hold the workshop anyway.

Steven Gellar
I think that.

Annmarie LaRosa
I said push it

Peter McCann
Is that the final Workshop Bernadette?

Bernadette Burns
Yes, it is.

Peter McCann
Okay, so definitely I would say push it then.

Ronald Maginniss
You have a set have another one?

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Steven Gellar

Right. That's what I'm what I was. I mean it definitely can't be the last one because the last one as discussed earlier should be after the first adjustment date for sure, thinking.

Bernadette Burns

If we don't have any information though, I'm wondering what the value would be to hold it on the 14.

Ronald Maginniss

That's fine. We can move it.

Steven Gellar

Okay,

Bernadette Burns

Okay, so we'll explore dates once I get a sense from the state of where we are with the timeline and finally.

Ronald Maginniss

Remove the vote back, right, so we're not going to be voting to me.

Bernadette Burns

We don't know what the date is yet, and it looks like it might will be held no earlier than June 1, but we do know that they pushed the timeline so that the vote be a week or two later than that.

Steven Gellar

And they're going to move all the 11 the adoption dates and that sort of thing are going to get moved with it, right?

Bernadette Burns

That is correct.

Steven Gellar

Okay.

Bernadette Burns

My final note is just reminding everybody if you have not completed the census, please remember to do so. It's certainly, as you know benefits us as a community, representation in Congress and our funding as it relates to the federal in the long run as far. So, please do remember to do your civic duty. It really does take less than 10 minutes if you do it online. Thank you.

Steven Gellar

Thank you. Mrs. Burns anybody else have anything?

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Steven Gellar

Okay. Well as Mrs. Burns said our thoughts and wishes are with everybody. I know that the community has been hit hard and our prayers are with everyone whether it is your health that has been impacted with Covid-19 or finances. Obviously, your health is the most important thing and we wish all of you well. So with that, can I have a motion to adjourn to Executive Session so the board may discuss personnel negotiations and litigation.

Ronald Maginniss

So moved

Steven Gellar

Mrs. LaRosa second did but she was muted

Annmarie LaRosa

second

Paul Michaluk

Aye

Peter McCann

Aye

Richard Antonello

Aye

Steven Gellar

opposed motion carries. Thank you everyone. Goodnight.

Peter McCann

night

Ronald Maginniss

night

Steven Gellar

meeting and then getting back. Okay, guys, we're getting off the for executive

Thomas Compitello

hit sign out right Roger hear it at all.

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After Executive Session

Brian Taylor

I have to record this part of it. So we're recording. Um. May I have a motion to approve Wayne DiMarzo as Assistant Plant Facilities Administrator effective April 13, 2020.

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Ron Maginniss
So Moved

Annmarie LaRosa
Second

Steven Gellar
Discussion all in favor

Paul Michaluk
Aye

Rich Antonello
Aye

Annmarie LaRosa
Aye

Steven Gellar
Opposed

Tom Compitello
Me

Pete McCann
And I'll abstain from the vote

Steven Gellar
And any abstentions

Pete McCann
Aye

Steven Gellar
OK. Motion carries. Ok. Can I have a motion to turn the computer off?

Annmarie LaRosa
Alright guys

Paul Michaluk
Good night all

Dawn Morrison
Good night everyone be well

Rich Antonello
You too. Good night.