

Waterville Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6 PM
New Staff Reception at 5:45 PM
“Bud Dorr” Board of Education Room

~MINUTES~

Board of Education:

Daniel Nichols, *President*
Stephen Stanton, *Vice-President (arrived @
Executive Session)*
Justin Barth
Ken Boone (*arrived @ Executive Session*)
Peter Casatelli
Linda Hughes-Kelly
Tim Jones (*arrived @ Item 6-1*)

Guest:

Jade Baisley
Jen Dodge
Russell Franklin
Patty Louise
Amanda Odom
Ashley Olin
Dave Poyer
Mary Kate Ruane
Michael Shue

Administration:

Dr Jennifer Spring
Jennifer Dainotto
Katie Hansen
Karen Hinderling
Lindsay Owens

1-0 CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Daniel Nichols at 6:02 PM.

2-0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3-0 PRELIMINARY ACTION

3-1 Approval of Agenda - 9/19/23

Resolution #1

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the proposed agenda for the September 19, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

A motion was made by: Peter Casatelli

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 4 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: SS, KB, TJ

Motion Carried

3-2 Approval of Minutes - 8/30/23

Resolution #2

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 30, 2023 Board of Education meeting as submitted.

A motion was made by: Peter Casatelli

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 4 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: KB, TJ, SS

Motion Carried

3-3 Acceptance - District Clerk Resignation

Resolution #3

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Amanda Eaves, District Clerk effective September 14, 2023.

A motion was made by: Peter Casatelli

2nd motion: Linda Hughes-Kelly

Vote: Ayes 4 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: KB, TJ, SS

Motion Carried

3-4 Acceptance - District Clerk Resignation

Resolution #4

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the appointment of Sheri Brennan as the District-7-Waterville Board of Education Clerk effective immediately. Rate of pay prorated, \$5,000 stipend annually.

A motion was made by: Peter Casatelli

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 4 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: KB, TJ, SS

Motion Carried

4-0 OATH OF OFFICE - DISTRICT CLERK

5-0 BUSINESS OPERATIONS

6-0 REPORTS

New Staff Welcomed: Ten new teachers joined the WCS Staff this year. At the Jr/Sr High: Emma Barnes, Jade Baisley, Russell Franklin, Ashlee Jones, Amanda Odom, Michelle Van Slyke and at MPS: Lynne Knutti, Indy Neidhart, Erika Satterlee, Kristin Spinella

District Action Plans:

- **Priority 1:** We will address instructional learning gaps and focus on increasing academic achievement for all students.
- **Priority 2:** We will implement strategies/programs/services to enhance the social/emotional/physical wellness of both students and staff.
- **Priority 3:** We will enhance connections with, and opportunities for, post secondary success.
- **Priority 4:** We will enhance communication with, and outreach to, our families and the community.

7-0 BOARD DISCUSSION

- Discuss the possibility of the WCS Web Page to have a Board of Education page allowing them to bring more communication to the public re: visions, priorities, future plans, etc.
- If “buses are made to change to electric” questions. Dr. Spring, Dan Nichols, and Ethan Ostrander will be attending the School Boards Institute presentation on the challenges of transitioning to Electric Buses.
- New scoreboard is up, and looks great.

- A “W” is being painted on the wall at the Jr/Sr High School Stadium by the Jr/Sr High Art Club.

*NOTE: Computer reset causing the video of the meeting to be off for approximately 2 minutes.

8-0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- AO - UPK recess concerns and the option for parent helpers
- PL - District plan for a new Business Official, student attendance concerns
- Email Rcd - Treasures report, it will be reported on at the next Board of Education meeting

9-0 NEW BUSINESS

9-1 and **9-6** were pulled from the consent agenda to be voted on separately.

9-2 Approval Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies

Resolution #6

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is "urgent that we take action."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, "[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that "a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media" and "there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media."

HEREAS, the Waterville Central School District (the "School District") has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2023

A motion was made by: Linda Hughes-Kelly

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: KB, SS

Motion Carried

9-3 Approval FFA Field Trip

Resolution #7

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve an overnight FFA Field Trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis, In. to attend the FFA Convention from October 29, 2023 with a return date of November 4, 2023 as submitted.

A motion was made by: Linda Hughes-Kelly

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: KB, SS

Motion Carried

9-4 Approval –Teachers’ Sixth Class Resolution for Consideration

Resolution #8

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Sixth Class Appointments for the following teachers. Rate of pay per WTA contract.

Jon Krawiec

Wes Laurion

Aaron Sirtoli

Cindy Gallagher

A motion was made by: Linda Hughes-Kelly

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: KB, SS

Motion Carried

9-5 Approval - RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Resolution #9

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the resolution regarding the state environmental quality review reconstruction projects.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Waterville Central School District (the “Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed work at the:

Memorial Park Elementary (Reconstruction) - SED Control No. 41-19-02-04-0-003-019 WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the Scope of the Proposed Project prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, and has further received and considered the advice of its Architects and Engineers with regard to the environmental impact of the Project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Waterville Central School District as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines in accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act - SEQRA) of the Environmental Conservation Law that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA.

2. The Project is hereby approved and the Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are authorized and directed to perform all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to obtain the necessary funding, complete the Project and to carry out the intent of this resolution.

A motion was made by: Linda Hughes-Kelly

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent:

Motion Carried

9-7 Approval - Contract with Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Resolution for Consideration

Resolution #11

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve a contract for Dedicated Ambulance Standby Service, at a fee of \$75.00 per hour to cover home athletic contests at a rate not to exceed three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,225.00).

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 19th day of September, 2023 by and between Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. (COCVAC) and Waterville CSD.

WHEREAS, "SERVICE USER" is desirous of contracting for special EMS services; and

WHEREAS, "COCVAC" is willing to provide such services under the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. "COCVAC" Agrees to provide Dedicated Ambulance Standby Service, meaning a paramedic with a fly car will locate themselves at a function or event and will remain dedicated to that event, and will not be available for other routine EMS calls in the area. Dedicated standbys are subject to the availability of "COCVAC" crews and resources, see item #3 for additional details. The fee for this service is \$75.00 per hour or any part thereof with a minimum charge of two (2) hours.
2. "COCVAC" Agrees to provide the above marked special service(s) to the "SERVICE USER" named above for the dates, times, and locations specified in the "STANDBY AND USER INFORMATION SECTION."
3. Upon completion of Dedicated Standby Services, "COCVAC" will bill "SERVICE USER" for all costs associated with this agreement and "SERVICE USER" agrees to pay all fees within 30 days of invoice receipt.
4. "COCVAC" reserves the right to refuse any Special Services Agreement submitted by "SERVICE USER" less than 5 days prior to the start time of requested Dedicated Standby Services event.
5. "SERVICE USER" agrees to pay \$75.00 in addition to hourly standby fees for any event for which the request for Dedicated Standby Services was received by "COCVAC" less than 5 days prior to the start time of the request Dedicated Standby Services event.
6. This Agreement shall begin upon approval of this document and shall terminate at the conclusion of the requested service performed. This Agreement may be canceled by either party by giving 48-hours advance notice. Cancellation of event or requested service with less than 48 hours notice, for which "COCVAC" incurred costs for either supplies or personnel, the "SERVICE USER" agrees to pay for

actual time the EMS unit was dedicated (including travel) and/or for one hour of time, whichever is greater.

7. Nothing herein shall be construed to create a higher standard of care on the part of "COCVAC" than generally recognized under the laws of the State of New York for EMS services.

8. The charges provided for herein reflect only those charges associated with making EMS services more readily available to the "SERVICE USER". The normal charges for care and transportation of patients will be the responsibility of the patient.

9. Neither federal, nor state, nor local income tax nor payroll tax of any kind shall be withheld or paid by the "SERVICE USER" on behalf of the "COCVAC" personnel. "COCVAC" personnel shall not be treated as employees of the "SERVICE USER" with respect to the services performed hereunder for federal or state tax purposes.

10. "COCVAC" personnel providing the requested service shall not be charged for admission or entry fee to the event for which they have been requested.

11. "COCVAC" provides workers compensation and liability insurance for its employees and volunteers that render services in the course of their duty with "COCVAC" and in accordance with Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps policies and procedures.

12. NON-WAIVER: The failure of either party to exercise any of its rights under this Agreement for breach thereof shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such rights or waiver of any subsequent breach.

13. DECLARATION BY "SERVICE USER": "SERVICE USER" agrees to comply with all federal, state and local laws regarding business permits, certificates and licenses that may be required to carry out the work performed under this agreement.

14. Any notice given in connection with this Agreement shall be given in writing. Verbal notice may be given in conjunction with written notice when time does not permit adequate notice of a cancellation of the requested service or change in any part of this Agreement. Verbal notice may only be accepted by the Chief of EMS of Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corps or the Deputy Chief of Administration.

15. ASSIGNABILITY: This Agreement may not be assigned, in whole or in part, by "SERVICE USER".

16. CHOICE OF LAW: Any dispute under this Agreement or related to this Agreement shall be decided in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

17. SEVERABILITY: If any part of this Agreement shall be held unenforceable, the rest of this Agreement will nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

18. AMENDMENTS: This Agreement may be supplemented, amended or revised only in writing by Agreements of the parties.

19. This contract is not to exceed 43 hours and/or \$3225.00.

A motion was made by: Linda Hughes-Kelly

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: KB, SS

Motion Carried

10-0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- MS - computer reset due to new pushout of software, Google sites being blocked

11-0 BOARD QUESTIONS/COMMENT - NA

12-0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #12

Be it resolved the Board move to Executive Session at 7:32 PM to review the confidential Building Level Emergency Response Plans and personnel.

A motion was made by: Peter Casatelli

2nd motion: Tim Jones

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: KB, SS

Motion Carried

Out of Executive Session at: 8:25 PM

9-1 Approval Resolution for Consideration

Resolution #5

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following resignations, leave requests, Advisors/Coaches, non-instructional and instructional staff appointments.

A. Resignation:

Amanda Eaves, School Business Manager, Business Office, effective October 6, 2023

B. Leave Requests: N/A

C. Advisor/Coach Appointments: N/A

D. Non-Instructional:

Amanda Scott, Teacher Aide Substitute at the rate of pay per hour of \$14.70 effective September 20, 2023

E. Instructional:

Kathy Owens, Teacher Leader World Languages for a three (3) year appointment at the rate of \$2,200 annually effective September 1, 2023.

F. Probationary Appointment: Instructional:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoint the individual(s) listed below to probationary appointment as a member of the Teacher Assistant in the indicated tenure area contingent upon his/her successful completion of the probationary term for a four-year period as listed.

Amanda Odom, Certified Teacher Assistant. Probationary appointment to start on September 19, 2023 and end on September 19, 2027. Salary to be set at fifty percent of Step 1.

A motion was made by: Justin Barth

2nd motion: Steven Stanton

Vote: Ayes 7 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: _____

Motion Carried

9-6 Approval –Contract for Consulting Services Resolution for Consideration

Resolution #10

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve a contract for business office consulting services with Tracy Leone at a rate not to exceed \$5,000 as submitted.

A motion was made by: Justin Barth

2nd motion: Steven Stanton

Vote: Ayes 7 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent: _____

Motion Carried

13-0 ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #13

Be it resolved the Board of Education September 19, 2023 be adjourned at 8:29 PM.

A motion was made by: Steve Stanton

2nd motion: Justin Barth

Vote: Ayes 7 Nays _____ Abstained _____ Absent:

Motion Carried