



February 27, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Alexandria Central School Board of Education, held in the Library, was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board President, Suzanne Hunter.

Board Members Present: President- Suzanne Hunter, Vice President- Timothy Davidson, Emily Chase, Eric Heath, Heather Lavarway, Christine Lingenfelter, and Christopher Symenow.

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Christopher Clapper- Superintendent of Schools, Brianne Durham- School Business Administrator, and Renee Gill- District Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentations

-Counselors Presentation: Mrs. Katie Durand, & Ms. Michelle Mourino

Alexandria Central Counselors, Mrs. Katie Durand and Ms. Michelle Mourino, introduced themselves and updated the Board of Education on the current issues that our students and staff face, as well as a review of current social/emotional initiatives to promote mental health awareness within the school district. They also notified the board that the River Hospital School-Based Counselor has moved from part-time to full-time at their Alexandria Central School location. Ms. Mourino stated that several students have begun to receive college acceptance letters, and that every senior is currently on track to receive an extra CDOS credential on their diploma at graduation.

-STAR Data, State Assessment, and MTSS-I Progress & Goals Presentation

Elementary Principal, Kylie Morgia, and Kimberly Ingerson, MTSS-I Co-coordinator / Interventionist, presented data from state assessments and STAR testing for Alexandria Central students. In the year to year comparisons, as well as the fall to winter benchmarks, it showed significant improvements in almost all of the cohorts tested. The team also introduced Todd J. Galarneau from the Mohawk Regional Information Center, who has been assisting with the review of the data in order to implement improvements and determine goals to meet moving forward.

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Consent Agenda

- 1) **Minutes:**
 - A. Minutes of the January 30, 2024 Regular Meeting

- 2) **January 2024 Fiscal Reports & Warrants:**
 - A. Financial Report
 - B. Activity Account Report
 - C. Lunch Fund Report
 - D. Treasurer's Report
 - E. Warrants
 - F. Fundraiser Request:
 - a. Class of 2024: Chocolate Sale // Carnation Sale
 - b. Class of 2025: Little Ceasar's Pizza Sale // Krispy Kreme
 - c. Vocal Music - Musical

- 3) **CSE/CPSE/504 Placements**
 - A. Acceptance of Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.
 - B. Acceptance of Recommendations from the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
 - C. Acceptance of Recommendations from the 504 Committee.

**This report is on file with Pamela Monica, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education.

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Symenow, to approve the above Consent Agenda items as presented.

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Approve Jefferson-Lewis BOCES School Calendar

Motion by Chase, seconded by Heath, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES School Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Spring Coaching Appointments

Motion by Symenow, seconded by Davidson, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following Spring coaching appointments for the 23-24 school year:

| Sport: | Coach | Sport: | Coach |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Varsity Golf | Ronald Hazelton | Varsity Softball | Isabella Soluri |
| Modified Golf | Mark Benz | Varsity Softball Assistant | Thomas Murphy |
| Modified & Varsity Golf Assistant/Volunteer | Kyle Gorman | JV Softball | Andrew Walldroff |
| Varsity Baseball | Scott Chase | JV Softball Assistant | Patrick Copeland |
| Varsity Baseball Assistant | Chris Hyde | Modified Softball | Shane Simpson |
| Modified Baseball | TBD | Modified Softball Assistant/Volunteer | Elizabeth Sawyer |

5 yes 0 no 2 abstained (Chase and Hunter) Motion Carried

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-January 2024
Fiscal Reports &
Warrants

-CSE/CPSE/504

Approve Jefferson-Lewis
BOCES School Calendar

Spring Coaching
Appointments

Transportation Proposition Approval

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following resolution was offered by Lavarney, seconded by Heath to wit:

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Central School District (the "District"), is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), Environmental Conservation Law Section 8-0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, the District is considering the acquisition of two student transport vehicles and one passenger vehicle(the "Vehicles"); and

WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The District hereby determines that the acquisition of the Vehicles constitutes a Type II Action pursuant to Parts 617.5(c)(10) and 617.5(c)(31) of the Regulations and as such is not subject to review under SEQRA.

Section 2. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said District on May 21, 2024.

Section 3. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice the proposition in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 21, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted:

TRANSPORTATION PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Alexandria Central School District be authorized to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time, in the principal amount **not to exceed \$300,000**, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and apply a grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of seven-hundred ten thousand dollars together with any other aid received by the District and the proceeds of such bonds, notes, to purchase two student transport vehicles and one passenger vehicle, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, at a cost not to exceed one-million ten-thousand dollars, which is the estimated maximum cost of such vehicles, and levy a tax upon the taxable property of the District to pay principal, in an amount not to exceed three-hundred thousand dollars as indicated above, and interest on such bonds and notes, to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified voters of the District may obtain applications for an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot from the office of the Clerk of the District. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the District no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2024 and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2023 if the absentee or an early voting ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024 will require the voter to personally appear at the office of the Clerk of the District to receive an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot. A listing of all persons to whom an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot is issued will be available for inspection by any qualified voter in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the 5 days prior to the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military ballots may be applied for by qualified voters by requesting an application from the District Clerk at 315-482-9971 or rgill@acsghosts.org. Completed applications for military ballots must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

Section 4. The Clerk of the School District is hereby authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things necessary, following the advice and counsel of the District's Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the Annual Meeting to be held on May 21, 2024, and to do all other acts as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the District's Attorney and the District's Bond Counsel, desirable or proper to effectuate the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all applicable laws, regulations and executive orders relating to the notice of, and procedural steps to be taken in connection with such Annual Meeting.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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| Suzanne Hunter, President | Voting Yes | Heather Lavarney | Voting Yes |
| Timothy Davidson, Vice President | Voting Yes | Christine Lingenfelter | Voting Yes |
| Emily Chase | Voting Yes | Christopher Symenow | Voting Yes |
| Eric Heath | Voting Yes | | |

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Transportation Proposition Approval

Substitute Approvals

Motion by Heath, seconded by Chase, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Substitute Positions</i> | <i>Certified</i> | <i>Fingerprinted</i> | <i>New/ Returning</i> |
|-------------------|--|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Kathleen Ferguson | Substitute Teacher // Substitute Teacher Assistant | No | Yes | New |
| Terri Ellsworth | Substitute Teacher // Substitute Teacher Assistant // Bus Aide // Food Service | No | Yes | New |

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Reports by Mr. Christopher Clapper, Superintendent

Mr. Clapper updated the Board of Education on the current budget standings, solar eclipse planning, professional development regarding equitable grading, capital outlay project updates, and possible calendar changes.

Business Office Reports by Mrs. Brianne Durham, School Business Administrator

Mrs. Durham gave the Board of Education an initial budget presentation based on the current soft figures available for state and federal funding. The proposal showed what the worst case scenario would be if funding stayed as proposed, however based on discussions with several legislative leaders, these figures are expected to change.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

-Friday, March 8, 2024: End of 25 Weeks

-Friday, March 8, 2024: Mary Poppins Musical in Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

-Saturday, March 9, 2024: Mary Poppins Musical in Auditorium - 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

-Tuesday, March 26, 2024: Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Committee Updates

1. Policy Committee

- a. Second Read of Policy #6190 - Workplace Violence Prevention Statement (Per Policy Pulse Dec 23)
- b. Second Read of Policy #7350 - Timeout and Physical Restraints (Per Policy Pulse Nov 23)
- c. Second Read of Policy #8450 - Home, Hospital or Institutional Instruction (Per Policy Pulse Jan 23)
- d. To Delete - Policy #4212 - Organizational Chart (Per Policy Pulse Jan 24)
- e. To Delete - Policy #5150 - Contingency Budget(Per Policy Pulse Jan 24)

Motion by Heath, seconded by Lingenfelter, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the revisions of the above policies based on the recommendations given by the Erie 1 BOCES Policy Services, and adopt the policies per the second read.

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

2. Athletic Committee

Public Participation

There was a session of public participation

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Reports by Mr. Christopher Clapper, Superintendent

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Executive Session

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Heath, to go into executive session for discussions regarding the employment history of a particular person

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried Time: 8:26 p.m.

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Chase, to come out of executive session and reconvene into regular meeting.

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried Time: 9:28 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Davidson, seconded by Lingenfelter, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

7 yes 0 no Motion Carried

Renee Gill, District Clerk

Executive Session

Adjournment