

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

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Board Acknowledgements: Dr. Susan McClary lauded Mr. Keith Langlotz, Director of Facilities, who presented at the annual WNY Law Conference August 1 on the use of school facilities, saying he did an excellent job representing the school district. Dr. Kurt Venator congratulated Williamsville East on an outstanding job hosting the Brown University Lacrosse Recruiting Camp last week at the Flames' new athletic complex.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

A parent shared concerns involving the driver education program and meetings she had recently with members of the Leadership Team.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

- Under the *President's Report*, the Board
 - ➔ Briefly reviewed member participation in recent law conferences and attendance to the upcoming NYSSBA Conference Oct. 25-27 in New York City. Mr. Lemay will represent the Board as voting delegate at the conference and Mr. Eric Borenstein will serve as the alternate delegate.
 - ➔ Announced two community forums for the upcoming year, to be held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on November 17 at Williamsville South, and on April 6, 2019 at Williamsville North. The Board also set its annual school visitation schedule and liaison assignments. Members tabled a decision to set dates for two Board retreats.
 - ➔ Approved a motion to hold a second public expression segment during regular business meetings, continuing the practice initiated last year by the Board as proposed by member Philip Meyer.
 - ➔ Agreed to consider participation in the Erie County Shared Services Initiative with Dr. McClary serving as the school board's representative on the countywide panel in the upcoming year. Action on the matter will occur at the September 25 BOE meeting.
- Under the ***Superintendent's Community Update***, Dr. Martzloff commented on the status of the search for a new principal at Williamsville East HS and an Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Williamsville South. He reported that the summer months have been very busy, with many teachers participating in curriculum development and professional development sessions. Dr. Martzloff also noted that the district's Administrative Council will meet August 17, and opening day programs for all staff will take place Tuesday, August 28. "I look forward to welcoming everyone back and getting underway for another school year," he said.
- The Board unanimously approved the appointment of **Mr. Anthony Scanzuso** as Assistant Superintendent for Exceptional Education and Student Services, effective September 24, 2018. He will replace Dr. Anna Cieri who is retiring in October. Mr. Scanzuso has been principal at Williamsville East since 2016, previously serving as an assistant principal at the school for seven years. "It will be bittersweet to leave East High School, but I won't be going too far," he said.

Mr. Kevin Lasky was named the new Assistant Principal at Williamsville North HS, effective September 4. Mr. Lasky joins the North team from Medina High School, where he was an assistant principal for the past two years. Before that, he was a math teacher for six years in the Lyndonville CSD.

- Under ***Finance***, the Board issued the 2018 tax warrant in the amount of \$123,050,851, as approved by district voters in May. The 2018 school tax rate for the Town of Amherst, which makes up the largest portion of the levy, is \$16.93 per \$1,000 assessed value, or an increase of 15-cents. The 2018 tax rate for Clarence is \$18.17, an increase of 14-cents. The final assessed values received from the towns of Amherst and Clarence in July resulted in a reduction to the projected tax rate increase for those towns, from 2.24% at the time of the May 15 vote, down to 0.86 percent.

The tax rate for the small portion of the district that falls in the Town of Cheektowaga is \$16.91 per \$1,000 av.

- In other business, the Board:
 - ➔ Adopted the 2018-19 Meeting Agenda as presented, which includes a Medicaid presentation and information about the district's new mental health curriculum at the September meeting.
 - ➔ Approved unanimously the expansion of the current Veterans' tax exemption to include Cold War Veterans.
 - ➔ Approved summer and 2018-19 hiring authority for particular District personnel.
 - ➔ Appointed 2018-19 DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) building coordinators as presented.
 - ➔ Approved the Annual Professional Development Plan as required by NYSED.
 - ➔ Set the annual non-resident tuition rates, as required by law. (*Note – Although the District does not accept private tuition paying students, it is required to set rates to determine tuition, which is charged for foster care students to the district of residence.*)
 - ➔ Conducted a first reading on revised policy #7131 – Education of Students in Temporary Housing.

➔ Adopted district-wide safety plans in accordance with state law and as presented.

- **Facilities Update** – According to Dr. Martzloff, all scheduled summer work is going smoothly, is on budget, and will be completed on time for the opening of school.
- The Board accepted the resignation for retirement purposes of **Patricia Harris**, part-time teacher aide at Heim Middle School, after 28.5 years of service, effective August 31, 2018.

This Board of Education meeting will be televised on Spectrum/LCTV Ch. 1302 Saturday, August 11 at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday, August 12 at 1 P.M. Also, the meeting video is available for viewing anytime at www.williamsvillek12.org and on YouTube @ Williamsville Central School District.

UPCOMING MEETINGS (District Office Boardroom):
September 25, 2018, 7 p.m.

2018-2019 GOAL-SETTING WORK SESSION

Following its regular meeting, the Board convened a goal-setting work session. The 2018-19 Board and District Goals were adopted unanimously as follows:

2018-2019 BOARD OF EDUCATION Goals

BOARD, DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Foster and enhance relationships while continuing to improve two-way communications with students, families, staff, and community stakeholders.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Provide the optimal environment for learning, creativity and engagement by supporting the fundamental educational needs for all students.

STUDENT WELLNESS

- Support physical, mental and emotional needs of students by providing necessary, appropriate resources for wellness programs and initiatives.

BOARD EFFICACY

- Identify and implement best practices.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT AND FISCAL OVERSIGHT

- Oversee a fiscally responsible budget that upholds the mission and values of the school community.
- Oversee the 2018 Capital Project to enhance district facilities and increase New York State aid to the Williamsville Central School District.

2018-2019 DISTRICT Goals

DISTRICT - Review Districtwide efforts for stakeholder feedback in order to refine District initiatives.

INSTRUCTION

- Continue to identify and implement increased opportunities for students in an effort to enhance their instructional program as well as their overall educational experience.
- Examine best practice and research regarding academic progress and communication with families to identify common expectations and implementation of effective practices to enhance the manner in which student understanding is assessed and conveyed to parents/guardians.
- Reflect upon, and explore, the Response to Intervention and Academic Intervention processes and identify enhancements to these models.

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

- Continue to implement "best practices" and enhance programming in the areas of social-emotional competencies, mental and physical health, wellness and student services.
- Continue to facilitate expanded safety planning efforts, school climate initiatives, culturally responsive education and the focus upon inclusive school communities.
- Remain committed to the effective implementation of special education programming to include successful models of service delivery, expanded professional development opportunities and the provision of appropriate instructional modifications, accommodations, scaffolding and behavioral supports.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- Continue to explore and enhance infrastructure and staffing, professional development opportunities and technology integration, implementation and access.
- Implement the District Technology Plan to address evolving District technology needs and meet all requirements as established by the New York State Education Department necessary to obtain plan approval.
- Initiate a review process for the potential replacement of the District's external fiber.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Work with Hiring Practices Rules and Procedures Committee to publish and implement revised hiring practices.
- Establish Administrative Hiring Practices Committee.
- Review implementation of online course program for effectiveness.
- Complete audit of extra-curricular activities and establish a revised process for annual reviews and pay structure.
- Ensure compliance with Janus v. AFSCME ruling. Meet with all union groups and establish procedures for implementation.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT OPERATIONS

- Develop a new Smart Bonds project plan that addresses physical school building security needs.
- Continue to provide management control and oversight of the 2015 Facility Improvement capital project so that the work is completed according to the approved plans and specifications.
- The District continues complete the required action steps needed for the 2018 Capital Project.
- Provide Supervisors who have recently transitioned to their position with guidance and support that improves their understanding of their responsibilities and role in the Williamsville Central School District.