

ALEXANDRIA CENTRAL SCHOOL  
34 BOLTON AVENUE  
ALEXANDRIA BAY, NEW YORK 13607

Reorganization & Regular Board Meeting  
July 8, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Place: Board Room

Those present: Patricia Aitcheson, Stephen Dreizler, Andrea Adsit, Jane Aikins, William Farman, Suzanne Hunter, Christine Lingenfelter, Kyle Faulkner and Brianne Frizzell.

Welcome: President Board of Education  
Pledge to the Flag

AGENDA

**Clerk Presides**

- a) Meeting called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.
- b) Welcome Returning Board Members & Oaths of Office: Patricia Aitcheson, William Farman & Christine Lingenfelter
- c) Report of the Nominating Committee for President.  
Are there any other nominations?

Election of President

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Oath to President

- d) Report of the Nominating Committee for Vice-President.  
Are there any other nominations?

Election of Vice-President

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Oath to Vice-President

## **President Presides**

### **e) Appointments**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following consent agenda items contained in letters e through m:

Appointments:

- 1) Clerk – Kim Carpenter
- 2) Treasurer – Brianne Frizzell
- 3) Tax Collector – Gloria Morehouse
- 4) Purchasing Agent – Kyle Faulkner/Superintendent

### **f) BE IT RESOLVED as follows:**

1. The District Clerk, Kim Carpenter, is hereby appointed as Deputy Purchasing Agent, with authority to act in the absence of the Purchasing Agent from the District for a period expected to be 3 days or longer.
2. The School Business Official, Brianne Frizzell, and the District Clerk, Kim Carpenter, acting jointly, are hereby authorized to give such approvals and execute such documents for the current Capital Project and other necessary purposes as they deem necessary and appropriate in the absence of the Superintendent of Schools from the District for a period expected to be 3 days or longer.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the authority granted hereby shall expire on July 15, 2015.

### **g) Other appointments:**

- a. External (Independent) Auditor – Bowers & Co.
- b. Extra classroom Activities Account – Lauri Daly
- c. Title I Coordinator – Elementary Principal
- d. Director of School Health Services (District Physician/Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant) – River Hospital
- e. Supervisor(s) of Attendance – Secondary Principal & Elementary Principal
- f. Records Access/Management Officer – Brianne Frizzell
- g. Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Local Educational Agency (LEA) designee – John Warneck
- h. Title IX Officers – Secondary Principal & Elementary Principal
- i. Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer – Pamela Monica

- j. Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth – Kevin Durr
- k. Chemical Hygiene Officer – Mary Mitchell – Chemistry Teacher
- l. Safety Officer – Barbara Bresnahan – Health Teacher
- m. Claims Auditor – Judith M. Cornick
- n. Insurance Advisor – Haylor, Freyer, & Coon
- o. Certifier of Payrolls – Kyle Faulkner/Superintendent

**h) Appointments to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) for the 2014-2015 school year:**

- 1) Mrs. Pamela Monica Chairperson
- 2) Mrs. Stacey Linkroum Co-Chairperson
- 3) Mrs. Pamela Monica School Psychologist
- 4) Mrs. Stacey Linkroum School Psychologist
- 5) Mrs. Terry Hunneyman Parent Representative
- 6) Mrs. Elaine Goerger Parent Representative
- 7) Mrs. Heather McIlrath Parent Representative
- 8) Mrs. Lisa McAloon Parent Representative
- 9) Mrs. Alycia O'Connor Parent Representative
- 10) The Child's Parents/Persons in Parental Relationship to the Student;
- 11) The Child, when appropriate;
- 12) A Regular Education Teacher, whenever student is or may be participating in the regular education environment;
- 13) A Special Education Teacher
- 14) Other person having knowledge/expertise regarding student
- 15) Dr. Huzienga School Physician, if appropriate

**i) Appointments to the Committee on Pre School Special Education (CPSE) for the 2014-2015 school year:**

- 1) Mrs. Pamela Monica Chairperson
- 2) Mrs. Stacey Linkroum Co-Chairperson
- 3) Mrs. Pamela Monica School Psychologist
- 4) Mrs. Stacey Linkroum School Psychologist
- 5) Mrs. Terry Hunneyman Parent Representative
- 6) Mrs. Lisa McAloon Parent Representative
- 7) Mrs. Heather McIlrath Parent Representative
- 8) The Child's Parents
- 9) A Regular Education Teacher, if appropriate
- 10) A Special Education Teacher/Special Education Provider
- 11) Other persons having knowledge or expertise regarding the student
- 12) Ljuba Cvetkovic, or designee Jefferson County Representative
- 13) Early Intervention Representative, if appropriate

**j) Sub-Committee on Special Education for the 2014-2015 school year:**

- 1) Chairperson of the CSE
- 2) School Psychologist, if appropriate
- 3) The Child's Parents
- 4) The Child, if appropriate
- 5) A Regular Education Teacher
- 6) A Special Education Teacher

**k) Designations:**

- 1) School Attorney – BOCES Office of Inter-Municipal Legal Services & O'Hara, O'Connell & Ciotoli
- 2) Official Newspapers:  
Thousand Islands Sun  
Watertown Daily Times
- 3) Bank Depositories:  
Watertown Municipal Bank, Alexandria Bay, NY  
Community Bank, Watertown, NY  
Key Bank, Central New York, Watertown, NY
- 4) Official Bank Signatories – School Business Manager & Superintendent
- 5) Educational official designated to receive court notification regarding a student's sentence/adjudication in certain criminal cases and juvenile delinquency proceedings – Secondary Principal
- 6) School Pesticide Representative – Head Custodian
- 7) Reviewing and Verification Official for participation in the Federal Child Nutrition Program – Cook Manager & Elementary Principal
- 8) Hearing official for participation in the Federal Child Nutrition Program – Superintendent

**l) Authorizations: The Board authorizes the Superintendent to:**

- a. Approve attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, except for those out of state, and the like;
- b. Readopt all board policies, district plans, code of ethics, codes of conduct, special education handbook and all other district handbooks in effect the previous year;

- c. Establish mileage reimbursement at the Internal Revenue Service approved rate; and establish mileage reimbursement at the Internal Revenue Service approved rate for game officials;
- d. Approve budget transfers within limits prescribed by Commissioner's Regulation Section 170.2 and Board guidelines;
- e. Apply for Grants in Aid (State and Federal) as appropriate;
- f. Participate in Coop-Purchasing Group;
- g. Close the Junior High during Regents Week;
- h. Apply for Public Law 874 funds and all other federal funds for the current school year;
- i. Set the Line of Authority to be as follows in the absence of the Superintendent: Secondary Principal  
Elementary Principal

**m) Authorizations: The Board is authorized to:**

- d. Set the regular monthly board meetings to be the **4th Tuesday** of each month.
- e. Set the Budget Hearing Date to be Tuesday, May 5, 2015 & the Budget Vote Date to be Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**Regular Meeting**

**a) Public participation**

**b) Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 regular board meeting.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**c) Approve Treasurer's Report**

Motion to approve the July 1, 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented. (available @ board meeting).

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**d) Cyber Insurance**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve adding cyber insurance to our school insurance policy.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**e) Close Bank Accounts with Zero Balances**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to close the following bank accounts that have zero balances:

1. School Lunch Savings Account – Community Bank - #0561
2. Capital Fund Savings Account – Community Bank - #0579
3. Unemployment Reserve – Community Bank - #0587
4. Tax Cert Reserve – Community Bank - #0595
5. Retirement Reserve – Community Bank - #0603
6. School Lunch Checking – Watertown Savings - #0069
7. Trust & Agency Checking – Watertown Savings - #0070
8. Payroll Checking – Watertown Savings - #0071
9. Federal Checking – Watertown Savings - #0068
10. Capital Checking – Watertown Savings - #0072
11. General Savings – Watertown Savings - #0011

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**f) CSE Placements (there are no CPSE Placements or 504 Plans to approve for this meeting)**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education to place students for the next twelve months.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**g) Accept Letter of Retirement – Stephen Keeler, Bus Driver**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept, with regret, a letter of retirement from Stephen Keeler, Bus Driver, effective as of June 30, 2014.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**h) Approve Substitute Bus Driver**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Norris Handschuh, as a new substitute bus driver for the 2014-2015 school year, pending fingerprint clearance and completion of training.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**i) Use of Parking Lot**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Class of 2016 using the school parking lot for parking cars as a fundraiser on July 4<sup>th</sup> and during the two weeks of Pirate Days in August 2014.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**j) Approve Accounts and Advisors**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following accounts and advisors for the 2014-2015 school year:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Class of 2015	Lucy Gionet & Marcelle Morgan
Class of 2016	Ron Hazelton
Class of 2017	Teri Lowe & Tasha Jeffers
Class of 2018	Brian Hudon
Class of 2019	Jodi Cullen, Hollie Lynch & Kerry Bearup
Band Club	Daniel Hammond
FFA Club	Richard Company
FHA Club	Elizabeth Murphy
Academic Honors Club	Julie Ludwig
Yearbook Club	Ann Donovan
Vocal Music Club	Katie Taylor
Select Choir	Katie Taylor
Student Council	To Be Determined
French Club	Lori Turgeon & Hayley Messenger
National Honor Society	Barbara Bresnahan
Jr. National Honor Society	Robin Martin
Odyssey of the Mind	Teri Lowe
Whiz Quiz	Teri Lowe
Project Kindness	Nancy Aubertine

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**k) Board of Voter Registration, Inspectors, Machine Operator(s) & Notary**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following qualified voters to serve on the school district's Board of Voter Registration and as Inspectors of Election for the 2014-2015 school year:

Gerri Newberry – Chairperson & Inspector  
Kathy Folino - Inspector

Janice Gilmer – Inspector  
Sally Tousant – Inspector  
Machine Operator(s) – Darin Trickey & William Savage

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Patricia Wagoner as school notary on budget vote day, Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**I) Board Committees**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following to board committees for the 2014-2015 school year:

Faculty Liaison (1 person): \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Appeals (2 people): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Buildings & Grounds: (3 people) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Audit/Budget (3 people): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation (3 people): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Policy (3 people): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Negotiations (3 people): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel (3 people): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Athletics (3 people): \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no



**m) Delegate – Executive Committee of the Jefferson-Lewis School Boards Association**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Board to appoint Stephen Dreizler to serve as delegate on the Executive Committee of the Jefferson-Lewis School Boards Association and forward our dues to the association, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**n) Administrative reports by Mr. Kyle Faulkner, Superintendent, to include:**

**1. Patricia Durand – Substitute Calling**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Patricia Durand as Part Time Typist for substitute calling with an annualized stipend of \$1,000.00 for the 2014-2015 school year. The first disbursement of this stipend will be payroll #6.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**2. Longevity Stipends**

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve awarding Kim Carpenter, Secretary to Superintendent, a longevity payment of \$300.00 to be added on to her base pay, based on her continuous years of service with Alexandria Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve awarding Roderick Tidd, Head Mechanic, an additional longevity payment of \$300.00 added to his base pay, for a total longevity of \$900.00, based on his continuous years of service with Alexandria Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Motion that on the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve awarding Anne Remington, Cook Manager, a longevity payment of \$300.00 added to her base pay, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**3. Motion Calling Upon the New York State Legislature to End Gap Elimination Adjustments when Adopting New York State's 2015-2016 Annual Budget**

**Whereas:** The NYS Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NYS balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then;

**Whereas:** The GEA since its inception has reduced state aid to the Alexandria Central School District by \$2,497,040.00;

**Whereas:** This reduction in aid has resulted in a cost shift to the local property taxpayers in the Alexandria Central School district; and

**Whereas:** This cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures to balance the Alexandria Central School District budget, including the reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services and the reductions of school district reserve funds;

**Whereas:** Efforts by the Alexandria Central School District to sustain programs and services and contain budget are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Levy Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, and increases in pension, health care costs; and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and

**Whereas:** State funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations to maintain the quality of education in the Alexandria Central School District; and

**Whereas:** New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving very little additional aid when compared to 2008-2009; and

**Whereas:** Some school districts have even experienced state aid decreases from 2008-2009 to 2014-2015;

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Alexandria Central School District Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to end Gap Elimination Adjustments when they adopt New York State's 2015-2016 Annual Budget.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

District Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent of Schools

**4. Motion in Support of a Berger Commission Approach to Reforming Allocation of School Aid in New York State**

**Whereas**, all New York State public school students have a state constitutional right, upheld by the Court of Appeals in its 2006 ruling on the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) suit, to a "sound, basic education"; and

**Whereas**, the State of New York has "frozen" implementation of the Foundation Aid formula it agreed to execute to satisfy the Court of Appeals decision rendered in the CFE suit; and

**Whereas**, a comparative study of our nation's fifty state school funding systems ranks New York State second nationally, with a letter grade of A for **Funding Adequacy**, but condemns our state's flawed and inequitable approach to allocation of school aid with a letter grade of F, and a bottom-tier national ranking of 42<sup>nd</sup> in **Funding Distribution**; and

**Whereas**, the State of New York has shifted a significantly larger share of the costs of PK-12 education back onto local tax payers over the past decade, thus disproportionately hurting low property wealth school districts, and the students attending those districts; and

**Whereas**, New York State has enacted Local Property Tax Levy Cap legislation that virtually assures that existing per pupil funding disparities will widen each year; and

**Whereas**, the costs of resolving New York's school funding equity problem are, based on past state legislative performance, highly likely to continue to increase in every year that school funding allocation decisions remain in the hands of the state legislature; and

**Whereas**, New York's highly politicized system for allocating school funds places great pressure upon even the most conscientious state legislator to act in a selfish manner for the benefit of residents of their own legislative district even in violation of the state

constitution's guarantee, upheld by the Court of Appeals, that ALL children receive a "sound, basic education" with the consequence being that students of other legislative districts and regions have their educational opportunities curtailed;

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, the School Board of the Alexandria Central School District, calls for the immediate establishment of a non-political **School Funding Equity Commission** that follows the model used by New York State when it established the Berger Commission to resolve the politically sensitive issue of hospital closure and repurposing;

**Specifically**, our Board of Education endorses the plan recommended in the **2014 Rural Schools Association Legislative Position Paper** calling for the following actions to occur:

1. Education funding allocation decisions to be de-coupled from the legislature by empowering a team of nationally recognized school finance experts to design a new school finance system that is research based and fair to all New York students and school districts,
2. That this team of nationally recognized school finance experts be charged to operate independently of political influence, and design a system for allocating school funds that is equitable, predictable, sufficient, transparent and readily comprehensible by New York residents,
3. That the recommendation of this **School Funding Equity Commission** becomes law at a date certain unless that recommendation were to be specifically turned down by a vote of both houses of the legislature,
4. That the **School Funding Equity Commission** be charged to develop a plan with a three year phase-in to cushion districts from any dislocation a new funding system might impose; and
5. That after six years (three year phase-in and three years operation) a similar **Commission** be charged to review the impact of the new funding approach and make recommendations for improvements.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**o) Next Meeting**

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

**p) Adjournment**

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no