

**ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ALBION, NEW YORK 14411  
FEBRUARY 05, 2018 SUMMARY  
OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Mrs. Margy Brown, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**RECOGNITION**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT AWARDS**

Alyazirah Villanueva - Leadership Award  
Daniel Dash - Character Award

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Jeffrey Atwell, Mr. Michael Donahue and Mr. Chris Rice provided an overview to the Board regarding the proposed formation of a Clay Target Club. Mrs. Brown indicated to them that the club was already on the Board's Agenda for the evening. Mr. Atwell went on to explain that last year 54 students had participated in the club. Many of these students are ACS students with participants from other schools in Orleans, Genesee and Niagara Counties. Several area schools are forming these clubs. The club offers an activity to students who may not actively participate in sports or other extra-curricular activities.

Mr. Justin Dixon addressed the Board with concerns regarding DASA guidelines as they related to his second grade son.

Mrs. Brown asked Mr. Dixon if he had contacted the DASA representative at the school. Mrs. Amanda Dixon indicated that a meeting had been requested and scheduled with Mrs. Curtin for tomorrow (Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>) at 12:30 pm. A request was also made for the Superintendent of Schools to be present for that meeting.

Board President, Mrs. Brown thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dixon for expressing their concerns and requested Superintendent Bonnewell report his findings to the Board once the appropriate communication had taken place.

## **2. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of January 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report December 2017
- C. Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Report December 2017
- D. CSE & CPSE Recommendations
- E. Committee on Special Education Referral Information
- F. Building Use Requests
- G. Budget Transfer Requests

## **BOARD APPROVED**

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE** - None

### **4. PRESENTATIONS** - None

### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### A. Finance and Audit Committee Report

Mr. Shawn Liddle, Assistant Superintendent for Business, reported that the Finance and Audit Committee had met. Mr. Liddle reviewed the Governor's proposed Budget State Aid numbers with the Board. State and Federal aid comprises approximately 80% of our budget. There is a decrease by over 3% in the state aid. Mr. Liddle reviewed that as debt services begin to expire, state aid goes down but the district will not be negatively affected. Albion is starting this year's budget cycle with a projected state operating aid increase of approximately \$236,000 (just less than 1%) with the Governor's proposal.

Mr. Liddle also reviewed The Council of School Superintendents Initial 2018-19 Executive Budget Summary. The Summary offers an explanation of the various aid categories and the budget increase amounts for each.

#### B. NOSBA Breakfast

Mr. Wadhams and Mr. Sidari attended the Niagara Orleans School Boards Legislative Breakfast held on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Mr. Wadhams reviewed a report he prepared for the Board together with hand-outs received at the breakfast. He indicated that the meeting was very good and interesting then shared some of his thoughts about information received. At the meeting, Senator Robert Ortt indicated there are 1,000 jobs in Orleans County that are available. However, there is an inability to match people to the skills needed for these jobs. The representatives are pushing the technology aspect for the hands-on, tool-type skills needed for the jobs available in rural areas. More information will be provided to Mr. Wadhams to be shared at a later date.

### C. Board Workshops/Retreats/Work Sessions

Mrs. Brown indicated that Mrs. Sacco had requested the Board review the possibility of holding another retreat. Mrs. Sacco was not available at the meeting for discussion. Mrs. Brown requested that the Board review the options that NYSSBA has made available for retreats noting that the Legal Issues workshop may be of interest. Mrs. Brown requested that the Board respond to Ms. Ishmael by e-mail with topics of interest to be provided to them.

Mr. Wadhams shared information with the Board regarding Work Sessions. He observed that his review of the NOSBA Directory shows that a number of the school districts hold meetings and/or work sessions twice per month. He questioned whether the Board should meet more regularly than once per month.

Mrs. Brown explained that her review of the Minutes for these districts indicated that their Agendas were divided. An hour and a half was spent twice per month addressing the meeting items. Currently, the Board at Albion Central School holds longer meetings once per month, utilizes committees and receives the weekly Updates.

Mr. Liddle further explained that some Boards do more work in committees while others may not.

### D. Board Process and Protocol Committee

Mrs. Weller indicated that the Board Process and Protocol Committee had met and reviewed the draft of the New Board Member Orientation Manual. A more formalized draft will be presented at the March Board of Education meeting.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### A. Additional 2018 Field Experience Teachers and Observers

Board Members reviewed a list of additional Field Experience Teachers and Observers.

### B. Additional 2018 Spring Student Teachers

Board Members reviewed a list of additional Field Experience Teachers and Observers.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Personnel

1. Appointments:

a. Tokuko Steeves

Position: Custodian  
Effective: 02/12/18  
Civil Service Classification: Competitive  
Probationary Period: 02/12/18 - 02/11/19  
Salary: \$28,338

b. Peter Gaylard

Position: Custodian  
Effective: 02/12/18  
Civil Service Classification: Competitive  
Probationary Period: 02/12/18 - 02/11/19  
Salary: \$26,838

2. Extra-Curricular Appointments for the spring 2018 semester:

a. Sherry Zayac

Position: HS Student Council (.5)  
Stipend: \$375

b. Sawyer Green

Position: HS Student Council (.5)  
Stipend: \$375

3. Substitutes:

Certified Substitute Teachers

- None

Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

- Kenneth J. Capurso
- Dorothy J. Daniels
- Charlyne L. Olick

Non-Instructional: Clerical, Teacher Aide, Monitor  
and Cleaner Substitutes

- None

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B. Sunday Trip Request - Albion Varsity Football

**BOARD APPROVED**

C. 2019 Spanish Club Trip to Nicaragua and Costa Rica  
**BOARD APPROVED**

D. NY Agricultural Education Incentive Grant  
**BOARD APPROVED**

E. Clay Target Shooting Club Formation  
**BOARD TENTATIVELY APPROVED** subject to completion of all requirements set forth by the District's insurance underwriter, the NYS High School Clay Target League, and the NYSED Office of Fingerprint Clearance.

F. Donation of School Supplies  
**BOARD ACCEPTED** the donation of school supplies from Hands 4 Hope to the Albion Central School District with an approximate value of \$100.

G. Donation of Instruments  
**BOARD ACCEPTED** the donation of instruments from Mrs. Kathy Entz to the Ronald L. Sodoma Elementary School with an approximate value of \$1,000.

H. Fiscal Stress Designation  
Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board the information provided by the State Comptroller's Office regarding scores and designation of the district. The information provided a brief summary of how the fiscal and environmental stress indicators are calculated. There can be significant swings depending on the year.

I. State Tax Relief Checks  
Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board a news article related to the state tax relief checks received by homeowners. A review of the article gives a clear explanation of the calculation based on household earnings and represents a percentage of STAR savings.

J. Volunteers  
Board Members reviewed a list of volunteers.

## **8. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

A. Building Principal Reports  
Board Members reviewed the building principals' monthly reports.

B. Attendance Report  
Board Members reviewed the Attendance Report for September through December 2017.

## C. Superintendent's Report

### o Grapplers' Successes

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that at the Section 6 Wrestling Divisional Tournament held Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, five Purple Eagle wrestlers scored bids to the Section 6 State Qualifier on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### o American Legion Oratorical Contest

Mr. Bonnewell shared with the Board that Melissa Barnosky won the Zone 5 American Legion Oratorical Contest in Mt. Morris on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Zone 5 covers all public and private schools (and homeschools) in New York from the Finger Lakes westward. She will now travel to Albany for the state competition.

### o Girls' Basketball Sectional Final - (Sunday, March 4, 2018)

Mr. Bonnewell discussed with the Board that there is a possibility of the Girls' Basketball team going to the Sectional Final on Sunday, March 4, 2018. The Board has given a blanket approval for any Sunday sectional sports contests.

### o Smart Bond Committee

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that the Smart Bond Committee will be meeting next week. The committee is comprised of fifteen staff members who will begin with reviewing the State process, share our safety and security technology plan, identify our current resources, evaluate those current resources and identify the next steps from the educators' point of view.

### o New York ESSA Plan Approved by USED

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that the New York Every Student Succeeds Act Plan has been approved by the United States Education Department. While we await specific details, the New York State School Boards Association has shared that new measures of student performance and progress in science and social studies will be added to calculations of school quality. The state will also use levels of chronic absenteeism and out-of-school suspensions to help gauge the quality of school climate. The plan calls for expanded reporting on per-student spending and on how school districts allocate resources among schools as part of the effort to promote educational equity. School-level improvement plans will be required for the lowest-performing schools, as well as for schools with the lowest performance for certain student populations, including racial groups, students with disabilities, English language learners and economically disadvantaged students.

- Bus Drivers' Breakfast  
Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board the tentative scheduling of the annual Bus Drivers' Breakfast. The Board confirmed that the breakfast will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 10:00 am.
- BOCES Budget Vote  
Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that the BOCES Budget Vote needed to be scheduled for Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed on holding the meeting at 7:00 am on that day.
- Camera Update  
Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that the existing security cameras in the schools are now functioning. New cameras are being added to the existing units.
- "My School Bucks" Program  
The "My School Bucks" Program is now on the website. This program enables parents to track student purchases and add money to student accounts by credit/debit card or electronic check for a \$1.95 transaction fee that is paid to the company managing the payment system.
- FFA Land Lab Water Request  
Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that the total projected cost for the FFA Land Lab water will be \$5,050.27 as determined by the Water Department. The district is currently pursuing grants and reviewing the possibility of using rental funds from district land to cover the cost.
- Board of Education Budget - Question from Member  
Mr. Bonnewell reviewed budget sheets with the Board at the request of a Board member. The sheets detailed expenditures made on behalf of the Board and the allocation of the funds necessary to cover the cost of the secretary to the Board, memorial books purchased, awards (t-shirts and certificates) given at Board meetings, reimbursement of registration and travel expenses to Board members for conventions and workshops, NYSSBA membership and other membership dues. Future budget funds will be allocated to cover NYSSBA Custom Board Retreats.

**9. BOARD DATES**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Monday	February 12, 2018	Audit Finance Committee Meeting	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Monday	February 26, 2018	Audit Finance Committee Meeting	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Monday	March 5, 2018	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	March 13, 2018	Bus Drivers' Breakfast HS Café	<b>10:00 am</b>
Monday	March 12, 2018	Audit Finance Committee Meeting	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Monday	April 9, 2018 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday)	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	April 24, 2018	Annual BOCES Budget Vote & Election	<b>7:00 am</b>

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**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**BOARD APPROVED**

**11. OPEN SESSION**

**BOARD APPROVED**

The Board of Education nominated Mr. Wayne Wadhams for a vacancy on the Board of Cooperative Education of the Orleans Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

The Board of Education authorized Mrs. Linda Weller to attend the NYS School Boards workshop on Policy and to pay expenses related to the registration for the same.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**BOARD APPROVED**