

**ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALBION, NEW YORK 14411
APRIL 22, 2020 SUMMARY
OF A SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
(MEETING HELD REMOTELY AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDER OF GOVERNOR
AS A RESULT OF THE COVID PANDEMIC)
7:00 AM**

Mr. Bonnewell - "Kevin just turned it on so that'll be available; this broadcast will be available on YouTube, ah live to the public and later in ah YouTube Archive, YouTube history. Um, this morning we're getting together to take a look at the BOCES vote and um, I also have one item that I would ask you to entertain adding to the Agenda. We've been working on the E-Rate plan, um like us, the rest of the world is also kind of in pause and partial mode and so Derek's been working hard to get pieces of that together. He did finally get some pieces together, um so we'll share with you what that looks like if you're so willing to add a conversation and potential motion on the E-Rate to the New Business. But with all that covered, we'll turn to Mrs. Harling to call the meeting to order and do the pledge and then when we do the approval of the Agenda, we'll mention the other again."

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Harling - "Okay, so I'd like to welcome you to this Special Meeting of the Board of Ed.; if you could please join me in the pledge to the flag."

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Group - "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

PUBLIC FORUM - None

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Harling - "So with the addition to the Agenda that Mr. Bonnewell mentioned, would you like to describe it more or do you think we're, we're ready to entertain a motion to approve the Agenda?"

Mr. Bonnewell - "I think it's okay if you're ready to add it unless you have questions before you add it."

Mrs. Harling - "Are there any questions? If not, I'd be looking for a Motion."

Mr. Wadhams - "I'll move."

Mrs. Weller - "I'll second."

Mrs. Harling - "Okay, a second, okay, all in favor?"

Mrs. Brown - "I..."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Can I ask just for clarification who seconded?"

Mr. Wadhams - "Linda"

Mrs. Harling - "Mrs. Weller"

Mr. Bonnewell - "Okay, thank you."

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Orleans-Niagara BOCES Budget and Board Vote

Mr. Bonnewell - "Okay, so in New Business you have your um BOCES votes, ah Derek's going to share the screen with you right now that will show you the budget as well as the seven candidates up for election to the BOCES Board. Um it's seven candidates this year because interestingly like us, they had two um unelected seats last year and did appointments to those and those can only serve until the next election just like we've had the experience with ours; and so you'll actually be choosing from um seven individ, or you'll, there's a slate of seven, there are seven positions available on the Board. The reality is assuming that there are votes in favor of them, each of those individuals will serve a term, um on the, on the BOCES Board."

Mr. Vallese - "You want the Agenda or the..."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Nope the other one, the one that's the..."

Mr. Vallese - "oh, document?"

Mr. Bonnewell - "the Word document, yep. There you go, okay? So you can see the BOCES budget is ah; you're voting on the administrative portion of the budget. The services portion are set by subscriptions so this is the cost to operate generally the BOCES as well as the retirement expenses for all of the other areas. In BOCES accounting um payments like health insurance for retirees, other types of payments the BOCES may make contractually, once they retire they move out of the program budget say vocational ed, they move over to the administrative budget to ensure that they'll still contractually be paid in case folks stop buying the services um so

the budget proposed by the BOCES for the coming year is two million seven hundred eighty-three thousand five hundred eighty-two dollars (\$2,783,582) and again the seven candidates are identified for you there as well as the district from which they come. If you're so inclined, we need a Motion on each separately; the budget and then the Board seats."

Mrs. Weller - "I'll make a Motion for the budget."

Mrs. Brown - "I second, this is Margy."

Mr. Wadhams - "I second."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Okay."

Mrs. Harling - "Any other discussion or questions?"

Mrs. Weller - "Nope"

Mrs. Harling - "All in favor?"

Group - "Aye"

Mrs. Harling - "Opposed?" [No Responses]

Mrs. Weller - "And for the Boar, Board seats, I'll make a Motion."

Mrs. Harling - "We have a first by Mrs. Weller. Do we have a second?"

Mr. Wadhams - "I'll second."

Mrs. Harling - "Mr. Wadhams, thank you; all in favor?"

Group - "Aye"

Mrs. Harling - "Opposed? [No Responses] Okay, Motion carries, thank you."

B. E-Rate - Internet Connection, Access Points, and
Fiber Cable - Request for Proposal

Mr. Bonnewell - "Okay and then the other piece, we'll let Mr. Vallese share with you. That is the E-Rate process he's been working on. He's going to give you a screen share on that as well."

Mr. Vallese - "So there are two options in E-Rate; one is for like internet connection which we always do. There was only bidder on that who's Spectrum but the other piece which is connectivity to equipment, working with our Tech Department, we, they were looking at adding seventy-five access points. These are the same access points that we have throughout the building but with the additional

devices, um the way Mark described it and, and Mrs. Weller could probably attest to this, as more people come on, it starts shifting the connection area so adding these additional access points will allow every device in every corner of every room to be able to connect to the internet. Um so this goes on to the universal services, it's the E-rate bidding thing. We received six bids back, um five of 'em I actually had to get rid of because they didn't read the bid correctly, um five 'em asked to install them as part of the quote, but we, our Tech guys will do it. We only asked for two spools of twelve fiber wires and they actually bid out to install it all. So this is the lowest bidder even if we were just to look at the per device for the access points; they were the lowest bidder and a little over \$500 a access point; um the way E-Rate funding works is we get eighty percent back. LAKETEC will actually bill E-Rate directly so you see \$50,402, but the actual cost to the district is about \$10,080, somewhere around that. What I'm, as Shawn has done in the past, it makes all the sense, I'm putting the Resolution up there that it is contingent on final approval of E-Rate funding so if we don't get that eighty percent funding, I don't know if we have enough equipment money set aside in the Tech Department to purchase these right now so I just ask that we approve it contingent on final approval of the eighty percent funding from E-Rate."

Mrs. Brown - "I, I have a question?"

Mr. Vallese - "Yeah, Margy?"

Mrs. Brown - "I, I'm sorry, I don't know if I missed it; I'm unclear, is this, is this in response to all of the new ah distance learning, or is this a standard, what is this in response to or is this something that we were gonna do anyways?"

Mr. Vallese - "Well, we were gonna do this anyways. E-Rate you have to put it out on the poll for twenty-eight days in advance and then; so this process was started before we closed. These are for here."

Mrs. Brown - "But, but it was started be, before we closed because we knew that we were going to have to do distance learning, or no?"

Mr. Vallese - "No, these are access points that would be in our building."

Mrs. Brown - "were gonna be done anyways. I'm just trying to understand..."

Mr. Vallese - "Correct, yes"

Mr. Bonnewell - "Yes"

Mrs. Brown - "whether or not the students were there. Okay; so it just beefs up our, our, our um system?"

Mr. Vallese - "Correct, yep."

Mrs. Brown - "Okay, thank you."

Mr. Vallese - "As we have the, now we have Chromebooks almost one to one in every classroom as everybody..."

Mrs. Brown - "Right"

Mr. Vallese - "gets on it, everybody will not have connection issues."

Mrs. Brown - "Okay, great."

Mr. Vallese - "There won't be gray areas."

Mrs. Brown - "Okay."

Mrs. Harling - "Are there any other questions?"

Mrs. Weller - "Um"

Mrs. Brown - "I would, I, I would make a Motion to approve."

Mrs. Harling - "So we have a Motion by Mrs. Brown, do we have a second?"

Mrs. Weller - "I'll second."

Mrs. Harling - "Second by Mrs. Weller, all in favor?"

Mr. Wadhams - "Aye"

Mrs. Weller - "Aye"

Mrs. Harling - "Aye. Opposed? [No Responses] Motion carries."

Mr. Vallese - "Thank you."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Okay and we provided you with a, a list of dates as they so stand on your Agenda. Of course, those are all subject to change depending on what ah comes down from the state. We're still waiting for information on things such as the budget vote. There are lots of theories roaming out there ah but nothing that's been identified yet, so um we'll keep you updated as any information does happen to come out to us, okay?"

Mrs. Brown - "Ah, Mike I have a question."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Yep."

Mrs. Brown - "Just if in regards, just looking out to the future, um in regards to Graduation, would how, how um any school in New York

State handles Graduation, if it happens or doesn't, however it happens, does that have to come down from what the Governor says or would that be an individual districts doing what they decide to do?"

Mr. Bonnewell - "No, at this point it's still under the Governor's direction that we not hold any school functions or school class, um..."

Mrs. Brown - "Okay."

Mr. Bonnewell - "I will be meeting, I, I reached out to the Class Advisor to talk about setting up either a Zoom or a conference call with her and the class officers um..."

Mrs. Brown - "mmm, hmmm."

Mr. Bonnewell - "to take a look at some ways to continue to connect with and recognize our seniors."

Mrs. Brown - "mmm, hmmm."

Mr. Bonnewell - "To tell you, personally um that of, I'm of the mindset that we still need to deal with some sort of a Graduation program, a Graduation ceremony, um..."

Mrs. Brown - "mmm, hmmm."

Mr. Bonnewell - "even, even if it happens to be after its usual time depending upon the..."

Mrs. Brown - "Right"

Mr. Bonnewell - "the Governor. There are schools that are talking virtual; and we'll talk about some of those possibilities with the kids and then ask them to find from their classmates if that's in addition to, but I don't think it should be a substitute for; that's my personal opinion, um..."

Mrs. Brown - "mmm, hmmm."

Mrs. Bonnewell - "but we'll certainly, you know, have that conversation with them and bring them into it. So it could be that we do something virtual, more along the lines of the time that we would typically do, and then..."

Mrs. Brown - "mmm, hmmm."

Mr. Bonnewell - "something live and in person later on, um but you, you, know my feeling; I say it all the time when we're doing budget, this group of kids because of circumstances that aren't their fault, don't deserve any less than any other group of kids that we care for."

Mrs. Brown - "No, agreed."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Illness came with this group and so, so we'll look at possibilities with, with the officers to begin with and then we'll ask them to reach out and, and look at beyond that with their class and the class's families and see you know, what, what is most fitting and most appropriate under whatever the circumstances are."

Mrs. Brown - "It is certainly is not looking like we're getting close to a peak in this upstate area for another six weeks or so."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Right."

Mrs. Brown - "So..."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Exactly."

Mrs. Brown - "Unfortunately, okay."

Mrs. Weller - "I know, I know some schools across the country have done like an individual Graduation; they set up a stage; they only have the family, the, the kid, like the mother or father come in, they walk across the stage, they get handed their Diploma, um as individual families and then this whole thing is videotaped and then they put it all together and then the class as a whole can watch the Graduation."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Yeah, there are all kinds of possibilities."

Mrs. Weller - "and the video, but there are so many different schools trying so many different things that you know, the ideas and you know the building blocks are out there, so..."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Right."

Mrs. Weller - "and we, you're right, we, we have to have, let these kids have their Graduation."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Yep."

Mrs. Weller - "I mean, this has been a weird year."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Yep, absolutely, okay?"

Mrs. Weller - "As Kathy can attest cause she has a senior."

Mrs. Harling - "Yes I do."

3. BOARD DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
<u>TBD</u>		Board Candidate Petitions Due District Office	
<u>TBD</u>		Candidate Ballot Drawing District Office	
Wednesday	April 22, 2020 <u>(Now April 16-30)</u>	Annual BOCES Budget Vote & Election	7:00 am
Monday	May 11, 2020 (2 nd Monday)	Audit Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Monday	May 11, 2020 (2 nd Monday)	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 pm
<u>TBD</u>		Public Hearing HS LGI	
Monday	May 18, 2020	Annual Honors Convocation Hickory Ridge	7:00 pm
<u>TBD</u>		Budget Vote ES Conference Room A	
Monday	June 1, 2020	Annual Board of Education Recognition Reception ES Foyer	6:00 pm
Monday	June 1, 2020	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday	June 7, 2020	Baccalaureate Albion First Presbyterian Church	7:00 pm
Friday	June 19, 2020	Class Night MS Auditorium	7:00 pm
Monday	June 22, 2020	Kindergarten Graduation MS Auditorium	5:30 pm
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>June 23, 2020</u>	5 th Grade Moving-Up Day	<u>9:30 am</u>
Tuesday	June 23, 2020	Kindergarten Graduation MS Auditorium	5:30 pm
Friday	June 26, 2020	Graduation High School Gym	7:00 pm
Monday	July 6, 2020 (2 nd Monday)	Reorganizational Meeting	7:00 pm
Monday	July 6, 2020 (2 nd Monday)	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:15 pm

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bonnewell - "So that's all we have for you guys um if you're, if you don't have anything else, we're good."

Mrs. Harling - "If there's no other discussion or questions, we'd be looking for a Motion to adjourn?"

Mrs. Weller - "I'll make a Motion."

Mrs. Sacco - "I'll second."

Mrs. Brown - "I'll second."

Mrs. Harling - "By Mrs. Weller, do we have a second? By Mrs. Chantelle-ir, Mrs. Chantelle Sacco, um all in favor?"

Mrs. Weller - "I"

Mrs. Harling - "Opposed? [No Responses] Okay, Motion adjourned, thank you so much."

Mr. Bonnewell - "Thank you, all."

Mrs. Weller - "Bye."

Mrs. Sacco - "Bye."

Mr. Bonnewell - "B, Bye."