

The Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Central School District Board of Education was held on April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the bandroom.

Present: Ed Fersch, Denise Johnston, Ed Dalski, Kelli Winnie and Jenny Rosenzweig
Superintendent: Jeff Bennett
Principal: Jill Ten Eyck
Treasurer: Wendy Sprague
Secretary: Marianne Schor

Mr. Fersch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Mr. Bennett gave the final PowerPoint presentation on the proposed budget for 2021-2022. The annual Public Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 PM.

**3rd Public
Budget
Presentation**

Additions to agenda:

1. Executive sessions at the end of the meeting to discuss a safety and an employee history.
2. Under Treasurer's Report #3, Firm Commitments, add "ONC BOCES"

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the treasurer's report for March, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Treas. Report

Ed Dalski moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the 20-21 Tax Year Adjustment in the amount of \$480.26. Motion approved unanimously.

**20-21 Tax Year
Adjustment**

Jenny Rosenzweig moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the BOCES Firm Commitments as follows:

**BOCES Firm
Commitments**

- Erie 1 BOCES
- DCMO BOCES
- Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES
- PNW BOCES
- ONC BOCES

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston, to adopt the following DCMO BOCES resolutions:

**DCMO BOCES
Resolutions**

**COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022**

WHEREAS,

The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego

BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS,

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS,

The Central School named below wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD and CAFETERIA SUPPLIES
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

WHEREAS,

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items, and

WHEREAS,

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS,

The Central School named below wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and awarding bids and reporting the results to the schools; therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) that it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

**GENERIC
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-202220**

WHEREAS,

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS,

The Central School named below is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS,

The Central School named below wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below hereby

appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Central School listed below agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Motion approved unanimously.

Denise Johnston moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the budget transfers to be effective 4/14/21 in the amount of \$5,000. Motion approved unanimously.

Budget Transfers

The bills and the Claims Auditor's Report for March were reviewed.

Bills & Claims

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the extra-classroom activity fund report for March, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.

Extra-Classroom Activity Fund

Ed Dalski moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 10, 2021 as written and the special meeting on March 24, 2021 as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

President's Report:

1. Mr. Fersch stated that the Catskill School Study Council School Board Institute has a session on April 26th on the SuperEval program. Anyone wishing to go should let Mrs. Schor know by tomorrow.

CASSC SBI

Superintendent's Report:

1. Mr. Bennett gave an update on spring sports. The first game will be April 30th. At the last Athletic Director's meeting, they discussed which schools were participating, what the games will look like, and getting protocols in place.
2. Mr. Bennett stated that there will be an Art

Spring Sports Season

Art Celebration

Celebration on Friday. One of our art teachers, Ms. Amy Royal, came up with the idea of a school-wide t-shirt painting project. All students and staff members will paint t-shirts on Friday, then the shirts will be displayed throughout the school until the following Friday, when everyone will wear their shirts to school.

3. The re-opening of the building after Spring Break went well. There was an issue with the town water which was dealt with by getting some water coolers in for drinking water and using paper utensils until the water cleared up.

Re-opening of Bldg.

4. Mr. Bennett stated that he had already discussed the Federal grants we will be receiving during the Budget presentation.

Federal Money

5. Mr. Bennett stated that Main Care wants us to sign a contract with them for the gas tank that is installed at the bus garage. The school attorneys are reviewing the contract.

Main Care Gas Tank

6. Mr. Bennett informed the board about emails he has been receiving from community members regarding the condition of the “town” tennis courts.

Tennis Courts

Principal’s Report:

1. Ms. Ten Eyck informed the board that we have received the Community Grant for our summer program. She thanked Jenny Rosenzweig and Jo Hinkley for helping with the grant application. Ms. Ten Eyck added that the details of program are still being worked out, and added that part of the grant requirements is that we have a drama production.
2. Ms. Ten Eyck stated that one half of our 7-12 grades are failing at least one class. Homework Help will be held Monday through Thursday, and students will be able to earn a ‘Golden Ticket’ to be able to participate in sports practices. Ms. Ten Eyck said that today teachers announced that they will put ineligibility off for 2 weeks so students will be able to start practicing for their sports, hoping this will be incentive to get grades up. Ms. Ten Eyck thanked our teachers for doing that. She added that, as she had reported last month, attendance for when we are fully remote is not good, as students pick and choose which classes to go to. However, now that we are back to in-person learning, students are coming in and absences are at a minimum.

Grant for Summer Program

Inel. List and Student Attendance

3. Ms. Ten Eyck stated that there will be 3-8 grade testing this

3-8 Grade Testing

year. The ELA test will be given on April 19th, and will only be a one-day test with less questions than previous years. The entire test should only take 80-90 minutes. Fully remote students can come in to take the test but they are not required to do so.

4. Ms. Ten Eyck stated that she just received word from State Ed that the Next Gen Learning Standards have been delayed a year.

Next Gen Learning Standards.

Board Committee Reports:

1. Policy Committee:

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the following new policies:

- 5636 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms
- 7554 – Student Gender Identity

Motion approved unanimously.

Policy Approval

Board Comments and Questions: Jenny Rosenzweig had questions on some of the line items in the budget. A discussion followed. Kelli Winnie asked if there are guidelines out for graduation yet. Mr. Bennett outlined our graduation plans that are lining up with the current guidance. Ed Dalski thanked Wendy Sprague for the new mail machine.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Jenny Rosenzweig moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the following items:

1. Approve the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Cast votes for 3 of the following BOCES Board of Education candidates appointed for a 3-year term 2021 - 2024:
 - Dr. Deborah Fox
 - Collin Miller
 - Jaqueline Parry
3. Cast two votes for the following BOCES Board of Education candidates appointed to finish term ending 2022:
 - Cynthia Kukenberger
 - Tim Powell

21-22 BOCES Admin Budget

BOCES BOE 21-24

BOCES BOE Finish Term

4. Cast vote for the following BOCES Board of Education candidate appointed to fill a vacancy for a 3 year term 2020 – 2023:
 - Alan RubinMotion approved unanimously.
5. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to authorize the Superintendent to cast one vote on the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2021-2022 school year and cast six votes for BOCES Board of Education members, as approved by the Board on April 14, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.
6. Ed Dalski moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve the 2021-2022 proposed school budget in an amount not to exceed \$10,209,166. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the Property Tax Report Card/6 Day Notice. Motion approved unanimously.
8. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Ed Dalski to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roxbury Central School District is hereby authorized to return funds to the repair reserve which were used for an emergency repair through available monies from the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$10,000, plus an additional \$43,000 to increase the reserve to the board-approved limit of \$100,000 through available monies from the 2020-2021 school year, which are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account.

Motion approved unanimously.
9. Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roxbury Central School, is hereby authorized to fund the established Capital Reserve with \$250,000 of fund balance. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay into such fund through available monies from the 2020-2021 school year, which are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account.

Motion approved unanimously.

BOCES BOE 20-23

**Supt. Authorization to
Vote BOCES Budget**

21-22 Budget

**Property Tax Card/
6 Day Notice**

**Funds to Repair
Reserve**

**Capital Reserve
Fund**

10. Ed Dalski moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to approve postage machine contract with Pitney Bowes. Motion approved unanimously.

Postage Machine Contract

B. PERSONNEL:

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the following personnel items:

Personnel

1. Approve Rachel Andrews as the modified girls softball coach at a rate as per the RTA contract with Anya Schmiedel as a volunteer assistant coach with no stipend.

Andrews Mod. SB Coach/Schmiedel Vol. Asst. Coach

2. Approve Richard Funck as a volunteer assistant varsity baseball coach with no stipend.

R. Funck Vol. Asst. Baseball Coach

3. Approve the following elementary Homework Help advisors:

- Erin Lyke
- Stacy Vasta

Homework Help

4. Approve Brenda Hill as scorekeeper for the girls varsity softball games at a rate of \$30/game.

Hill SB Scorekeeper

5. Approve Justina Jordan, 4774 Vega Mt. Road, Roxbury, NY as a PK-12 substitute teacher pending fingerprint clearance.

Jordan K-12 Sub

Motion approved unanimously.

C. OTHER:

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Denise Johnston to approve the following CSE Recommendations:

CSE Recs.

#’s 4262, 4059, 4043, 3067, 4327, 4039, and 4085

Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Ed Dalski moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to go into executive session at 7:52 pm to discuss a safety and employee history. Motion approved unanimously.

Into Exec. Session

Kelli Winnie moved, seconded by Jenny Rosenzweig to come out of executive session at 8:15 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Out of Exec. Session

Jenny Rosenzweig moved, seconded by Kelli Winnie to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn

Jeffrey J. Bennett, Superintendent

Ed Fersch, BOE President

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Board of Education Meeting
April 14, 2021

Marianne Schor, Secretary