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BELLEVILLE HENDERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSCRIPTION BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING March 8, 2021

Clerk Notes

The following members were:

Present: John Allen, Anthony Barney, David Bartlett, Roger Eastman, Kyle Gehrke, Adam Miner and Kristin Vaughn.

Others present: Jane Collins, Superintendent, Scott Storey, Building Principal, Ashleigh Barnhart-Burto, Administrative Coordinator, Stephen Magovney, Business Manager and Sally Kohl, District Clerk.

President Allen: Okay, good evening folks, we have 7 pm. Would you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance?

All in unison: Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Allen: Thank you everyone for joining us tonight. I would like to call the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I would like to entertain a motion to accept the agenda.

AMENDING THE AGENDA

Resolved that this Board of Education amend the agenda to add resolution number 23.

Kristin Vaughn: Move it

Roger Eastman: Second it

Sally Kohl: We do have at hand carry.

President Allen: Number 23. Resolution number 23 Advocates for Social Distancing and Busing of Students, which is a letter that's been drafted and will be sent out to the legislators. Are there any other additions or corrections to the agenda?

Seeing none, I will seek approval with Resolution number 23 added.

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

All opposed, Nay?: (No answer)

President Allen: Motion carried 7-0.

President Allen: Mr. Magovney has a handful of things he is going to talk to us tonight regards to the budget. So we will let him get started.

Stephen Magovney: There is a PowerPoint presentation in front of you. Okay, so, what you have in front of you is really a consolidated presentation of the entire budget. So to go through the slide a little bit here but kind of leave room for you guys if you have questions and you get an idea of where we're coming from and on the increases that are happening.

So the first slide is really the Board of Education section, the budget includes the Board of Education contractual costs, for trainings. That includes the district clerk and a little bit of money set aside meetings so it's only an increase of \$127.

Central administration is the superintendent's office really the salary increases. As well as part of the district office as well so really no big change there other than just salary increases.

The finance section includes, salaries, materials, supplies contractual cost for the business office. Auditor and auditing costs. Costs for our treasure and our tax collectors there is only a very slight increase. We do look to reduce a few costs with in that section, but we will more than likely be increasing some of the auditing costs for next year, really just due to the fact that we're going to go over the threshold, where we have to have a single audit. So our auditors will have to do a single audit next year because of all the federal funds that are coming in, which is pushing us over the limit that normally we would stay well under.

It was negotiated within the rfp so it's not bad.

President Allen: When you say federal funds are you referencing the e-money that we have received?

Stephen Magovney: So the Care's money is considered a federal funds, the threshold from \$750,000 so with all the ESSA money that we get the IDEA of funds for special needs special education. You take that which is probably close to 500,000. With federal money that we get for cafeteria as well all that money gets lumped into that total and he added, almost a million dollars of federal money over the next couple years, it pushes us [unreadable]. I'll get into the revenue here in a little bit.

The staff section is primarily legal services and our purchasing services that we have through BOCES. So, last year we actually did look to reduce our legal costs. Really just tried to have like a legal lines and not include the money that normally would have to go through the BOCES personnel. What we're finding is that we probably need to increase that just so we have the money available. The goal is always to try to stay under that amount. But we want to make sure that that it's there if we need to. Questions?

So regards to the central services, this includes the buildings and grounds presentations that we've already gone through so still includes the equipment purchases that we discussed. One of the larger increases is relation to the mid services that we get through Maddison Oneida BOCES. We had never reduced costs, initially to start, something that we just be happening is the service ramped up and more people came on board that we have access to that the cost of starting when it started to go up as well. Any questions there?

Special items, there is a very small increase \$4,923, that's our insurance costs with Haylor Freyer and Coon. As well as a small piece of is our school association dues, we are currently members of, Jefferson Lewis School Boards Association, NYSPSAA, Rural Schools, NYSCOSS, NYSSBA, SANNYS, Fort Drum Regional Liaison Org and ASBO. So those are the primary ones that we subscribe to that cost is \$9,000 total. On top

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of that, there are BOCES administrative costs. Once everything is provided in this section the total increase is \$4,923.

So the administration and improvement line is Scott's office so that is the Principal's office as well, the administrative coordinator so some of that salary increases, and BOCES non administrative services as well.

So getting into the teaching section. As of right now, we are looking to add three and a half additional teachers for next year.

Jane Collins: We've had it in the Board update, is there any questions from the board update regarding adding teachers for next year for those we have very large class sizes in kindergarten third, fourth and fifth so, the perfect place to put these funds that are coming, that you'll hear about in the few minutes is into staff so that we can make smaller class sizes, because we know that will help our students the following this year. We can talk about that at the end of the meeting or people have questions now.
[Unreadable]....following the situation.

President Allen: As things continue to rapidly change it is really important, now more than ever that we're paying attention to the weekly updates, so that we understand all of the information. There's so much information in detail it's covered in that that reflects what is presented in our meetings. You know don't be afraid that if you haven't read it or skimmed it or whatever to ask questions, but there's a lot of material in there and basically what Steve is commenting on is adding a third teacher for certain grade levels.

Jane Collins: So next year first grade would have three levels. Fourth grade would have three levels. Fifth grade would have or sixth grade would have three levels.

President Allen: So as they work that out the nuts and bolts of it is that we're going to hire basically three new teachers for three teaching positions.

Jane Collins: We take Mr. Fusilli's half time health teacher and expand that now that he will be certified, to be halftime AIS to the support the AIS.

President Allen: This is basically outlined in your weekly update.

Jane Collins: That's right.

President Allen: Where I'm going with this that's why there's \$175,000 increase in salary for teaching.

Stephen Magovney: That is the reason for the normal salary increases and addition of those position is the reason why that line is much larger than we normally see.

Computer purchases we're looking to buy Chromebooks for about three grade levels each year as a way to keep replenishing stock and try to get some of the outdated Chromebooks out of our supply, to make sure our technologies up to date, especially right now with how much they're actually using the Chromebooks. The fact that we're at one to one now, we're in a state where we can maintain, rather than having to make really large purchases to try to get ourselves so that one to one level.

So the next slide is a special programs, special education and occupational education services. Another thought, where there is a fairly large increase this section tends to fluctuate from year to year basis, I think

this section actually reduced by a similar amount last year. It really depends on the amount of services that our students need for those. So if there were some higher costs students that come into the district that could dramatically increase our special education costs so something that you tend to budget for and we tried to make sure we're prepared, if someone comes into the district that there is funds available for that.

Adam Miner: Well does our normal special education needs kids are behind get caught in this area too or is that a separate line?

Stephen Magovney: This is mostly for BOCES services.

Jane Collins: The students that are not here but get education other places. For the students that are here, the smaller class sizes will definitely benefit them too.

Adam Miner: I was asking because, hopefully, not but anticipation, is to get everybody back and go back into a normal model right we're going to have an opinion, some of those grades so most classes actually being behind others. When we get everybody back in the building and actually assess for where everybody is at, I think you are going to wind up having a big range.

Stephen Magovney: The instructional media services is our library services. That we get through Jeff Lewis BOCES. As well as our state aided hardware and software materials and supplies so just a slight increase in those sections, but nothing that isn't normal from year to year. They increase is really just because the price of Chromebooks at about \$100 more expensive than the ones that we purchased last year for a similar model. Even through state contract. There's just a huge demand for them right now and it looks like costs are going up. If that price decreases then obviously we're going to jump on that, but right now looks like they're running around \$100 more expensive than they normally were.

President Allen: A 10% increase, crazy.

Stephen Magovney: The next section is pupil services so this includes our guidance office, so just normal salaries contractual, materials and supplies.

Health services we do have some extra money in there for increase ppe costs and other includes we talked about for gloves, masks...

Jane Collins: Filters.

Stephen Magovney: Filters. It's also include the athletics section we discussed at a previous meeting that also has that scoreboard in there as well, some of those. The main increase is contractual costs and BOCES services associated with each one. It does result in an increase \$41,519 but the majority of that is salary increases and increase in ppe costs for next year, especially at the end up having everybody back.

We have to make sure that we need to reserve requirements for what we have available, if we have more students in school it increases our ppe cost.

For pupil transportation, we're looking for one large bus purchase. We are actually looking to add another small bus purchase, as well as. It is possible we're still looking to do the portable lift. The portable into something that would end up coming out, especially if we get towards the end of the month, and it seems like some of the federal funds aren't exactly as large as we were anticipating. But right now looks like that's

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still something we can do. So with both bus purchases, the portable lift and normal salary increases, it's still only an increase of \$57,098 most of that is the lift at 30,000.

Very simple your employee benefits our health insurance rate went up 1% this year so that stayed fairly low. Fairly good fund balance within the health plan, right now, so it was decided that it was a good year to kind of keep the rates low there were so many to chart out show two or 3% there's enough money within fund balance to keep it at a low percentage. Especially when you see the ERS and TRS, those rates are all starting to increase. This section also includes FICA, workers compensation, unemployment insurance, 403B contributions. We are also budgeting for additional people retiring in the next couple years, so there is a little bit of an increase 403B contributions, because we have to pay out sick time into the 403B in both the CSEA and the teachers' contract. But one of the main reasons for the increase, there is the three and a half teachers that were entering into that. So, usually try to plan for is that they would be coming in at the highest level for health insurance, because we have no idea exactly who we're going to hire in those positions, so we need to make sure that the budget appropriately for, but the highest.

As far as debt services, it is a very small increase. Really just because of the new bond that's going to be refinanced next year. There's also BOCES debt service as well, I do have another slide that details exactly how much we're paying for each object, I'll get to that in a second but right now we're showing us an increase of \$70,506 but we're also looking at saving \$20,000 by refinancing the 2017 Bond.

Jane Collins: Every year?

Stephen Magovney: Every year, yes.

Inter-fund transfers, there's 100,000 budget in their transfer for capital outlay for each HVAC and mechanical systems.

We have been looking at revamping lot of our HVAC systems within the building, starting last year. This year's catalog a project that's being worked on they're going to be doing the auditorium and technology coordinator's office if there's funds available for that. So the areas that we're looking to do are, the cafeteria, Dave's office, Ashleigh's office, there's the main server room, I mentioned the tech room, the guidance rooms, Scott's office, the nurse's office and Michelle's office.

So, ideally you'd be able to get those in the next three years of capital, outlay projects. There is also 25,000 transfer federal funds which has been put in there to kind of cover any additional federal costs that may exceed or money that we don't get. Sometimes we're not fully funded for UPK so we have to put the money to make up the difference. That transfer line is there to make sure that we can cover those costs. Last year we transferred about \$12,000, but it has been up to 25,000 in the past.

In summary, for expenses there increase of \$739,890 or increase of 7.2%. I do know that's kind of a large number. And it's a fairly big increases, especially considering what we're used to.

I will touch base on why I think we're still in good shape, even though increases is significant as to where the tax cap is looking at. Does anybody have any questions on any of the slides before I move on to the tax cap?

So the tax cap for 2021-2022 starts off with a tax base growth factor of 1.0043 which is actually a little bit higher than last year's was 1.0021

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The other increase that goes into that calculation is it less than 2% or consumer price index, which was 1.23 this year. So last year with about 1.83. It is lower than it was last year, which means less money than we would have had in last year situation.

The calculations give you an idea of what goes into making the tax caps it's really just a formula based off of our principal and interest that we pay our bonds. Plus purchases with cash subtracts building and transportation aid also includes both seed capital projects principal and interest payments, something that was new last year. And also includes their capital outlay expenses, so that hundred thousand gets put into that calculation when we have one.

Based off the calculation for this year suggesting that we go to 1.4% which is the max level that we can go out without looking for a voter override. As you can see in the assessed value equals equalization rates based off of last year. What the potential effects on someone's property would be so someone with the property value of 100,000 they would expect to see \$12.67 increase in their in their taxes next year from the school.

The million dollar property, you can expect to see an increase of \$126.70, so not huge numbers. To get that tax cap percentage is all based off of what our taxable rate is so that's nice little over 9% it's that percentage that gets increased by 1.3% so it doesn't that number gets multiplied by the 1.3% not, it doesn't go from 9 to 10, it is more like 9.02, which makes the number a lot smaller, but I know that's a question that I get quite often someone says like Oh, they increase my taxes by right 3% it's not really a true percentage it is the rate that gets increased.

If it was a true percentage then everyone's taxes would go up.

Did I make that clear, because it is a pretty common question and concern when I get asked about the tax rate?

So the tax levy shows an increase of \$66,970. Any questions in regards to that?

On the next page, this shows everything that we have discussed with the budget and a break down comparison to last year's budget the number that I really want to focus on is the number for COVID Aid and House ARP Allocation. That 219,571 and 419,667 are actually a one third of what we're being allocated. So ideally we're looking to spread that money out over three years. Rather than taking all that money and putting it into this year's budget we're not entirely sure what the state situation is going to be in terms of increasing our foundation aid or reducing service aids the future.

So if we have that federal dollars, as long as that's able to reallocate it over a three year stretch, similar to the money we got last year that's how we're proposing we use that. So it results in a pretty significant increase. And gets us in line similar to where we were with our fund balance procreation in relation to last year. So that's really the reason for the big increases why we're looking to add those teachers try to we're really looking to use that money to enhance our educational services and try to get the kids back to the building is the best we can so that for that three year stretch, we think, by utilizing our dollars that way.

You can help us there and can help if there's any unforeseen costs or anything that comes our way. Not using it all in one year opens up possibility over the next couple years and maintain without any of the state increases which we don't know if they're going to happen. I hope that makes a little more sense

President Allen: I think that is very very smart as long as it is allocated over that length of time. It is a genius idea. When would we have direction when we allocate it like that or do you know you already can?

Jane Collins: The senate...

Stephen Magovney: The senate just passed...so the 219, we're just waiting on the application.

They haven't provided us... they have given us the dollar amount that we are projected to have for the COVID aid that was the last bill that was passed.

And all indications of that it's going to be similar to the last one, we got which we could spread out over two and a half to three year window.

President Allen: That's great.

Stephen Magovney: There is no point, using all that money right away. It is irresponsible to do it that way.

But by having that extra money there, I shouldn't say it's extra probably. Because we have seen foundation increases probably somewhat similar to that if we didn't have these funds or economy wasn't where it was. We want to make sure we're the spending money appropriately as well. Because, there are a lot of the one-time costs within the budget to that could end up being carved out. We also have a lot of staff members are getting closer to retire age, so there will be salary savings in the next five years. Overall I think the long term forecast for where we're going in terms of spending should kind of coincide with that three year window being able to use those federal dollars. If things change than we will look to remove some of the larger items, some of the equipment purchases that we were looking to make. We would obviously look to make cuts where we can. [Unreadable]

The next one is just an example of where our tax cap should be over the next three years. Based off of a fairly low growth factors, a fairly low CPI so when we're doing projections to future years you try to look at our lowest possible scenarios. So when a year like this year happens, we're not completely caught off guard you already have somewhat of a plan in place and what our revenue is going to look like in terms of our levy in the next couple years. So if our growth factor goes up again, or it stays at similar mark, we will have more money coming in your district, the CPI goes up, we will have more money coming in the district. But, I will, I will note the PILOT number in there, we have been negotiated contracts. So that money and reducing taxes to our to our taxpayers, but it's also part of the reason why the growth factor goes up that's not really money they're losing it's just getting paid to us in a different way, while, not necessarily getting put on the taxpayers.

The last one is for you guys to review is a look at what our current debt situation looks like.

Those are just projected savings right now once that the refinancing is completed we will have actual numbers.

President Allen: It is my understanding March 29th meeting we will approve the budget?

Jane Collins: Yes.

President Allen: So that is the next meeting. We have had some meeting move around here. Questions for Steve? You did a very nice job this year with the budget. I don't want to cut anyone short but I don't see

any discussion. Okay thank you Steve. Moving on to the calendar of events. There is a plethora of things going on. A lot of it has to do with winter sports starting. Ashleigh is going to get to that shortly. I do note that the March 5th legislative breakfast the discussion was changed to this Friday I believe. Adam, Roger and myself are involved in that. Anything else for the calendar of events? I do see some stuff that says pending action, we have to approve some actions tonight.

All right, moving along to community of caring.

Sally Kohl: Nothing to report.

President Allen: No good, no bad, so that's good.

President Allen: Consent agenda, I'll entertain a motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolved that this Board of Education approve the following:

A. MINUTES

BHCSD Board of Education Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2021.

B. WARRANTS

Warrant #21 General Warrant

Warrant #22 General Warrant

Warrant #22 B ACH February Payments

C. BUSINESS MANAGER'S STATEMENT

The Business Manager's Statement of revenues and expenditures for the General and the School Food Fund through January 31, 2021.

D. CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATION(S)

Whereas the Board of Education received the following information and recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.

Student numbers; 99211196, 99211308, 3040300

This report is on file with Erica Pettit-Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education.

David Bartlett: Move it.

President Allen: Moved by David.

Kristin Vaughn: Second.

President Allen: Seconded by Kristin.

Any discussion?

Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Accept the retirement of Patty Nortz, resolution number two.

RETIREMENT

Resolved, that this Board of Education accepts, with regret, the retirement of Patricia Nortz, Librarian, effective June 4, 2021.

Adam Miner: Move it.

Roger Eastman: Second.

President Allen: Moved by Adam, seconded by Roger.

President Allen: We thank Mrs. Nortz for her years of service. Any other discussion?
Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Leave of absence request Elizabeth Lassen.

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves the leave of absence request from Elizabeth Lassen effective end of day February 12, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Roger Eastman: Move it.

Kyle Gehrke: Second.

President Allen: That is moved by Roger and seconded by Kyle.

Any discussion?

Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Approving substitute bus driver Benjamin Wisner.

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves Benjamin Wisner as substitute bus driver.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that Mr. Wisner will not drive until he has received the proper training, license and physical.

Adam Miner: Move it.

Kristin Vaughn: Second.

President Allen: Motion made by: Adam. Seconded by Kristin.

Any discussion?

President Allen: He's currently working for us in the maintenance department as a cleaner.

Jane Collins: Also as teacher and instructional support service.

President Allen: All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Resolution number five, very similar Mark Armstrong.

APPROVE OF SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Mark Armstrong** as substitute bus driver.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that Mr. Armstrong will not drive until he has received the proper training, license and physical.

Kristin Vaughn: Move it.

Adam Miner: Second.

President Allen: Moved by Kristin and seconded by Adam.

He is also working for us now.

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Another substitute bus driver Kevin LaFlesh. Can I entertain a motion?

APPROVE OF SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Kevin LaFlesh** as substitute bus driver.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that Mr. LaFlesh will not drive until he has received the proper training, license and physical.

Adam Miner: Move it.

Anthony Barney: Second.

President Allen: That is moved by Adam and seconded by Anthony.

So this name I don't think we've seen before, so let's have Scott have some go time.

Scott Storey: Kevin LaFlesh you will see later on, is also applying for substitute cleaner, teacher, and support staff. He is going to be retiring from corrections officer, in the near future. Basically, when the prison closes and he has been there since 1985.

I did speak with him and he is willing to help us out anyway.

Adam Miner: These corrections officers have been a good thing for us.

President Allen: Yea, we are going to be taken over by them.

Adam Miner: I don't know if it is a good or bad thing.

Jane Collins: It is a great thing.

President Allen: Any other discussion?

Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: I learned that we have one of our own with a CDL Class B. Senior Cleaner, James Whitney, who is currently working for us.

APPROVE OF SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **James Whitney** as substitute bus driver.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that Mr. Whitney will not drive until he has received the proper training, license and physical.

Adam Miner: Move it.

Roger Eastman: Second it.

President Allen: Moved by Adam, second by Roger.

That's interesting I have to admit that when I read that, it kind of caught me off guard.

Jane Collins: He kind of let the cat out of the bag that he and certification in other areas, so I pursued and I said in an emergency, you know we can really have you as back up.

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Substitute teacher Laurie Bartoszewski.

APPROVE OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Laurie Bartoszewski** as substitute teacher.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that **Ms. Bartoszewski** has had a criminal history background check, including fingerprinting, performed by the State Education Department.

Roger Eastman: Move it.

Kristin Vaughn: Second.

President Allen: Moved by Roger and seconded by Kristin.

Some of us may know her some may not. So Scott...

Scott Storey: She worked for 12 years HP, I think it is the computer company, as the account delivery manager she oversaw eight people. She was basically in charge of 37,000 copiers. She is interested in substitute teaching. And some day may pursue that college degree so she's interested in being a substitute teacher and your reference checks came back wonderful how dependable she is interacting with other people's children is a plus, honest, team player, very trustworthy.

President Allen: Excellent.

Any other discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Substitute teacher and support staff, Tiffany Barney. I'll entertain a motion.

APPROVE OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND SUPPORT STAFF

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Tiffany Barney** as substitute teacher and support staff.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that **Mrs. Barney** has had a criminal history background check, including fingerprinting, performed by the State Education Department.

Kristin Vaughn: Move it.

President Allen: Moved by Kristin.

Roger Eastman: Second.

President Allen: Seconded by Roger.

Any discussion?

Scott Storey: Has been a cosmetologist for the past 7 years and actually before that, looks about 12 years. We are looking to put her on as support staff but we're also putting her as a substitute teacher she did agree to that as well.

President Allen: Excellent.

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Any abstentions?

Anthony Barney: I abstain.

Motion is carried 6-0-1.

President Allen: Substitute cleaner, Kevin LaFlesh, which Scott spoke on a moment ago.

APPROVE OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND SUPPORT STAFF

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Kevin LaFlesh** as substitute teacher and support staff.

IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that **Mr. LaFlesh** has had a criminal history background check, including fingerprinting, performed by the State Education Department.

Adam Miner: Move it.

Kyle Gehrke: Second.

President Allen: Moved by Adam and seconded by Kyle.

Any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Moving right along. Resolution number eleven. Boys Assistant Basketball Coach, Jude Fusilli.

APPROVE BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL ASSISTANT COACH

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Jude Fusilli** as Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach for 2020-2021.

Kristin Vaughn: Move it.

Roger Eastman: Second it.

President Allen: Moved by Kristin and seconded by Roger.

Any discussion? This was also in Jane's update. We all know Jude. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Varsity Baseball Coach Paul Gibbs.

APPROVE VARSITY BASEBALL COACH

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Paul Gibbs** as Varsity Baseball Coach for 2020-2021.

Roger Eastman: Move it.

Anthony Barney: Second.

President Allen: Moved by Roger and seconded by Anthony.

Any discussion? We appreciate Paul doing this again.

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Varsity Assistant Coach Craig Storey.

APPROVE VARSITY BASEBALL ASSISTANT COACH

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Craig Storey** as Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach for 2020-2021.

Adam Miner: Move it.

Anthony Barney: Second.

President Allen: Moved by Adam and seconded by Anthony.

Any discussion?

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Varsity Softball Coach, David Green.

APPROVE VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **David Green** as Varsity Softball Coach for 2020-2021.

Roger Eastman: Move it.

Kristin Vaughn: Second.

President Allen: Moved by Roger and seconded by Kristin.

Any discussion?

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: JV Softball Coach, Eric Vaughn.

APPROVE JV SOFTBALL COACH

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Eric Vaughn** as JV Softball Coach for 2020-2021.

Roger Eastman: Move it.

Adam Miner: Second.

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Any abstentions?

Kristin Vaughn: I abstain.

Motion is carried 6-0-1.

President Allen: Approve volunteer Nancy Cobb.

APPROVE VOLUNTEER

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves **Nancy Cobb** as a volunteer for the remainder of the school year 2020-2021.

Roger Eastman: Move it.

Kristin Vaughn: Second it.

President Allen: That is moved by Roger and seconded by Kristin.

Any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Combining with our neighbors South Jefferson swimming and diving track and field.

SPORTS COMBINING WITH SOUTH JEFFERSON FOR 2021-2022

Resolved, that this Board of Education combine in the following sports with South Jefferson Central School District for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Girls Swimming and Diving —Varsity and Modified Levels
- Boys Swimming and Diving—Varsity and Modified Levels
- Girls Track and Field—Varsity and Modified Levels

Roger Eastman: Move it.

Anthony Barney: Second.

President Allen: That is moved by Roger and seconded by Anthony.

Any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Resolution number 18 for the superintendent to sign the A101-2017 contract with ENI Mechanical.

PERMISSION FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN A101-2017 CONTRACT

Resolved, that this Board of Education grants the Superintendent permission to sign the A101-2017 Standard Form of Agreement between Belleville Henderson CSD and Contractor, ENI Mechanical Inc. for the Capital Outlay Project-Mechanical (SED Project #015)

Adam Miner: Move it.

Kristin Vaughn: Second.

President Allen: Adam with the motion and seconded by Kristen.

Any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Approving the upcoming academic calendar for instructional year 2021-2022.

APPROVE THE 2021-2022 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 Instructional Calendar.

Kristin Vaughn: Move it.

Anthony Barney: Second.

President Allen: Kristin with the motion and Anthony with the second.

Any discussion? Seeing none. All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Okay, going back to the current year. We are going to approve some amendments for the current calendar year. Correct?

Jane Collins: Correct.

APPROVE CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2020-2021

Whereas, the 2020-2021 Instructional Calendar had seven (7) emergency days built into the calendar. Whereas, to date, only one (1) emergency day has been used, leaving six (6) remaining unused emergency days.

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Therefore be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education approve the following emergency giveback days as days school will not be in session for the 2020-2021 school year:

- #1 Monday, April 12, 2021
- #2 Tuesday, April 13, 2021
- #3 Wednesday, April 14, 2021
- #4 Friday, May 28, 2021
- #5 Friday, June 25, 2021
- #6 Thursday, June 24, 2021

It being understood that the above days will be granted as long as there are still emergency days available beginning with April 12th as the first date. The New York State Education Department is revising the Regents exam schedule. The June dates may not interfere with administration dates for the NYS Regents Exams.

Adam Miner: Move it.

Kristin Vaughn: Second.

President Allen: Moved by Adam, seconded by Kristin.

Does everyone understand what is going on here? Short sweet we are going to have Good Friday off, we are going to have spring break off and up three days after that.

Excellent. All favor Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

Adam Miner: That will make April break longer than Christmas break.

President Allen: Okay resolution number 21, Jane spoke to me a little bit about this trying to shuffle things around and it makes full sense so. I'll entertain a motion to move some dates here.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the following changes to the Board meeting schedule:

- March 22, 2021 cancel meeting
- March 29, 2021 add to schedule
- April 12, 2021 cancel meeting

Adam Miner: Move it.

Kristin Vaughn: Second it.

President Allen: Adam with the motion and Kristin with the second.

So what we are doing here is canceling our next meeting. We are just putting it off here a week. Then we are canceling the first meeting in April. But we are still having the second meeting in April which is on a

Wednesday because it is the mandatory vote on the BOCES budget. So to be all clear, juggling the March meetings and we are going to have one in April.

Any discussion? All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: However with that said. The March 29th meeting is a big meeting as that is when we approve our budget. Then the meeting in April is a Board meeting to approve the BOCES budget.

President Allen: Resolution number 22, adopt policy.

ADOPT POLICY

Resolved, that this Board of Education approves the second reading for Erie 1 BOCES new policy #5633-Gender Neutral Single Occupancy Bathrooms (first reading was Policy #8132 from Guercio and Guercio) and adopts the new policy for the Belleville Henderson School District Policy Manual.

Adam Miner: Move it.

Anthony Barney: Second it.

President Allen: Moved by Adam and seconded by Anthony.

Any discussion?

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: Okay we have the hand carried resolution #23, which is separate. I'll entertain a motion.

ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING AND BUSING OF STUDENTS

Be it resolved, that the Belleville Henderson Board of Education advocates that our New York State political representatives and New York State Department of Health authorities allow students to return to school through altering the current social distancing of 6 feet to 3 feet. Additionally this Board of Education is requesting that the district be allowed to put students safely together on buses, so that all students may return to school.

Roger Eastman: Move it.

Kristin Vaughn: Second it.

President Allen: Everybody is all in on that one. I'll give it to Roger because he was the first to chime in and Kristin.

We haven't had time to review the letter, but our district has drafted, School Board President drafted the letter.

Adam Miner: So why only Barclay, why not the others?

Jane Collins: It will go to all three. This is an example only.

President Allen: They are going to all of them.

What this is saying is that we are lobbying to change the social distancing from 6 feet to 3 feet and fill the buses as normal.

Adam Miner: It'd be nice if we could put something in about, I'm sure they're probably on board, that you know just putting something in about because honestly right lobbying now is easy with virtual you're not going to Albany. So, which I mean that's part of part of Friday's thing, but I different people for different school districts doesn't really becomes effective is we have smaller meetings will just a group of us explaining our situation.

Kristin Vaughn: If this gets passed will you still need parents, so you know as many parents bring the kids or would it go back to...?

Jane Collins: It would be best. So that you know you think about we have 7 buses 24 seats, close to 500 that puts 3 people in each seat. Each seat is supposed to seat 3 kids. So if we didn't have to have three kids in a seat that would be significant.

President Allen: As you read the letter, it does kind of distinguish us as the only district to have sneeze guards.

Jane Collins: Correct.

President Allen: So it does kind of have our own little niche to it, which I think is important to remember.

You see the same type of thing other places, talking about well if you can get partitions there which those are you know that's another benefit and health and safety benefit.

President Allen: The top links on Newsjunky today, besides the royal family drama, you know Indian River School District released a message that basically saying the same thing. We have got to get from six feet three feet or else it is not possible.

So thank you, Jane and your team. I'm looking forward to Friday I hope it does go through. To Adam's point it is pretty easy to lobby if we can do it right from here.

Adam Miner: That's what I mean if Friday is a crapshoot, maybe we can set something up next week or something for a group of us.

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President Allen: I've had a conversation with him in the last couple weeks and his involved with Farm Bureau. I hope I'm not speaking out of place here for you, but he's been able to have those conversations with these advocating with the Ag industry.

Adam Miner: While that's the only one that's honestly tied in is if they're worried about food.

Right getting kids food that it ties in fairly well with the agriculture side.

President Allen: If you have people advocating, it helps.

Jane Collins: So I think you know when you're talking to the elected officials virtually, I think it's another thing to throw in, you know well, this year that six feet to three feet, they need to hear that.

It means more from you than it does from anyone working for the system, I mean they listen to us, but when they start to hear from the parents, it's a different story.

President Allen: I know a couple of this discussion with our County Legislator, Pat Jareo, I don't know if anyone paid attention to the last County Legislature Board meeting that was online. There was a real discussion that Pat led the charge on I think you represented his constituents well. As giving local districts in our example Belleville Henderson has sneeze guards has given us a little bit more control if the state can release it and say development plan you know, and if it was approved, or we have logistics in place but us make that decision.

But, yet the county has to maintain a positivity rate of like 4% or less, it was a real interesting discussion.

Alright we're moving in the right direction. Any other discussion?

All in favor, Aye?

All in unison: Aye

President Allen: Opposed Nay?: (No answer)

Motion is carried 7-0.

President Allen: There are no more resolutions. There should be no more formal action taken tonight. For the Board's review, there are three different items for us to review. Steve is there anything else from your end or did you cover it all?

Stephen Magovney: All set.

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BHCSD: Which one is Paris with or, if you look at the side.

President Allen: We will jump into Scott's report.

Scott Storey: We start with the cohort numbers.

It's a nice summary of where we are as of early this morning.

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This afternoon, it was changing slightly by a number or two. As I've said many times I work individually with each parent and child. It is all individualized for who needs what. And working with the teachers, for their input and what individual students need as far as coming back four days and contacting the bus garage as well as those types of things. So you can see the numbers for each cohort A that is 142 students remember that's Monday and Tuesday. Cohort B is 148, cohort C is 119, cohort D 55. You can also see the breakdown by grade level. And I noted at the bottom of that attendance has greatly improved which is natural once we start bringing more kids back. And I will anticipate the academic portion for students will increase as well and we're working on a few more students for totally virtual to be back in person. You can see, the last bullet that the grades for the 25 week report are due to the office, the guidance office tomorrow 3pm and then it will be mailed home on Friday. That will give us a better, an updated view of students' academic progress.

On the back mentioning a few things about seniors. I submitted to our social media person that worked through with at BOCES any parent that gave permission for the child to be promoted or not advertised but shown on social media, I submitted the pictures and names and Mr. Gagan provided me with information about their career choice interviews with the seniors their academic achievements, honors that they've accomplished throughout the school year and that was submitted to the a gentleman at BOCES.

On Saturday, we held a snow tubing event for the seniors for those that wanted to join us. It included pizza and soda.

And Wednesday the 17th there is an ice skating event. I believe it's 9 to 11am in Watertown for the seniors that it would like to attend we're still organizing a snowshoeing and cross country skiing at Wehle's State Park, that one is still in works. You can see other ideas that I've talked about with the senior class advisors, include a staff member adopting a senior, brunch on a Wednesday and honoring seniors on the Facebook page which I've already mentioned.

The advisors and I have also talked about a senior trip, what and how that could look. With the health department changing rules of the time, we realized that, but we still want to be ahead of the game and having ideas so you can see some ideas we've talked about. For day trips are things like Darien Lake, Lake George, hiking, a trip to Lake Placid. And the senior class advisors are using point system that they've had the students have earned from ninth grade for their different volunteer activities that they have done. And the next thing that we will be talking about is the senior prom. So we're going to look for guidance on the Department of Health website, CDC and public health, of course, for how this could take place. We will look at social distancing, dancing regulations, maximum number of people inside and outside, those types of questions that need to be answered. We will begin speaking with different venues for possible prom dates. And, as you know, back in the fall, we talked about and kind of where the ideas will be yearbook to an August publication and that was so that we could include things like this, things like the basketball games, snow tubing, I hope they got pictures, those types of things can be included in the yearbook, when if it's a June publication of the book, they will have certain deadlines and just wouldn't be able to include these types of events that happen later in the year.

That is kind of where we are at with the senior activities.

President Allen: We had four questions and you hit on all but one of them. Say if they are unable to go on a senior trip or have a senior prom, that money that they have raised, what will that look like? How will that be distributed?

Scott Storey: Steve and I talked about that, about a month or two ago.

Stephen Magovney: Last year we distributed the funds equally based off of the point system right. With a minimum set for every student.

President Allen: So we are able to have those things for our seniors this year, could we do that again?

Stephen Magovney: As long as the Board approves it again.

Then I think another big picture, I know everyone's busy, but like you said you would rather be ahead of it, proactive, I think we really need to start thinking about graduation and how do we have a ceremony?

So keep that on your radar for next meeting.

Scott Storey: Well last year got our feet wet with the fact that we had a lot of different plans, so we'll pull out those notes I'm sure and look at what our thoughts were.

President Allen: This is a good start and if I could task you, maybe, from now until June, if we could get an update on this stuff at each meeting. That will help us know what is going on and what to say to the public.

Scott Storey: I went to the tubing for an hour so. It wasn't well attended. And, but that's Okay, we wanted to at least offer something and so ice skating I believe obviously what week and a half away. Last I knew 10 out of 28 or 29 students have signed up and that was signing up a week and a half we all know how teenagers are, they'll, let us know, two days before that they're going so we're anticipating a higher showing for that.

President Allen: Questions for Scott's report? Thank you Scott. Ashleigh you are up next.

Ashleigh Barnhart-Burto: I just put the dates of our winter season and that will be a five week season right now there are seven varsity boys game scheduled and five varsity girls games. What's neat is that we are picking up something called a quarter five for basketball games and that allows our JV players, since there's not a JV team this year, to be able to play, not every school, will be able to give us a quarter five but we are trying to get as many of those quarter five games as possible. So that's kind of a nice little feature that we have the option of this year.

We are live streaming the games, I think there was 64 was our highest for the girl's game on, or maybe it was 54. On Friday night and there's 114 or 115 for the boy's on Sunday or Saturday 11.

The playbacks for that boy's game are over 500 so and then the girl's game is over 300 so that means people have gone back on and they're watching it again.

They were both really great games on our campus that are really great job on Friday and Saturday, so that was exciting.

Fall 2 we are looking at a March 22 start date and an end date of April 30 there'll be a six week season.

And we will be doing boy's JV and Varsity will play games and girl's Varsity will play games. At the time of this printing I did not have a schedule but hot off the press tonight, I do have the soccer schedules, it looks like for the Varsity teams, there will be 10 games each team will play.

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The JV I do not have a JV schedule yet. The email said that the JV will schedule on their own, I think there are only four schools to have JV boy's soccer. And it's Watertown I think Carthage, Indian River so they're all big schools there's no other little schools that have it, except Belleville Henderson. But that's okay, we'll still be able to get games. I'm looking at playing a majority of our games away at South Jeff or Copenhagen on the turf. Because of fields in the early spring are not going to work in our favor, we will destroy, we would never use the main field get on but will just destroy the field will be hard for us to get it back by the fall so miss Collins talk to those Superintendent's and they have graciously given us the opportunity for me to work with their AD's to schedule our games there.

We also looking into seeing if we get any Y time or time or time at the South Jeff Sports Plex in the early part of the season, to get in on some turf for the teams to practice on. There will be more to come on that, as I continue working through that

Then the spring, it will be an 8 week season beginning April 19 to June 13 there'll be Modified and Varsity baseball. And Modified, JV and Varsity softball the JV softball I don't know if there will be the numbers. When Dave Green and I sat down last Friday, there was 12 girls, 9th through 12th grades that play softball.

I'm going to go into lunches tomorrow and then on Thursday and get a better headcount of our student athletes, that will be playing baseball and softball. But Dave and I have known for probably the last two years that the JV softball numbers would be decreasing. We're just getting more boys compared to the girls in our programs right now, our class sizes have more boys than girls so that is one of the reasons for that so that's not really surprising to us.

I do not have those schedules at all yet, I'm sure they will be out in the next couple of weeks.

You will also notice that there is an overlap of a week between winter and fall and then there's overlap two weeks between fall and spring.

I did not schedule any games for spring break. So in my survey it was not scheduled games, because when I surveyed our student athletes over half of them were not going to be in the area during spring break, so I took that into account when I had to complete the survey that was due to the league.

And all their Games will be later, like we usually start at 430 but to transportation and the lack of really additional drivers that we have. We can't start at 430 because our first bus doesn't get it back to the garage until a little after four, but there are over five schools are in the same exact code boat as us with that a later start time for games.

President Allen: Any questions for Ashleigh? We have come a long ways.

Ashleigh Barnhart-Burto: I have one more thing, before you go to Miss Collins' report.

We are moving forward we're trying to get more of our teachers with PAX training. Right now, we have our Pre K, K, one, two, our third and our fourth grade teachers are all trained with PAX. They're hoping next year to bring on the fourth grade teachers, because they did do the virtual training in PAX we're going to see about the fifth grade. Christina Scordo, our Pre K teacher sends me PAX tools which is a parent piece of PAX, that parents can do at home with their kids. And I'm trying to post those on a Tuesday or Thursday every week or every other week and that's just more information for parents to help continue PAX at home, because there are parents that are interested in doing that home. And then she actually sent us something that NBC Watertown is doing it's like kindness challenge, a classroom kindness challenge. And there's

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different blocks in the classroom. You can fill up their Bingo kind of like card with things like hold the door for someone, give a compliment, and help their parents with chores before they have to ask you. And then the class would take a picture with their cards completed, and they can send them to the Watertown NBC place and they would select a weekly random classroom to be "Do not be a bully" where they would get few dozen donuts and then the grand prize five teachers will be awarded \$250 to put towards their classrooms it would start March 22 and end April 30. So they're going to promote with TV commercial, social media emails. And it kind of ties in with PIVOT and we work with PIVOT with different things. So this was something that Christina sent along to the Health and Wellness Committee that we are excited to get more information on and implement at Belleville Henderson for at the time with the challenges going on.

Kristin Vaughn: I have a question during kind of regarding athletics, are you going to be allowing outside organizations to be using the fields like Youth Softball, Little League, T ball that kind of stuff?

Ashleigh Barnhart-Burto: That is a great question. We will come back to you with that information.

President Allen: Any other questions from Ashleigh's report? Okay, thank you very much Ashleigh. We will move right along to Ms. Collins' report.

Jane Collins: In your place, you have a copy of this running for school boards publication that came through today from NYSSBA. In it, it talks about the whole thing about school board petition and what it looks like is that it won't go off of last year's numbers of people that voted the minimum number of signatures is needed is 25 so I wanted the Board to know that.

State Education Department is bartering with the Federal Government to not have to give all the Regents, if any. If we have to give Regents they will be talking about this at their March 15th meeting. They are talking about only having to give the Algebra I, English Language Arts in grade 11, Living Environment which usually is grade 10, and Earth Science, which is grade 8. It is possible when they're done with their meeting, we will have our students won't be taking any of those we'll see how that goes.

I'm proud to say that we had a Laura Zehr participate in the New York State Band Directors Association's Honors Band Virtual Performance. Great thing she did her performance here, and then it was integrated virtually into a performance with 140 musicians and it's just it's just amazing what she was able to do, and did a great job. So I wanted the Board to know that.

President Allen: You just forwarded along the recording to us right?

Jane Collins: Yes a video at the very end of that forward message is the concert and you get some middle school concert and then jazz concert and then at the end at 38 minutes exactly is when a place for the high school concert begins.

The capital outlay project is moving along well and it looks like they're going to begin work over April Break on that.

We are very happy to see people that are tonight's personnel section of the Board agenda signed up to become trained as bus drivers, sub bus drivers.

And I just wanted to know if the Board had any questions about number seven on the handout tonight? Our goal to bring back all the students. If you look at the questions that I put forward. Is there anything there that you want me to elaborate on?

The study that we've done we've done a pretty thorough job so far we are not done, but this shows all the work that's gone into this. What we're dealing with the number of desks that can be in a classroom. Some classrooms are 13 some are 16. We have 45 kindergarteners. How do you fit them into two rooms, if we can only put 15 desks in a room? That's why we have to you know we're going to bring everybody back, we have three rooms, and we have to get an extra person to be able to do that.

President Allen: Could I ask a few questions here?

Jane Collins: Sure.

President Allen: We want to bring students back full time, that is our goal. How come we are only going to four days a week? Our response is?

Jane Collins: Well let's take Kindergarten for example. We have to take some kids from each kindergarten class put them in a third class with another new person now we're not going to give them a new teacher to grade them and be their teacher, the current teacher that they have will continue to be their teacher and their current teacher will plan the lessons, but for that group. So you have to teach your planning lessons for this third group and that lesson planning process is very complicated, and they need additional time on Wednesdays to do that. So that's just one example of why we still need Wednesday's. Wednesday's is a time when some of the other teachers still have virtual kids. Kids that are not coming to school because their parents are concerned about health reasons and being here this year. So they, teachers, plan their lessons for the virtual groups also those Wednesdays. Mr. Storey do you want to jump in with any other additional things? But we got a lot going on to this.

Scott Storey: So when they're basically planning two or three different sets of things going on with the different groups of kids, that is time consuming

Jane Collins: Yeah, okay other questions?

President Allen: If you decide to, I see there's thing about busing in here, something I read this week, we might double up and it talked about where students might go home early?

Jane Collins: Right.

President Allen: How do we explain that in layman's terms?

Jane Collins: Okay, so right now we know that we can only fit like 24 kids on a bus according to the current guidelines. We are asking for the elected officials to get the health department to change that so we put more kids on our buses, so all the kids can get here. Okay, but in the meantime we don't have that. So what are we going to do to try to get the kids back here now? While we're waiting for the changes, we have looked at our transportation drivers. We have three drivers that could drive in the morning to do a second pickup from eight o'clock to nine they're going back out there, picking up kindergarten first and second grade students those students come in and then those students have to go home early at 1:30. Meanwhile parents that drive their children can still drive their children to school at eight o'clock. So if you have a kindergarten first or second grader if you drive them it means you can still bring them at 8 o'clock. We can't get the rest of the kids here until 9 o'clock and then we need to get them back home by 1:30 so that we can drive the first group back home at 2:30 or quarter till three.

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We need time to explain this to the parents, logistically people are going to have to alter their schedules. If you're a driver there's no change, if you drive your kids to school there's no change. If you don't you will have to figure out some logistics here. And that's another thing of how teachers have to plan.

All of these teachers for K, one and two are now are going to have to figure out how they're going to group their kids with some coming at 8 o'clock and some coming at 9 o'clock and some going on at 1:30 and some going home at 3 o'clock.

Other questions?

President Allen: We talked about adding expenses in here. If we do that and regulations don't change, are we comfortable with the budget. Can afford these added expenses of running different routes, bringing in substitutes for that third party? Is the money good there?

Jane Collins: I'll let Mr. Magovney talk about that, he has been working on that. We are at about \$35,000 for the transportation costs and about \$37,000 for subs.

Stephen Magovney: As of right now, yes, we are going to be fine but I'm finalizing February reconciliations right now, I should have all that by the end of the week. To make sure that we're not missing anything going forward so we're doing a full projection of what our expenses will be for the rest of the year. Just to ensure that before we allocate that money, we're not putting ourselves in a in a bad position going into next year.

Jane Collins: Another part of that transportation is, in order to get all the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, here, they are taking the seats of the K, one and two, students, that will be bused the second shift. So that's how we're freeing that up. What we know we can't do is get all the students in the high school back this time. And we're not sure if we can get all seventh and eighth graders back. We're starting with third, fourth, fifth and sixth and then we'll look at what seating is available on the buses, to see if we reach out to seventh and eighth grade.

I will say this those students that are having difficulties, in Mr. Storey's report tonight, there's a lot of kids that are coming back into what we call cohort C, that are already here Monday, Tuesday Thursday, Friday. And another thing that's a great motivator for kids to do their work is the academic eligibility.

President Allen: Oh, because, of sports.

Jane Collins: Yeah and the play. We haven't mentioned the play, but that's right now we are allow people to come, for family members of the cast and crew to watch the play on April 17th, that is when it's being filmed. We're asking Mark Mason to come back and be a media technician to help with being able to take the different parts of times that they tape the play and put it together in a production. That is the field where he's planning on making a career.

President Allen: Awesome.

Adam Miner: The survey that went out last week, did we have a big increase in people are wanting to transport if we got them all back 4 days?

Scott Storey: Maybe 10.

Jane Collins: Accounting for 10 seats.

President Allen: So not enough to change?

Jane Collins: Not enough to bring everybody back on the original one. So we'll keep at it.

President Allen: Any other questions for Jane?

Adam Miner: Right, how do I say this and be politically correct? We don't really honestly care how they get here if they are being driven.

Jane Collins: What's important is that their parents are providing permission for them to be transported in a certain way if it's not on our buses your parents are signing off on how that looks.

Adam Miner: So if Kristin wants to take Tony's bus and transport students that is permissible as long as the parents sign off that is totally fine.

Jane Collins: it is up to Kristin to go out and get them though.

Kristin Vaughn: My van is out of commission right now. (Laughter).

President Allen: I appreciate the detail you have in your reports.

Jane Collins: We will need an executive session, just to let you know.

President Allen: Okay, thoughts or general questions for the Board, things that to be researched?

Adam Miner: A lot has been studied and accomplished in the last month. I think we are going in the right direction. Honestly it's only going to get easier. I mean honestly it's very quick, Cuomo's troubles are probably only going to help us as he tries to get brownie points back.

President Allen: I think what we don't want to forget about, though, too, is in the last couple months, to Adam's point, we are moving in the right direction pretty quickly, but I think we've done an excellent job, being involved with budget again, Steve and his office has done well at keeping us educated. We continue to see low numbers and amongst all this right we haven't had our school closed recently. So there's always good.

I didn't make a copy or ask Sally the task of making a copy for everybody, but there was a good article in NYSSBA, actually I want Jane to have it, but it talks about policy hot topics in 2020. You've seen there's a lot of policy we're continuing to update and approve. And this article really is nail on the head about how much has changed in the last year with not only executive orders will be closed down with COVID. So like let's just think of something simple here that article talks about was we probably didn't have a policy wearing masks before right, a year ago we wore a mask it's not policy, but now that has to be. I know we are doing all these things and Guercio and Guercio are giving us good guidance but it's just interesting that you caught up and everything so many little things that you need to make sure that the i's are dotted the t's are crossed and keeping your district afloat. I'll share that with Jane later on.

Kristin Vaughn: I do have a question.

President Allen: Yes, absolutely I don't want to steal anyone's thunder.

Kristin Vaughn: Regarding spring vacation. For those students who are going out of state, do they have to be tested in same as the staff members, or do you have to quarantine?

Jane Collins: If they're if you're vaccinated, I think the most recent thing that came out, is that you're released from that quarantine that we have in New York State if you're vaccinated. So the staff who are vaccinated don't have to have the test done in the state where they're going to, they don't have to have it done when they get back because there's so many days of like safety for them. Students would be a different situation and unvaccinated parents.

President Allen: So what she's saying is follow the CDC guidelines.

Jane Collins: Yes.

Kristin Vaughn: So any student that goes out of state has to be tested in that state they are going to and then quarantine or four days, whatever and tested again, otherwise they stay completely quarantined out of school for, is it 10 or 14?

Jane Collins: Ten days. And what we'll do is we'll send a letter to parents about this, now that we have these dates approved announcing the dates and announcing that procedure. Thanks for asking.

President Allen: Any other questions? Okay, I would like to entertain a motion to enter executive session to talk about the employment of a particular person. .

But there will be no formal action after.

Roger Eastman: Move it

Kristin Vaughn: Second.

President Allen: That is moved by Roger and seconded by Kristin. Any discussion?

Jane Collins: Will you be coming back into session for the sake of the viewers?

President Allen: No, we will enter executive session, come out of executive session, I'll declare open and ask for adjournment. There will be no formal action and we will end the meeting.

Jane Collins: And the viewers will be done?

President Allen: Yes, the Administration is dismissed right now with the public only the Superintendent will be joining.

Any other discussion? All in favor Aye?

All in unison: Aye.

President Allen: That motion is carried 7-0.

Thank you very much.