

Special Meeting (via Zoom)
April 22, 2020

The special meeting of the Board of Education was held via ZOOM live videoconference. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Board President Kellenbenz and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Board Members Coons, DelPozzo, Kellenbenz, Lincoln, Olsson, Provan, Repko, Superintendent Brown and District Clerk Anderson.

ABSENT: None

Board Member Lincoln made a motion to amend the agenda to include Consent Agenda Personnel Item II. a and Budget Item IV. a, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

Board President Kellenbenz asked the Board of Education for a revote of the previous BOE meeting motions as follows:

Board Member Repko made a motion to approve the resolution suspending policies, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby suspends the provisions of Board Policy 1510, “Regular Board Meetings and Rules” and Board Policy 1520, “Special Meetings of the Board”, regarding public meetings, including public attendance, videoconferencing and public expression at meetings, for tonight’s Board Meeting and for all future Board and other meetings until Governor Cuomo determines that a state of emergency no longer exists in New York State due to COVID-19.”

Board Member Provan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed, seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions: II. a. Approve Detail Warrant #H-8 Capital Warrant #1 for March 3/1/2020-3/31/2020; b. Approve Detail Warrant #A21 Fund A General Warrant #2 for March 3/1/2020-3/31/2020; c. Approve Detail Warrant #H-9 Capital Warrant #2 for March 3/1/2020-3/31/2020; d. Approve March 11, 2020 Regular meeting minutes; e. Approve recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.

Board Member Repko made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:

AMEND AGENDA

REVOT OF APRIL 8, 2020 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Germantown Administrators’ Association dated March 30, 2020, as presented to the Board at this meeting, a copy of which Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.”

Board Member Provan made a motion to adopt resolution for hourly employees not covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:

“WHEREAS, there is a COVID-19 pandemic facing the State of New York and world at large; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of New York State has declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive of Columbia County has declared a Local State of Emergency for a period of thirty days until April 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District employs certain hourly employees either by resolution or terms and conditions agreements whereby such employees are ordinarily only paid for actual hours worked; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, the District believes that it is essential to have such employees waiting to be engaged in work, for their regularly scheduled work hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes payment for all hourly employees who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements based upon the hours that they are scheduled to work, so long as they are ready, willing and able to be engaged when called upon by the District during the pendency of this State of Emergency.”

Board Member Olsson made a motion to adopt resolution to modify 2019-2020 School Calendar, seconded by Board Member Lincoln, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:

“WHEREAS, in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the State of New York has called upon each public school district to assure that for the period commencing on April 1, 2020 through April 29, 2020 all weekdays shall be designated as student instructional days; and

WHEREAS, there has been a mandate placed upon New York State public school districts to continuously provide food services and childcare services in accordance with their plans as submitted to the New York State Education Department in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby modifies the adopted 2019-2020 School District Calendar by establishing the days of April 1 through April 29 as student instructional days, thereby changing April 10 through April 17 from Spring Recess days to student instructional days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in addition to implementing the District’s Continuity of Learning Plan during each of the weekdays commencing April 1, 2020 and through at least April 29, 2020 the District shall continue its childcare services and food services plan as submitted to the New York State Educational Department, while awaiting further direction from New York State Government Officials.”

Board Member Provan made a motion to approve first reading, waive second reading and adopt revised Policy 4212 “Organizational Chart”, seconded by Board Member Repko, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

Board President Kellenbenz continued Special meeting of the Board of Education with April 22, 2020 agenda.

Board President opened the floor to Mr. Luis Rodriguez of the Palombo Group. Mr. Rodriguez presented the Board of Education with a Capital Project update which included a virtual walk-through of the project to date.

Board Member Coons made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as listed, seconded by Board Member Provan, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions: II. Financial a. Approve Budget Transfer for 572 in the amount of \$3,401.99; Financial b. Approve Check Warrant H-11 April Cap Warrant #2 (March invoices); Personnel a. Appoint Deana Bizzarro Data Protection Officer.

Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adopt resolution approving Intermunicipal Agreement with Columbia County, seconded by Board Member Coons, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions:

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY

“WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic there is an extreme shortage of the emergency protective health and safety equipment need by Columbia County (the “County”) and its health care personnel and first responders; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders declaring a state of emergency, the Germantown Central School District (the “District”) has been closed since March 18, 2020 and at least through April 29, 2020, with further closure possible and, therefore, has health and safety equipment that is not currently needed for school district purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District and the County desire to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law to enable the District to transfer surplus health and safety equipment to the County, provided the County transfers any excess unused equipment received from the District back to the District after the shortage due to the COVID-19 pandemic is resolved; and

WHEREAS, District Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County to share health and safety equipment in a form approved by District’s legal counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Intermunicipal Agreement with the County and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said Agreement on behalf of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to designate health and safety equipment not needed for school district purposes as surplus and to transfer such surplus equipment to the County pursuant to the terms of such Intermunicipal Agreement.?

Superintendent Brown presented the 2020-2021 budget by Power Point to the Board of Education.

Board Member Lincoln made a motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Board Member Olsson, and carried 7 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

**2020-2021 BUDGET
PRESENTATION**

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Anderson
District Clerk