### Regular Board Meeting (Wednesday, August 2, 2023)

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#### **Board Members Present:**

Stephen Southwick, Mandie Bechard, Kimberly Bulson, Alan Cardin, Allen Racine, Melissa Bresnahan

### **Board Member(s) Absent:**

Robert McDonough

Others Present: Robb Garrand (Superintendent of Schools), Leanne Supernaw (Deputy District Clerk)

### 1. Opening of Meeting

**Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order**Meeting called to order at 5:58 p.m.

Procedural: 1.2 Roll Call

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

### Procedural: 1.4 Public Participation at Meeting

There were no public comments this evening.

### Action: 1.5 Approval of Agenda

Recommend approval of agenda as presented. Motion by Kimberly Bulson, second by Mandie Bechard, **MOTION CARRIED.** 

#### 2. Presentations/Reports

There were no presentations this evening.

#### 3. Action Items

#### Action, Minutes: 3.1 Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of minutes from the July 12, 2023 Annual Reorganizational Meeting. Motion by Mandie Bechard, second by Kimberly Bulson, **MOTION CARRIED.** 

### **Action: 3.2 Committee on Special Education Recommendations**

Recommend approval of the Committee on Special Education recommendations from their meetings for the following:

6/22 - CPSE

7/13 - CSE

7/18- CPSE

Motion by Melissa Bresnahan, second by Kimberly Bulson, MOTION CARRIED.

# Action: 3.3 Committee on Special Education Amendments with No Meeting

Recommend approval of the following Amendments with No Meeting: 8/1. Motion by Alan Cardin, second by Mandie Bechard, **MOTION CARRIED.** 

# Action: 3.4 Resignation(s) - Letter(s) of Intent to Retire

Recommend approval of letter(s) of intent for resignation for the purpose of retirement for the following:

Name	Position	Effective Date	
Donna Leduc	Custodial Worker	7/31/2024	

Per contract, this individual qualifies for the \$1,000 retirement incentive. Motion by Kimberly Bulson, second by Alan Cardin , **MOTION CARRIED.** 

### Action: 3.5 Resignation(s)

Recommend approval of letter(s) of resignation for the following:

Name	Name Position	
Catherine Blondo	40% AIS Reading Teacher	7/28/23
Kathleen Kokes	40% Music Teacher	6/30/23
Justin Sample	JV Boys Soccer Coach	8/02/23

Motion by Mandie Bechard, second by Alan Cardin, MOTION CARRIED.

# Action: 3.6 Appointment(s) - Probationary

Recommend the probationary appointment(s) of the following:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary	Tenure Area	Location
Freb Hunt-Bull	Music Teacher	9/1/23 - 9/1/27 (4-year Probationary)	Step 1, Column 6 of the Teacher Bargaining Unit Salary Schedule \$54,389 (Subject to change once Teacher Unit negotiations settle)	Music	MS/HS

Motion by Alan Cardin, second by Kimberly Bulson, MOTION CARRIED.

# Action: 3.7 Appointment(s) - Civil Service Probationary Appointment(s)

Recommend approval of the following Civil Service Probationary appointment(s) in compliance with Article XIV, Subdivision 1 of the Civil Service Regulations:

Name	Civil Service Title	Probationary Period	2023-24 Salary & Contract	Location
Andre Tetreault	Bus Driver	9/1/2023 - 9/1/2024 (52-week probationary)	Step 1 - \$12,755 10-Month CSEA	Bus Garage
Mary Kopas	Bus Driver	9/1/2023 - 9/1/2024 (52-week probationary)	Step 1 - \$12,755 10-Month CSEA	Bus Garage
Brianna Forkey	Custodial Worker	8/7/2023 - 8/7/2024 (52-week probationary)	Step 1 - \$32,230 (Prorated to \$29,130.60), Plus \$600 Night Stipend (Prorated to \$542.85) 12-Month CSEA	MS/HS
William Lee (pending fingerprint clearance)	Custodial Worker	8/14/2023 - 8/14/2024 (52-week probationary)	Step 1 - \$32,230 (Prorated to \$28,511.15), Plus \$600 Night Stipend (Prorated to \$530.77) 12-Month CSEA	MS/HS

Motion by Mandie Bechard, second by Allen Racine, MOTION CARRIED.

# Action: 3.8 Appointment(s) - Part-Time

Recommend the approval of the following Part-Time Appointment(s):

Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary	Location
Frank Langr	40% Music Teacher	9/1/23	Step 6, Column 7 of the Teacher Bargaining Unit Salary Schedule \$61,300 (prorated to \$24,520) Subject to change once Teacher contract negotiations settle	Elementary & Middle School Buildings

Motion by Alan Cardin, second by Kimberly Bulson, MOTION CARRIED.

### Action: 3.9 Appointment(s) - Instructional Substitutes

Recommend approval of the following Instructional Substitute(s):

Name	Туре	Effective Date
Emilee Wysko	Instructional - Certified	9/1/23

Motion by Mandie Bechard, second by Kimberly Bulson, MOTION CARRIED.

### Action: 3.10 Set Rate(s) for Permanent Instructional Substitute Teacher

Recommend that the Board approve the following rate(s) for Permanent Instructional Building Substitutes:

ClassificationRatePermanent Building Substitute/Certified\$135/dailyPermanent Building Substitute/Non-Certified\$125/daily

Motion by Alan Cardin, second by Mandie Bechard, MOTION CARRIED.

### Action: 3.11 Appointment(s) - Permanent Instructional Substitute Teachers

Recommend approval of the following Permanent Substitute Teachers for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Туре	Effective Date	Salary	Location
Brigitte Calisti	Uncertified	9/25/23 - 6/16/24	\$20,125	Middle School/High School
Kimberly Celis	Uncertified	9/25/23 - 6/16/24	\$20,125	Rouses Point Elementary
Karissa Furman	Uncertified	9/25/23 - 6/16/24	\$20,125	Rouses Point Elementary
Jasmine Keefer	Uncertified	9/25/23 - 6/16/24	\$20,125	Middle School/High School
Matthew Nigro	Uncertified	9/25/23 - 6/16/24	\$20,125	Middle School/High School
Shannon Oliver	Uncertified	9/25/23 - 6/16/24	\$20,125	Mooers Elementary

Motion by Kimberly Bulson, second by Mandie Bechard, MOTION CARRIED.

# Action: 3.12 Appointment(s) - Temporary

Recommend approval of the following temporary appointment(s) for the 2023-24 school year:

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Name	Position	Effective Date	Salary	Location
Aimee Mesick-Willette	Reading Teacher Uncertified	9/1/23 - 6/30/24	Step 2, Column 6 of the Teacher Bargaining Unit Salary Schedule \$54,389 (Subject to change once Teacher Unit negotiations settle)	HS

Motion by Kimberly Bulson, second by Allen Racine, MOTION CARRIED.

## Action: 3.13 Appointment(s) - Summer School Teacher(s)

Recommend approval of the additional hours, up to 50 hours, paid at the hourly rate of \$40.00, set forth in the MOA, paid from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Summer School Grant for the Summer of 2023 for the following teachers:

Name Title

Sarah Dupee Summer School Teacher Kathleen Rowland Summer School Teacher

Motion by Alan Cardin, second by Mandie Bechard, MOTION CARRIED.

## Action: 3.14 Appointment(s) - Stipend(s)

Recommend approval of the following stipends for the 2023-2024 school year:

Lunch Duty Supervisor Aimee Meseck-Willette \$3,323

Stipend amounts subject to change once the NCCS Teachers' Association Agreement negotiated. Motion by Mandie Bechard, second by Allen Racine, **MOTION CARRIED**.

### Action: 3.15 Appointment(s) - Coaches

Recommend approval of the following Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

Sport	Name	Years coaches as of 2023-2024	2023-24 stipend
Boy's Modified Soccer	Jeffrey Norton	1	\$3,395
Boy's Varsity Soccer Assistant Non-Paid	Dale Hawksby	N/A	N/A

Stipend amounts subject to change once the NCCS Teachers' Association Agreement negotiated. Motion by Alan Cardin, second by Kimberly Bulson, **MOTION CARRIED.** 

### **Action: 3.16 Correction of Stipend Amount**

Recommend approval of the correction of the following stipend amounts for the 2023-2024 school year that were approved at the July 12, 2023 Board of Education Meeting: Adam Khater - Tennis Assistant - Approved at \$3,129 - Amount should be \$3,124. Motion by Alan Cardin, second by Allen Racine, **MOTION CARRIED.** 

# Action: 3.17 Adoption of NCCS High School Electronic Device Policy

Recommend adoption of NCCS High School Electronic Device Policy. Motion by Mandie Bechard, second by Kimberly Bulson, **MOTION CARRIED.** 

#### Action: 3.18 Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy

Recommend approval of the following Resolution to confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has been authorized by the voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise, for the current budget of the 2023-2024 school year, a sum not to exceed \$12,006,610.00 (amount includes omitted taxes in the amount of \$7,026.38 and STAR) and library levy in the amount of \$33,000;

**THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education fixes the equalized rates by town and confirms the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax rolls;

### **VALUATION BY EQUALIZED TAX BY TOWNS (NOT INCLUDING LIBRARY)**

TOWN	ASSESSMENTS	EQUALIZATION	TAX LEVY	TAX RATE PER THOUSAND
Altona	\$4,040,397	100%	\$ 68,222.45	\$16.885085
Champlain	\$447,946,621	100%	\$ 7,562,708.69	\$16.883058
Chazy	\$39,581,365	100%	\$ 668,334.72	\$16.885085
Mooers	\$ 219,509,460	100%	\$ 3,700,317.76	\$16.857213

Total \$711,077,843 \$11,999,583.62

Omitted Taxes \$7,026.38

Increase in Assessed Valuation of \$49,540,513 over 2022-2023 Decrease in Tax Rate per \$1,000 by .940888 over 2022-2023

(2022-2023 Assessment Value of \$661,537,330 (+106,800,591) (2022-2023 Tax Rate per \$1,000 \$17.825973 {-.2624048 & -.4149721})

(2021-2022 Assessment Value of \$554,736,739 (+7,160,153)

(2021-2022 Tax Rate per \$1,000 \$20.450021/\$21.975694 {-.127793 & +.129788/1,000})

(2020-2021 Assessment Value of \$547,576,586 {+2,484,022})

(2020-2021 Tax Rate per \$1,000 \$20.577814 {+\$.299879/1,000})

(2019-2020 Assessment Value \$545,092.564 {+14,483,391})

(2019-2020 Tax Rate per \$1,000 \$20.577814 {-\$.045032/1,000})

(2018-2019 Assessment Value of \$530,609,173 {+4,202,175})

(2018-2019 Tax rate per \$1,000 \$20.622846 {+\$.183606/1,000})

### **VALUATION BY EQUALIZED TAX BY TOWNS (LIBRARY)**

TOWN	<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>EQUALIZATION</b>	TAX LEVY	TAX RATE PER THOUSAND
Altona	\$ 4,040,397	100%	\$ 187.51	\$.046408
Champlain	\$447,946,621	100%	\$20,788.50	\$.046408
Chazy	\$ 39,581,365	100%	\$ 1,836.91	\$.046408
Mooers	\$ 219,509,460	100%	\$10,187.08	\$.046408
TOTAL	\$ 711,077,843	\$ 33,0	000	

**AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT** at such future date as the detailed breakdown of tax levy between School Tax Bills and STAR reimbursement become available from the county issued tax roll, the tax warrant of this board, will be so modified to split out the taxes from the STAR reimbursement;

**AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT** the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin 9/1/23 and end 10/31/23 giving the tax warrant and effective period of 61 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the District Treasurer;

**AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED** THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> month no interest 2<sup>nd</sup> month - 2% interest

Motion by Kimberly Bulson, second by Alan Cardin, MOTION CARRIED.

#### 4. Discussion

Discussion: 4.1 Master Schedule

**Discussion: 4.2 Capital Project** 

**Discussion: 4.3 District Wide School Safety Plan** 

#### 5. Information

Information: 5.1 August 30, 2023 - Special Board Meeting at 7:00 a.m.

Information: 5.2 September 13, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

Information: 5.3 October 11, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

# 6. Executive Session if Necessary

**Action: 6.1 Executive Session** 

There was no Executive Session this evening.

# 7. Adjournment

Action: 7.1 Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. by Kimberly Bulson, second by Mandie Bechard, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meaghan Rabideau

**District Clerk** 

Leanne Supernaw
Deputy District Clerk