BOARD OF EDUCATION

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS

PORT JERVIS, NEW YORK

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2017 Meeting

The Regular Meeting/Budget Workshop of the Board of Education was held on February 21, 2017 in the High School Cafeteria.

Members Present: Judith Amato
Deborah Lasch
Valerie Maginsky
Tanya Parker-Hughes
Florence Santini
William Smith

Members Absent: Brian Dewey
Catherine Sadaghiani
Robert Witherow

Others Present: Thomas Bongiovi, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Benedict, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Kristen Lopez, Clerk of the Board

Call to Order – Agenda Item 1

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Lasch.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session – Agenda Item 2

Flo Santini moved, seconded by Tanya Parker-Hughes to enter into executive session at 6:31pm. Motion carried with a 6-0-3 (Dewey, Sadaghiani, Witherow) vote.

Tanya Parker-Hughes moved, seconded by Judy Amato to close executive session at 7:22 pm. Motion carried with a 6-0-3 vote.

Regular Session Resumes – Agenda Item 3

Regular Session resumed and called to order by President Lasch at 7:27 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judy Amato, followed by a moment of silence.

Presentations – Agenda Item 4

Mr. Bongiovi revealed the contents of the 1919 time capsule that was recovered from the cornerstone of the Sullivan Avenue School.

Public Comment – Agenda Item 5

Lynn Hendershot spoke in the capacity of parent and taxpayer of the district on several concerns she had regarding the budget. She provided a copy of her comments and concerns to each present Board Member.

Administrative Reports – Agenda Item 6

Mr. Bongiovi relayed that the Port Jervis Hall of Fame Nomination Committee met last week. It was decided at the meeting that nominations for PJ Hall of Fame will take place every other year going forward. The induction ceremony will be held Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Erie Hotel & Restaurant. Ticket information will be forthcoming. The Committee usually inducts two candidates posthumously, and 4-6 living recipients. The 2017 Port Jervis Hall of Fame Inductees will be:

- Joseph Ricciardi, class of 1936 (deceased)
- LuAnn McCarthy, class of 1976 (deceased)
- Jessica Curtis, class of 1998
- Michael DelPriorie, class of 1975
- Gary Spears, class of 1971
- Bob Lefferts, class of 1959

Agenda Item 7 - Consent Items

Flo Santini moved, seconded by Bill Smith to approve Agenda Item 7 as follows. Motion carried with a 6-0-3 vote:

a. Minutes from the February 7, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Education (Section 1, Minutes)

b. Committee on Special Education Minutes (Section 1, Minutes)
CSE Meeting Dates: *January 2017: 19, 27, 30*
February 2017: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10

CPSE Meeting Dates*: February 2017: 2, 7, 13*

c. FMLA, Intermittent and Leave of Absences per Enclosures (Section 1, Personnel)

d. Resignation(s):

Name:	**Donna Gore**
Position:	School Monitor
Assignment:	District Wide
Effective:	February 22, 2017

Agenda Item 8 - Appointments (Section 1, Personnel)

Judy Amato moved, seconded by Bill Smith to approve Agenda Item 8 as follows. Motion carried with a 6-0-3 vote:

A. Support Staff

Name:	**Jasmine Dykstra**
Position:	Food Service Helper - Substitute
Assignment:	District Wide
Reason:	Per Diem
Probation:	N/A
Effective:	February 22, 2017 (pending fingerprint clearance)
Salary:	$14.46 – Step 1

Name: **Donna Gore**
Position: Food Service Helper (3 hrs. per day)
Assignment: District Wide
Reason: Vacancy No. 1960
Probation: N/A
Effective: February 22, 2017
Salary: $14.90 – Step 2

Name: **Katrina Knight**
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1, based upon the needs of the student and the student's residency within the district) - Probationary
Assignment: District Wide
Reason: Vacancy #1964
Probation: 8-26 weeks
Effective: February 22, 2017
Salary: $14.54 – Step 1

Name: **Kayla Leicht**
Position: School Monitor
Assignment: District Wide
Reason: Vacancy No. 1950
Probation: 8-26 weeks
Effective: February 22, 2017 (pending fingerprint clearance)
Salary: $14.42 – Step 1

Name: **Vivian Leites**
Position: Food Service Helper (4 hrs. per day)
Assignment: District Wide
Reason: Vacancy No. 1963
Probation: 8-26 weeks
Effective: February 22, 2017 (pending fingerprint clearance)
Salary: $14.46 – Step 1

Name: **Rebecca Nolan**
Position: Cleaner - Substitute
Assignment: District Wide
Reason: Per Diem
Probation: N/A
Effective: February 22, 2017 (pending fingerprint clearance)
Salary: $15.07 – Step 1

Name: **William Van Der Ploeg**
Position: Cleaner - Substitute
Assignment: District Wide
Reason: Per Diem
Probation: N/A
Effective: February 22, 2017 (pending fingerprint clearance)
Salary: $15.07 – Step 1

Name: **Robert Whitney**
Position: Cleaner - Substitute
Assignment: District Wide
Reason: Per Diem
Probation: N/A
Effective: February 22, 2017 (pending fingerprint clearance)
Salary: $15.07 – Step 1

B. Substitute Teachers/RN's:

Denotes College Students* ***Bold=**Home Tutor*

A = Certified	*B=Bachelor's Degree*	*C = 48 or More College Credits*	*Nurse*
Denise Becker			
Lisa Legg			
Susan Wasileski			
Meghan Conley			

C. ARCH Instructional Staff for the 2016-2017 School Year – Vacancy No. 1904
(*All salaries based on 2015-2016 contract)*

Name	**School**	**Salary**
Donna Schutz	High School – *effective 2/13/17*	$50.58/hr.

Agenda Item 9 - Approval of Resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Port Jervis City School District designates the Superintendent of Schools as the Residency Officer pursuant to 8 NYCRR 100.2(y).

Bill Smith moved, seconded by Flo Santini to approve Agenda Item 9. Motion carried with a 6-0-3 vote.

Agenda Item 10 - Approval of Contract for Health and Welfare Services for the Goshen Central School District (enclosure no. 1)

Tanya Parker-Hughes moved, seconded by Valerie Maginsky to approve Agenda Item 10. Motion carried with a 6-0-3 vote.

Agenda Item 11 - Board Member Comments

Member Tanya Parker-Hughes thanked Lynn Hendershot for her list of questions and comments to the Board. She stated that she also had similar concerns. She stated that she requested information on the TASC program at the last Board meeting to be discussed at this meeting and they did not receive the information yet. Superintendent Bongiovi responded that we did reach out to BOCES after the last meeting for the information. It was received over the holiday break, but was delivered in a confusing format. He will have Mrs. Lopez decipher and organize it in a clear format and send it out to the Board.

Mrs. Parker-Hughes also wanted it stated that she requested at the last Board meeting, and is requesting again, that she would like the Board to have a serious discussion regarding the class size issue in the district and states she will continue to bring it up until the Board talks about it. Lastly, Mrs. Parker-Hughes wanted to clarify to the public that she feels the need to defend her vote at the last meeting with regard to the district wide closing and apologize. She states that she feels she didn't fully understand what she was voting on, and also feels that clarification came after the vote was taken. She states if that clarification came before the vote she would have voted the other way, and wanted that noted.

Member Flo Santini informed the public that Thursday night (2/23/17) at 7 pm at the Town of Deerpark Town Hall in Deerpark that they will hold a discussion regarding the closing of the bridge in Sparrowbush by the DOT. Mrs. Santini encouraged anyone who needed more information to call her office at the Town of Deerpark Town Hall.

Mrs. Santini wanted to express her view and comment on the district wide closing in addition to the comments that were made by Mrs. Parker-Hughes. She stated that at the last meeting she asked the Assistant Superintendent for Business for information on how much it would cost the district and the taxpayers to have a district wide closing. She then read the memorandum from Assistant Superintendent Case that was included in the Board Member packet that broke down the cost of what the district pays the 12 month CSEA workers that are required to come in on a declared snow day, and the cost of what the district pays those same workers on a district wide closing day. She wanted the public to know this information and stated if she had to vote on the issue again, she would vote the same way.

Mr. Bongiovi clarified the contents of the memorandum, with regard to the difference in cost to the district for a snow day versus a district wide closing. He stated that there is a difference in cost of $638 between the two figures; however, the only real loss to the district for the day would be in the lack of production for the day since you would have had to pay the employees for the day regardless. He did note that there would be some sort of savings to the district as a result of not having to raise the heat and turn on the lights and computers in all the buildings for the day. He stated that district wide closings have been granted in the past, and he thought it was a show of good faith for the Board to allow the giveback day to extend to all employees of the district.

Member Bill Smith relayed that he traveled to Albany for the NYSSBA Capital Conference, but due to bad weather the conference was cancelled. He stated that he has an OCSBA meeting on March 1, and will relay details of the subject matter at the next BOE meeting.

Member Valerie Maginsky informed the other Members and the public that her absence at the February 7th Board meeting was because she accompanied Lauren Carrol from Operation PJ Pride to a national convention hosted by the Federal Government. She stated that over 3,000 people attended the convention and much information was brought back from the workshops attended that will be very helpful to the program.

Agenda Item 12 - Dates to Remember

President Lasch read the dates to remember.

Agenda Item 13 - Adjournment

Flo Santini moved, seconded by Tanya Parker-Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Motion carried with a 6-0-3 vote.

Agenda Item 14 – Budget Presentation/Workshop

There was a Budget Presentation/Workshop for the Members after the Adjournment of this meeting.

The Port Jervis City School District Board of Education will hold its next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

Transcribed by Kristen M. Lopez

Kristen M. Lopez, Clerk of the Board
Port Jervis Board of Education

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