

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SANDY CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SALISBURY STREET
SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK

Date: July 8, 2021
Meeting: Regular
Place: Sandy Creek Board Room

Board Members Present:

John Shelmidine
Heidi Metott
Andrea Harris
Michele Warner
Kevin Halsey

Others Present:

Kyle Faulkner
Shelley Fitzpatrick
Sue Halbritter, Queen Central
Pat McDougal

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Hathway
John Macklen

CALL TO ORDER:

Shelley Fitzpatrick, District Clerk, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

All present recited the pledge of allegiance

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH:

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Kevin Halsey, who was elected to the Board of Education on May 18, 2021.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

The meeting was held. See minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat McDougal commented on the Watertown Daily Times not putting in the Sandy Creek CSD Senior class. It was determined to be their error as the weekly had that information. Pat also asked the District's position on Critical Race Theory, Transgender students and Transgender students in sports. The District's response was that we will do as directed by the State Education Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CHANGES:

None.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

Motion made by Metott, seconded by Warner, that the Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the Consent Agenda.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on June 10, 2021.

APPROVAL OF THE CSE RECOMMENDATIONS:

New York State Education Law and Part 200 of the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education empower Boards of Education to provide suitable educational programs for students with disabilities, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education.

The Committee on Special Education has determined that the children listed on the attached possess disabilities to a degree sufficient to warrant placement in a Special Education Program.

Based upon the committee's decision, the Board of Education accepts the Committee on Special Education's recommendations, and will provide these children with the appropriate programs.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

To approve the Clerk and Treasurer's Report for the period of May 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021.

To approve the Extracurricular Treasurer's Report for the period of May 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021.

APPROVAL OF POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS/ABOLISHMENTS, RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, AND APPOINTMENTS:**AUTHORIZATIONS/ABOLISHMENTS:**

To **authorize** the following positions, to be paid through Federal Stimulus Grant Monies:

Speech Pathologist
School Psychologist
Elementary Teacher (2)
Teacher Aide
Pre-K Aide

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS:

To accept the **resignation** of **Suzanne Preston** from her position as a **Special Education Aide 12:1:1**, effective retroactive to the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

To accept the **resignation** of **Lori Krebs**, from her position as a **Senior Account Clerk**, for retirement purposes, effective August 20, 2021.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

None.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS:

To appoint **Kenneth (Nick) Netto** to a teaching position in the special subject area of **Psychology** for a probationary period of four years, to commence September 1, 2021, and concluding June 30, 2025. The approximate salary will be \$65,089 (based upon a Master's Degree, one year of experience, and 63 graduate credit hours), including twenty (20) summer days, to be paid through Federal Stimulus Grant Monies.

To appoint **Renee Paduano** to a teaching position in a special subject area of **Speech-Language Pathology** for a probationary period of four years, to commence September 1, 2021, and concluding June 30, 2025. The approximate salary will be \$60,166 (based upon a Master's Degree, three years of experience, and 56 graduate credit hours), including three (3) summer days, to be paid through Federal Stimulus Grant Monies.

To appoint **Meredith Gibbons** to the position of **Teacher Aide (1.0 FTE)**, for a probationary period of 52 weeks to commence September 1, 2021 and concluding November 2, 2022, to be paid with Federal Stimulus Grant Monies.

To appoint **Elaine Brown** to the position of **Teacher Aide (Pre-K)**, to commence September 1, 2021, to be paid with Federal Stimulus Grant Monies.

(Ms. Brown was originally paid through PreK Grant Monies. Due to reduction of PreK grant funds, her position has been transitioned to be paid through the Federal Stimulus Grant.)

REPORTS:**Board Committee Reports/Comments:**

John Shelmidine provided an update on the Oswego County BOCES Board of Education (CiTi)

John Shelmidine provided an update on the Oswego County School Boards Association.

John Shelmidine provided an update on the Central New York School Boards Association.

Kyle Faulkner presented on the Superintendent's Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Board of Education gave a Big Shoutout to the Buildings and Grounds staff for their quick setup for Graduation ceremonies, due to the weather and to Kevin Seymour for a very smooth graduation ceremony.

The Board of Education discussed the Board of Education Sub-Committee Assignments, they will be determined at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

It was moved by Harris, seconded by Metott, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to **approval an annual stipend for Jason Vickery** for \$5,000 for **Supervisor of Grounds.**

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent it was moved by Warner, seconded by Metott to enter into executive session at 7:14pm for the purposes of personnel and evaluation of the Superintendent.

It was moved by Harris, seconded by Warner to return from executive session to regular session at 8:55 pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Harris upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the **Memorandum of Agreement between the Sandy Creek Central School District and the Sandy Creek Teachers Association dated 7/8/2021.**

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Motion carried

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Metott to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sandy Creek Central School District, having reviewed a Settlement Agreement and General Release in Executive Session concerning a certified member of the staff, hereby **approves such Settlement Agreement and General Release and directs the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President to execute such Settlement Agreement and General Release on behalf of the Board of Education. Dated: 7/8/2021.**

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Motion carried

It was moved by Harris, seconded by Warner to accept the resignation for purposes of **retirement, of Michael Stevens from his position as a tenured teacher effective June 30, 2021.**

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Halsey, seconded by Metott, to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Motion carried

Future Board Meeting Dates

Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 12, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley H. Fitzpatrick
District Clerk