

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUNKIRK BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD VIA ZOOM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, JANUARY 12, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MR. DAVID DAMICO; MRS. CLAUDIA SZCZERBACKI; MR. ROBERT
BANKOSKI; MRS. JULIE SMITH; MRS. LORETTA TORAIN; MR.
KENNETH KOZLOWSK; MS. BETSY RAMOS

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRESENT:

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS: MR. MICHAEL MANSFIELD
BUSINESS MANAGER: MS. CYNTHIA MACKOWIAK
SUP. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: MR. TIMOTHY ABBEY

PRESENT ALSO: Nineteen Administrators and Staff

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS: Mr. Damico called the meeting to order at
5:30.

Mr. Damico requested everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Smith called roll.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

**QUESTIONS AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC PERTAINING TO
THIS EVENING'S AGENDA ITEMS:** NONE

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Mr. Mansfield started with a
COVID update. Our District is prepped and ready for testing should our County end up going to
a yellow zone. The Governor seems to have let up a bit on positive rates and is shifted focus to
the hospitalization rate instead. We have consent forms ready to go and will have to test 10% of
our hybrid students/staff twice a month, if we go yellow. The Chautauqua County Health
department will help and our nurses are trained to test.

Mr. Mansfield then talked about the Vaccine and how with group 1A our nurses, COTAs and OTs were about to get the first round, and with the opening of group 1B this week the rest of the district are able to make appointments. It is possible that once the vaccine becomes more available that a school may become a POD if the County needs to open more spots.

Lisa Barone, Director of Infection Control for Chautauqua County, will be holding a virtual community forum next week (January 19, 2021) at 5:30 P.M. It will be streamed to facebook so viewers can submit questions via that platform, but are suggested to email them in before the meeting. We will have links on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as the website.

Mr. Mansfield brought up the data from break until now. During break we had 10 staff members and 11 students test positive. From January 4 until the 12th, we had 8 staff members and 9 students test positive. We currently have 9 staff members in quarantine, which brought up the question of do we remain remote for longer?

Mr Damico stated that while he is hopeful that the cases will start going down, he also knows that they may not. He would like for the District to stay remote for 2 more weeks. He also said that we can get some insight from Lisa Barone at the forum next week.

Mr. Bankoski stated that he agrees with Mr. Damico and that we should continue to monitor weekly, but definitely prolong it for now.

Ms. Szczerbacki said that especially with the numbers on the rise it would be best to extend remote learning for 2 more weeks.

Mr. Kozlowski said that the city infection rate is over 18% and that the safest route would be to wait 2 more weeks.

Ms. Smith, Ms. Ramos, and Mrs. Torain all concurred with that as well.

With a consensus of the Board the Dunkirk City School District will be remote for the next 2 weeks. They will review data at the Board Workshop on the 26th and will make a decision on the following two weeks then.

Mr. Mansfield talked about how Governor Cuomo will be doing his State of the State address and will be putting out his budget on the 19th. The budget committee is meeting on the 21st so they will review the current budget as well as next year's budget. Richard Timbs will be here on the 26th to talk about our budget.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT: Mr. Damico stated there was no report from the committees. He really hopes that our staff, parents, and community members attend virtually the Community Forum with Lisa Barone. She has a wealth of knowledge and there is so much we can learn from her.

REQUEST TIME FOR COMMENT OF CONSENSUS ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ITEMS: Mr. Kozlowski **MOVED** the approval of the consensus items; seconded by Ms. Szczerbacki; approved unanimously;

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following:

6.1 Financial Matters:

6.1.1 - November 2020 - Treasurer's Report

6.1.2 - December 2020 - Appropriation Status Report

6.1.3 - December 2020 - Revenue Status Report

6.1.4 - December 2020 - Journal Entry Report

6.1.5 - December 2020 - Overtime Report

6.1.6 - December 2020 - COVID-19 Report

6.1.7 - December 2020 - Warrant Reports

6.1.8 - December 2020 - Claims Auditor Reports

***Note: There were no Budget Transfers made in December**

6.2 Approval - Resignations/Terminations/Retirements:

Item No.	Action	Name	Position	Effective Date	Bargaining Unit
6.2.1	Resignation	Amy Gorski	Library Media Specialist, District Wide	January 17, 2021	DTA
6.2.2	Retirement	Cynthia Lawrie	Teacher Aide, High School	January 12, 2021	CSEA

6.3 Approval - Extracurricular/Stipend Appointments:

Item No.	Action	Name	Position	Effective Date	Bargaining Unit
6.3.1	Appointment	Sarah Davis	After School Program Substitute, Middle School ENL Teacher	January 13, 2021	DTA
6.3.2	Appointment	Kimberly Delgado	APEX Teacher of Record, Health	January 13, 2021	DTA
6.3.2	Appointment	Wendy Gunther	After School Program Substitute, Middle School Special Ed Teacher	January 13, 2021	DTA
6.3.3	Appointment	Kyle Jarrell	Before School Club Leader	January 13, 2021	DTA
6.3.4	Appointment	Kyle Jarrell	After School Program, Technology Teacher, Middle School	January 13, 2021	DTA

6.4 Notification - Transfers:

Item No.	Name	Old Position Location	New Position Location	Effective Date(s)	Bargaining Unit
6.4.1	Caroline Roach	Teacher Aide, School 5	Teacher Aide, New Hybrid Kindergarten Classroom, School 3	December 21, 2020 - June 30, 2021	CSEA
6.4.2	Inez Gonzalez	English as a New Language Teacher, High School	English as a New Language Teacher/Remote, Elementary	January 5,, 2020 - June 30, 2021	DTA
6.4.3	Susan Kurgan	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Districtwide	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, School 7 and Districtwide	January 13, 2021	DTA

6.5 Approval - Leave of Absence/Return from Leave of Absence:

Item No.	Type & Action	Name	Position	Effective Date Range	Bargaining Unit
6.5.1	Unpaid Leave of Absence	Patrick LaMattina	Teacher Aide, High School	January 13, 2021 - April 13, 2021	CSEA
6.5.2	Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence	Shannon Newcomb	Library Aide, School 4	March 22, 2021 - May 14, 2021	CSEA

6.6 Approval - Amendments and Corrections: None

6.7 Approval - Surplus and Donations:

Item No.	Action
6.7.1	Approval to dispose of surplus library books from Dunkirk High School as presented to the individual Board of Education members
6.7.2	Approval to accept the donation of HS Library books from Amy Gorski, Library Media Specialist at Dunkirk High School, as presented to the individual Board of Education members

6.8 Approval - Create/Abolish Positions:

Item No.	Action
6.8.1	Abolish a High School ENL Teacher position effective January 5, 2021
6.8.2	Create an Elementary ENL Teacher position effective January 5, 2021
6.8.3	Create an Elementary On-Call Nurse position effective January 13, 2021
6.8.4	Create a Secondary On-Call Nurse position effective January 13, 2021

6.9 Approval - Athletics: None

6.10 Approval - Calendar, Memorandum of Agreement or Understanding, & Trips: None

6.11 Approval - Internships or Policies:

Item No.	Action
6.11.1	Approval for Stephanie Berghold to participate in an Administrative Internship with Rebecca Farwell effective January 19, 2021 - June 30, 2021
6.11.2	Acknowledgement of receipt of the District Wellness Policy #5661, for the first read, to be approved at the February 9th Board Meeting

6.12 Special Education Placements:

WHEREAS, the Dunkirk Committee on Special Education met on dates from November 2, 2020 through January 9, 2021 to review and evaluate the condition and placement of students who have been identified as having physical, mental, or emotional disability, and

WHEREAS, the documentation and evidence presented at these meetings indicate that the Committee on Special Education made the below-listed recommendations to the Board of Education; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the recommendation for placement or change in placement of the children listed below be approved as follows:

6.12.1 Committee on Pre-School Education:

Recommended Program	Student ID Number(s)
<i>Special Class</i>	900570185
<i>Related Service</i>	900569587, 900570158, 900570175, 900569712
<i>Itinerant Service</i>	900569711, 900570158

6.12.2 Sub Committee on Special Education :

Recommended Program	Student ID Number and Grade
<i>Consultant Teacher Service</i>	900568199 (5)

6.12.3 Committee on Special Education:

Recommended Program	Student ID Number and Grade
<i>Special Class</i>	900570035 (K), 900570001 (K), 900568405 (4), 900569058 (4), 900568555 (4), 900416781 (UG), 900569083 (3), 900568281 (2), 900570220 (8), 900567136 (10), 900568028 (3), 900566523 (10), 900424174 (UG), 900569302 (1), 081790000 (10), 900566710 (8), 900566897 (7),
<i>Related Service</i>	900569891 (K), 900570223 (1),
<i>Resource Room Program</i>	900569118 (3)
<i>Consultant Teacher Service</i>	900569131 (K), 900569176 (K), 103210001 (7), 900568617 (9), 900569464 (7), 900449194 (11), 900569247 (9), 900570149 (12), 103220001 (7), 900568164 (10), 900570218 (6), 900570209 (4), 071140001 (12), 900567728 (5), 091120000 (10), 900566721 (7), 900568491 (5), 900567889 (4), 900567727 (6), 900568065 (12), 900569831 (6)

6.13 Approval of Minutes:

- **Regular Meeting Minutes - December 8, 2020**

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

Mr. Kozlowski **MOVED** the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Mr. Bankoski; approved unanimously

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following individuals are hereby appointed to the listed positions below:

7.1.1 Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA):

Item No.	Name	Residence	Position	Step	Grade	Months Worked	Hourly Salary	Annual Salary	Effective Date
7.1.1A	Patrick LaMattina	Dunkirk, NY	Temporary Clerk II	1	N/A	3	\$13.68	\$28,454.00	January 13, 2021 - April 13, 2021

7.1.2 Dunkirk Administrators Association (DAA): None

7.1.3 Dunkirk Teachers Association (DTA):

Item No.	Name	Residence	Position	Months Worked	Credits	Annual Salary	Effective Date
7.1.3A	Lisa Walker	Fredonia, NY	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	10	A 70	\$43,524.00	January 13, 2021

7.1.4 Substitutes

Item No.	Name	Residence	Position	Daily or Long Term
7.1.4A	Wilfredo DeJesus	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner	Daily
7.1.4B	Jacqueline Dlaniak	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner	Daily
7.1.4C	Leslie Gomez	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner	Daily
7.1.4D	Karen Levandoske	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner	Daily
7.1.4E	Jodi Lowe	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner	Daily
7.1.4F	Dawn Nye	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Library Aide	Long Term - For Shannon Newcomb's Leave of Absence

7.1.4G	Aracelis Sanchez	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner	Daily
7.1.4H	Melanie Sliwa	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner	Daily
7.1.4I	Janice Solares	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner	Daily
Item No.	Name	Residence	Position	Daily or Long Term
7.1.4J	Patricia Stewart	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Lunch Monitor	Daily
7.1.4K	Pamela Pleszewski	Fredonia, NY	Substitute Teacher - Retired Teacher	Daily
7.1.4L	Jose Mendez	Dunkirk, NY	Substitute Cleaner II	Daily

Mr. Kozlowski **MOVED** the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Ms. Ramos ; approved unanimously

WHEREAS, the Dunkirk Board of Education is saddened to learn of the death of one of its former employees, Charles Cowen, and

WHEREAS, it recognizes the 29 years of service Mr. Cowen rendered during his service as an eighth grade Science Teacher at Dunkirk Middle School.

RESOLVED, that a notice of his passing is entered into the official minutes of this Board and a copy of this resolution is transmitted to his family together with the message of heartfelt sympathy of the Board of Education.

Mr. Bankoski **MOVED** the adoption of the following resolution; seconded by Mr. Kozlowski ; approved unanimously

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement effective February 1, 2021 with Thomas W. Bixby, CCCA, CCS, of 2666 Straight Road, Fredonia, New York 14063.

OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION:

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Szczerbacki wanted to know the status of the Maintenance Mechanic position. Mr. Abbey responded that it is currently tied up with Civil Service, and in looking into it a lot of the Buildings and Grounds titles are incorrect with Civil Service.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bankoski got notice from Section 6 that starting the 18th, low contact sports are allowed to begin. There has been no talk of high risk starting but they have a meeting coming up. Mr. Bankoski was wondering if the District would consider allowing the basketball teams to still hold conditioning practices if they were very strict and followed the guidelines, he knows that other schools are allowing this. Mr. Damico said that this is the first he is hearing of it, but would like more information on the safeguards before he agrees. Ms. Smith agreed and said that she would hate to be fully remote but having sports. It would need to be under the best conditions. Mr. Bankoski asked if Mr. Gens can join in the discussion once there is new information.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING: Mr. Kozlowski **MOVED** to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bankoski; carried unanimously at 5:54 PM.

Julie Smith
Board Clerk

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