

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 15, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
Kernan School Elementary Auditorium – 929 York Street**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph H. Hobika, Presiding; Robert Cardillo, Donald Dawes, Tennille Knoop, Danielle Padula, James Paul, Dave Testa

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Brian Nolan, Steve Falchi, Trina Falchi, Mike Ferraro, Don Gerace, Esq., Kathy Hughes, Sara Klimek, Haylee Lallier, Teresa Mathews, Zach Nicotera, Vincent Perrotta, Paris Rich

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT: Tha Da Mwee Kyet

Public Comment to the Board of Education

President Hobika, Jr. called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Board Clerk Kathy Hughes conducted roll call. All members of the Board of Education were present.

Student, Employee, and Community Recognition

President Hobika, Jr. along with the Interim Superintendent presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the Steet Ponte Auto Group. They contributed coats to the kids from Kernan School.

Message from the Interim Superintendent

I'd like to address the Proctor High School student incident back on Halloween, October 31st. I want to strongly convey to parents, family members and the community the safety and security of our students, teachers, and staff is top priority. Your children are entrusted to us. With that honor we have a moral obligation to ensure we keep them from harm's way. This is an assurance that the district takes very seriously and makes every effort to attempt to respect. On October 31st, our resolve was tested. The incident involved 3 students. No other students or the school were threatened, but the actions of the 3 sent fear and anxiety throughout our school community and landed Proctor High School in a National spotlight. This incident was totally unavoidable; however it required 3 staff members who took decisive action and placed their own safety at serious risk of injury. Fortunately, the victim sustained minor injuries and no one else was harmed. At this point, I would like to recognize the 3 individuals and I will finish my comments about this event when it is my turn to speak. President Hobika will present. We also not only have Certificates of Recognition from the school district, but we also have recognition from our State Assemblywoman, Marianne Buttenschon. The 3 staff members from Proctor that we would like to recognize are:

Keliy Bikowsky
Bryan Koscinski
Carvon Brazier

President Hobika, Jr. introduced the following athletes along with their Advisor/coaches.

Columbus Student Council – Mr. Michael Pagliaro.

Proctor High School Soccer – Mr. Nick Galiulo

Proctor High Swim Team – Mr. Brian Koscinski (also introduced present diver – Diondra Frazier and past diver Christina Shepherdson Frazier).

Discussions

Capital Project Update – Jeffrey Kloetzer, Stieglitz Snyder Architecture (SSA)

Mr. Kloetzer presented his update on the Capital Project for September 2022.

Questions from the Board Members:

None

Presentations

Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum – Trina Falchi, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services

Mrs. Falchi provided the Board of Education with a PowerPoint on Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum.

Questions from the Board Members:

President Hobika, Jr.: Does this address the potential bullying issue that we keep hearing about.

Mrs. Falchi: It's one of our approaches. We kind of had a 2-prong approach to addressing bullying. One is we partner with Safe Schools of the Mohawk Valley. They are coming into all of our elementary schools and our two middle schools 4 assemblies a year: one in each marking period. They are doing targeted anti-bullying presentations. They've already done one round. That's sort of our reactive approach and then implementing a social-emotional learning program is our proactive approach to try to prevent hopefully future bullying.

President Hobika, Jr.: I'm just curious, but do programs and presentations to kids reduce the number of bullying incidents that occur? What's the correlation, how does that work exactly?

Mrs. Falchi: The research states there's a lot of strategies. It really focuses on building positive climates, positive environments in our schools, building relationships with our kids and formally teaching things like character traits and social-emotional learning. It's a combination of everything I think together and what I have researched has shown would reduce bullying in schools.

Mr. Nolan: I do want to thank Mrs. Falchi for the presentation and the work that the committee did. I think you brought forth two very worthwhile curriculums for the school district to adopt and to answer questions. These are research-based programs. They are enhancements, as Mrs. Falchi said to help establish the climate and culture in the buildings, to try to mitigate some of these things that we see. Teachers know it best in their classrooms. They know when they develop relationships with their kids their kids respond to them. They are really the best conduit for character traits. You have characters in your class every day and hopefully you're going to teach them 24 traits. It's a work in progress, but these are research based. The studies show that these are the programs that you want to have in your schools to help students learn and develop and become the citizens that we witnessed tonight with the other students that presented here today. Thank you, Mrs. Falchi.

Durham Bus Company – Transportation Update – Zachary Nicotera, Transportation Supervisor/Brian Wester, Regional Manager for National Express and Durham School Services

Mr. Nicotera provided a transportation update to the Board of Education.

Questions from the Board of Education

President Hobika, Jr.: The numbers that you gave us were district employees, right?

Mr. Nicotera: Correct.

School Safety Update – William Williams, Safety and Security Coordinator

Mr. Williams presented the Board with a security update and recent incidents.

Questions from the Board Members:

Miss Kyet: Can you explain how you hire staff and what exactly you look for; or are you just hiring random people?

Mr. Williams: No, we never hire random people. It's a good question, I like that one. Did someone pay you? What we do in the hiring process, there's 2 ways of doing it. They can actually fill out a paper application. They can either print it online or go to the administration building and get that and submit it there. Or there is an online resume service called Indeed and they go through the Indeed process. The Human Resources Department goes through their account of Indeed. They extract and print out the applications and we contact the people. Once we contact the people, we obviously look at their backgrounds and what they have. We sit down face to face, and we talk to them. We talk to them about obviously our concerns, our areas; and what their concerns are and what we are offering them. After that, there is a fingerprint background check which is done at Masonic Home. They have a live scan fingerprint process. Once they are able to pass that, we bring them in further for more interviews and then what we try to do is we try to – I'm a firm believer and it's been a process and a problem with the Security Department I've seen the longest time is that we will hire somebody that is not great for a high school but is great for an elementary. I'm a firm believer in round pegs, round holes; square pegs, square holes. What I try to do is I try to form fit the person to the job site. That's what I try to do. Once we are able to talk about that, we can see the openings, we explain to that and from there we go to Mr. Nolan and then we go to this Board right here for final approval. That's how the process is.

President Hobika, Jr.: Does that answer your question, or do you have any other further qualms?

Mrs. Knoop: Is there something that you see that you're trying to....

Miss Kyet: At Proctor I know I'm not the only one when I say this, but a lot of the security guards they don't really do their jobs. A lot of them slack off. I just want to know when you guys are hiring them, are there certain qualifications that you're looking for?

Mr. Williams: Yes. Obviously, dedication, dignity, and good work ethic; we do do that. We do go through the process of evaluations. We turn around and we evaluate them and make sure that they do their job. We have on-site supervisors, not only is Mr. Jalonack a supervisor, but we also have the assistant principals and principals there too. We've had our share of problems with security, but we also turned around and we turned around and we adjusted the situation to a point that if they didn't meet the criteria, they seek employment someplace else.

Mrs. Knoop: Do we have reasons why we have so many problems with employees?

Mr. Williams: Yes, ma'am. The biggest problem we're having right now is the 29-hour week employment. It's killing me. I cannot tell you the great people that walk out that door and because of that I'm helpless. I really, really am.

Announcements/Reports

Student Representative Report – Tha Da Mwee Kyet

Ms. Kyet presented the Student Report for the month of October.

Questions for Ms. Kyet:

None

Ms. Kyet: With the recent stabbing incident that happened at Proctor, the victim himself I knew personally. It really affected me and others who know him. I just want to thank the staff that helped because if they didn't, we don't know what would've happened. I just have a question, what has Proctor done to ensure that incidents like this won't happen again.

President Hobika, Jr.: We are going to be talking about that in a little bit. That was an excellent question, thank you.

PTO/PTA, Shared Decision-Making Committees, Student Councils, CSE Chairs, Title I, UTA, UAA, UTC, Teamsters Local 182, SEIU Local 200B, M.V. Buildings and Trades Council

Mrs. Kristen Vivaqua, Reading Teacher at General Herkimer Elementary School, VP of Special Areas for the UTA provided a report.

Questions from the Board Members:

None

Superintendent's Remarks

I would first like to extend our gratitude to the Compassion Coalition. I think everyone knows the Compassion Coalition. They have sponsored in each of our schools 10 Thanksgiving baskets turkey and all the fixings that are going to be delivered to our families this Friday. It is 130 Thanksgiving baskets that will be delivered to our families on Friday. We are very appreciative of the Compassion Coalition. I will finish my remarks regarding the incident at Proctor. I do get a little emotional when I talk about these kinds of things. Bear with me. When we viewed the horrific video, we all asked the same question. How did the student get the knife into the school. Through investigation it was determined the Evolv Weapon Detection System purchased at the direction of Mr. Karam does not detect metal objects and it was not designed to detect knives. In fact the Evolv Weapon Detection System was designed to only pick up weapons of mass casualties. The system uses a metric program into a software to recognize concealed objects such as guns, rifles, and large weapons such as machetes, but it's not a reliable system for detecting knives. The Evolv Weapon Detection System was designed for use at large arenas or stadiums to prevent incidents of mass casualties and is not adequate or practical for school use. With this knowledge, a plan of action was put in place to address the deficiencies of the Evolv System. We increased the sensitivity of the system to its highest calibration. This doubled the number of alarms the students to pass through requiring the security staff to use handheld detectors and visibly search bags. The district purchased 10 Garret Walk Through Metal Detectors and 10 Xray bag scanners to replace the Evolv System at Proctor High School. This equipment will be installed as soon as

it is received in the district, and we are hopeful that it will happen this week. Through cooperation with the Service Employees Union, which represents our security staff, we increased all security personnel from 29 to 35 hours per week at all district schools. This provides increased staffing, and we are negotiating with the union to maintain this for the remainder of the school year. Our Support Services Department was greenlighted to install 170 new cameras, a project that had been put on hold. The cameras are being installed district wide as upgrades or replacements of our 150 older camera models that could not be synched to the new system, with the remaining 20 being placed at new, strategic locations, mostly at Proctor High School. The district enabled the Text Messaging app as a complement to the Robo Calls app on the School Messenger platform. While the Text Messaging app provides schools with a much faster and more efficient way to communicate with parents, it was never activated until now. Parents and families received a district mailing last week with instructions on how to sign up. The Text Messaging app will be very useful and much more effective in providing parents and families with information on "in the moment" events like the incident at Proctor. I have called community leaders from law enforcement, the court system, social services, and interested parties to a Planning Meeting this Friday at the district office to address the issue we have in this community with what I call unaffiliated community youth groups. I think you all know what I'm talking about. We hope to address the issue that as a community issue that spills into our schools, it's not a school issue. The school is part of the community. We have to address it to keep it out of our schools and we intend to do that strategically with the right people in place. I have also met with the folks from Safe Schools Oneida County. They are in some of our buildings now providing social emotional learning support, conflict resolution mediation. We intend to present to the Board next month a proposal to increase the staff in all of our schools specifically at Proctor High School to create what we're calling Engagement Managers or Engagement Counselors to identify those students who may be in our school who are either members of the unaffiliated community youth groups or are thinking about joining those groups so that we can have a better handle on issues that occur in the community and spill into our school so we can address those at our school. While the incident at Proctor was both horrific and reckless, the district will continue its efforts to deliver on our obligation, which is to provide safe and secure learning environments for all of our students, teachers, staff, and communities.

President Hobika, Jr.: I just want to thank you on behalf of the Board. I know many of us feel that increasing platforms to communicate is very important. I know that I've been on this Board, this is my 5th year. I know in my first year when Anthony LaPolla and I were on we were talking about improving our platforms and providing better modes of communication to our parents, students, our teachers, and staff. I have to say making sure that the text messaging system was turned on was a big help. Also, I wanted to thank you for having the website improved, which is something that we've been asking for a long time. I really like the fact that there's actually a link on there that will allow you to stream or to view live sports for the district. We have new languages on there and everything else. We're doing things one step at a time. I want to thank you for getting that done. The situation that occurred at Proctor was horrific. But I do have to say that our Superintendent was over there and immediately took charge and was directing the activities and was working with security and everything else; trying to make people feel better about the incident and just making sure that all the bases were covered. He deserves a round of applause for that. I know what he would say, that's just what I do. I do want to thank you for that.

Ms. Kyet: I know that the initial reason that the metal detectors were implemented was because of the threat that most of us know about which was implemented last year. After the threat security jumped on, how seriously was it taken? It wasn't taken very seriously and that's how the incident happened was able to happen. I just want to know with security how they are doing it right now and how seriously they are taking it right now. Will that be guaranteed for us?

Mr. Nolan: That is a great question and it's a question that I can't give 100% guarantee to because you just never know. But what we try to do is create the climate and culture where the kids feel secure, where they have a relationship with an adult, where if they see something or hear something or know something they are confident that they can go to someone who is going to be discreet and take that information and help us out right. Then we can put in place the things that we put in place – more cameras, more security and continue to have dialogs with our employees, to continue to have dialogues with our students so that we do create culture and climate in the building that we all want. I wish I can say that this event would never happen again, but I can't right. But I can assure you that we are going to do everything that we possibly can to prevent it. That is a great question. We are going to back into looking at our training. We are going to go back into looking at where we have staff. We are going to go back

to look at where cameras are. We are going to go back and look at when the new system is put into place, how it works, is it effective, are we not only being a deterrent but are we in fact having students recognized that we want to safe environment and they need to be part of that equation. It's always going to be a work in progress, but I can assure you it's going to be a work that is top priority for us.

President Hobika, Jr.: One thing obviously with the heightened security and the systems that we have, it probably would be a good idea to wear a coat to school because that was one of the issues that we had was that people were upset about the fact that their kids were being required to stand outside in inclement weather and they weren't wearing coats. I guess on behalf of the district, I'm saying make sure your children wear coats if you're watching because there may be some delays just because of the heightened security and we will continue to do it because we want people to be safe. That's our plan. We will try to remain vigilant and take every step we can. That's all we can really do. I think with the steps that are being taken in terms of placement of security, placement of cameras, increasing the number of hours for our security people, adjusting the types of weapon and metal detectors that we have; that's all we can really do. We are going to have to try to deal with some of the issues that face and plaque the community with our unaffiliated community youth groups. We're going to need to see what we can do to make sure that that stays out of the school.

Mr. Paul: I think we also have to look at what Mrs. Falchi was bringing to the school district as well. The social emotional learning piece is going to be critical to help our young people understand how to get along with one another, how to work through your differences and not bring those things to school or have them blow up while they are at school. I think that's a great thing that she's doing.

Mr. Nolan: I don't know about the President, but I have 4 sons and I was the principal of a high school that 2 of them attended. The staff at the school wanted to know what was wrong with me because my sons in the middle of February would attend school in shorts and tee shirts with no coats. Kids are going to be kids but point well taken.

Mrs. Knoop: I was going to say the same thing. My 14-year-old is still not going to wear a coat.

President Hobika, Jr: It's ok, I'm just giving you the warning.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Nolan presented the Superintendent's Report dated November 15, 2022 to the Board of Education for approval with the following addition:

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President Hobika, Jr. asked the Board Members if there were any items that needed clarification before a motion was made on the Consent Agenda. At this time, he polled Board Members:

(None)

President Hobika, Jr.: There is one resolution. I need a motion to appoint a Hearing Officer in accordance with Section 75 of the Civil Service Law to appoint John Orilio, Esq. to serve as a Civil Service Law Section 75 Hearing Officer for the district.

Mr. Cardillo made a motion to appoint John Orilio, Esq. of Remsen, New York to serve as a Civil Service Law Section 75 Hearing Officer for the District. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Knoop.

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FOR ACTION:**Volume LVII****Report No. S – 93****SUBJECT:****Application for Extended Field Trip**

Authorization is requested of the Board of Education to approve approximately eighty-two (82) Columbus Elementary School students to travel to The Wild in Chittenango, NY on Thursday, June 15, 2023. The students will learn about animal characteristics and their habitats. They will also be given the opportunity to feed a giraffe.

Supervision of these students will be provided by Stephanie Payne, Teacher, Marnie Williams, Teacher, Danielle McEwen, Teacher, Mary Waiter, Teacher, Joselyn Santana, parent, Arnela Latic, parent, Jamie Musselwhite, parent, Amelia and Marc Palmer, parents, Jennifer Brow, parent, Dijana Muhamedagic, parent, Nicole Moran, parent, Minka Kudic, parent, and Emily Liggins, parent.

This trip was reviewed and approved by Elizabeth Gerling, Principal at Columbus Elementary School, and Steven Falchi, Administrative Director of Curriculum & Instruction K-12.

FOR ACTION:**Volume LVII****Report No. S – 94****SUBJECT:****Application for Extended Field Trip**

Authorization is requested of the Board of Education to approve approximately seventy-eight (78) Jefferson Elementary School students to travel to the MOST (Museum of Science & Technology) Museum in Syracuse, NY on Friday, November 18, 2022. The students will learn about Earth Science, Life Sciences, and simple machines.

Supervision of these students will be provided by Yunhe Lawruk, Teacher, Scott Rogowski, Teacher, Jamie Green, Teacher, Rachel Rivera, Teacher, Cassidy Dobrenski, Teacher, Magdalena Caracas, parent, Hazema Ferhatovic, parent, Michelle Cavanaugh, parent, Rosa Mercado, parent, Stacy Santacroce, parent, Darlene Bowens, parent, Melanie Bonomo, parent, Lisa and Brian Herron, parents, Tosha Elseth, parent, Darlene Bowens, parent, Chandelle Barber, parent, Erika Taurisani, parent, and Margie Clark, parent.

This trip was reviewed and approved by Tricia Hughes, Principal at Jones Elementary School, and Steven Falchi, Administrative Director of Curriculum & Instruction K-12.

FOR ACTION:**Volume LVII****Report No. S – 95****SUBJECT:****Application for Extended Field Trip**

Authorization is requested of the Board of Education to approve approximately sixty-one (61) Jones Elementary School students to travel to the Stanley Theatre in Utica, NY to attend the Nutcracker Ballet on Thursday, December 1, 2022. The Nutcracker Ballet provides students with choreography and performance, as well as opportunities to communicate a story, and express feelings and emotions through movement to discover imaginative abilities. It will expose students to the performing arts (dance and art) to discuss occupations in the performing arts.

Supervision of these students will be provided by Lisa Almy, Teacher, Frank Calhoun, Teacher, Emily Looman, Special Education Teacher, Edwin Rosa, Teacher Assistant, Matthew Kolek, Teacher Assistant, Rosann Malerba, Teacher Assistant, Carrie Thomas, Teacher, Janelle Sweet, parent, and Jody Singleton, parent.

This trip was reviewed and approved by Tricia Hughes, Principal at Jones Elementary School, and Steven Falchi, Administrative Director of Curriculum & Instruction K-12.

Jovane Couvertier
 1500 Roberta Lane
 Utica, NY 13501

Security Monitor
 District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
 Effective: Retroactively on November 4, 2022
 Salary: \$17.73 per hour
 Education: Graduate of DeWitt-Clinton High School
 Experience: Asset Protection, Walmart, Utica, NY
 1/16 to present

Danielle Falvo
 225 Herkimer Road, Apt. C31
 Utica, NY 13502

Security Monitor
 District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
 Effective: November 16, 2022
 Salary: \$17.73 per hour
 Education: Graduate of Proctor High School
 Experience: Front End Supervisor, Price Chopper
 Utica, NY
 1/08 to present

<u>FOR ACTION:</u>	Volume LVII	Report No. P – 11
SUBJECT:	Appointments	Security

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

Kenya Linen
 578 Mandeville Street, 1st Floor
 Utica, NY 13502

Security Monitor
 District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
 Effective: November 16, 2022
 Salary: \$17.73 per hour
 Education: A.S., Mohawk Valley Community College
 Experience: Teacher Assistant, Academics First Daycare
 Utica, NY
 10/20 to 9/22

Alberto Rodriguez
 23 Watson Place
 Utica, NY 13502

Security Monitor
 District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
 Effective: Retroactively on November 7, 2022
 Salary: \$17.73 per hour
 Education: Graduate of Proctor High School
 Experience: Order Filler, Walmart Distribution Center
 Marcy, NY
 7/03 to present

Maki Robinson
 913 Mary Street, 2nd Floor
 Utica, NY 13501

Security Monitor
 District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
 Effective: November 16, 2022
 Salary: \$17.73 per hour
 Education: Graduate of Proctor High School
 Experience: Youth Counselor, Safe Schools Mohawk Valley
 Utica, NY
 8/18 to present

Chantal Martinez
227 Lansing Street
Utica, NY 13501

Bus Monitor
29 hours per week
Salary: \$16.00 per hour
Effective: November 16, 2022

Norin Molina
609 Jay Street, Apt. D-1
Utica, NY 13501

Bus Monitor
29 hours per week
Salary: \$16.00 per hour
Effective: November 16, 2022

FOR ACTION:

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SUBJECT:

Appointments

Food Service/Monitor

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

Dominick Garcia
31 Faxton Street, Apt 3
Utica, NY 13501

Food Service Worker-Breakfast and Lunch Program
District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
Effective: November 21, 2022
Salary: \$16.00 per hour
Education: Graduated Proctor High School, 2012
Experience: Food Service, McDonalds, 2022; Salvation Army, 2020 to 2022; Sub Food Service Worker-Breakfast and Lunch Program, Utica City School District, Utica, NY
9/6/22 to present

Josue Gonzalez
1027 Tilden Avenue
Utica, NY 13501

Monitor-Breakfast and Lunch Program
District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
Effective: November 21, 2022
Salary: \$16.00 per hour
Education: Graduated Proctor High School, 2020
Experience: Pedro's Kitchen, 9/18 to 5/20; Sub Monitor-Breakfast and Lunch Program, Utica City School District, Utica, NY
9/6/22 to present

Hajra Gracnin
1167 Leeds Street
Utica NY 13501

Monitor-Breakfast and Lunch Program
District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
Effective: November 21, 2022
Salary: \$16.00 per hour
Education: Graduated Tono Horovaf-Germany High School, 1976
Experience: Vernon Downs Hotel, 2018 to present; Dining Attendant, Turning Stone Casino, Verona, NY, 2012; Sub Monitor-Breakfast and Lunch Program, Utica City School District, Utica, NY
9/6/22 to present

Ashley Harris
1736 Armory Drive, 51W
Utica NY 13501

Monitor-Breakfast and Lunch Program
District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
Effective: November 21, 2022
Salary: \$16.00 per hour
Education: Graduated Proctor High School, 2005
Experience: Oneida Center Home Health Agencies, 12/19 to 5/21;
Food Cart, Price Chopper, Utica, NY, 8/21 to present; Sub Monitor-
Breakfast and Lunch Program, Utica City School District, Utica, NY
3/3/22 to present

FOR ACTION:**Volume LVII****Report No. P – 11****SUBJECT:****Appointments****Food Service/Monitor**

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

Aida Husic
5932 Morris Road
Marcy, NY 13403

Monitor-Breakfast and Lunch Program
District-Wide – not to exceed 29 hours per week
Effective: November 21, 2022
Salary: \$16.00 per hour
Education: Graduated Bosnia High School, 2004
Experience: Certified Nursing Assistant, Masonic Home, Utica, NY,
2013; Certified Nursing Assistant, The Pines at Utica Center for
Nursing and Rehabilitation, Utica, NY, 2016; Sub Monitor-Breakfast
and Lunch Program, Utica City School District, Utica, NY
9/6/22 to present

Sandra Moses
130 Sedgewick Park North
New Hartford NY 13413

Monitor Breakfast and Lunch Program
District-Wide – not to exceed 20 hours per week
Effective: November 21, 2022
Salary: \$16.00 per hour
Education: Graduated New Hartford High School, 1974
Experience: File Clerk, Prevelere, 2005-2007; G&S Wholesale and
Liberty Electric, Syracuse NY, 1999-2001; Sub Monitor-Breakfast
and Lunch Program Monitor, Utica City School District, Utica, NY
9/8/22 to present

FOR ACTION:**Volume LVII****Report No. P – 11****SUBJECT:****Mentor/Mentee Appointments**

It is recommended that the following Mentor/Mentee appointments be approved:

Mentee/New Teacher	Position	School	Mentor
Melissa Sperry	Special Education	Conkling	Patti Terry
Nancy A. Choquette	Special Education	Jefferson	Devra Stalker
John A. Freleigh	Music	Conkling/GH/Hughes/Kernan/MLK	Christopher DeMauro
Diana G. Mancuso	Special Education	Donovan	Colleen Egresits
Christopher Pecheone	Special Education	Kernan	Jacques LaReaux

Jessica Piazza	Family and Consumer Science	.5 Donovan/.5 Kennedy	Victoria Stutzenstein-Mankad
Caitlin M. Recchio	Occupational Therapist	.5 Kernan/.5 Hughes	Allison Gates
Julia Hall	Grade 6	Albany	Elizabeth Schachtler

FOR ACTION: **Volume LVII** **Report No. P – 11**
SUBJECT: **Appointments** **Homebound Instruction**

It is recommended that the following Homebound Instruction appointments be approved:

Cassandra Carpenter	Josephine Oliver
Emily Congdon	Renee O'Neill
Barbara Costello	Michael Pagliaro
Jamie DePerno	Lisa Ricci
Lisa M. Grieco	Nicole Weis
Sara Head	Melissa Williams
Hilde Lowenstein	Penny Jean VanDusen
Nina Marollo	

Secondary Instruction – Minimum two (2) hours per day

Elementary Instruction – Minimum one (1) hour per day

Certified Instructors – \$28.00 per hour

Non-Certified Instructors – \$15.00 per hour

FOR ACTION: **Volume LVII** **Report No. P – 11**
SUBJECT: **Conferences**

It is recommended that attendance at the following conferences be approved:

NAME	CONFERENCE	DATE
Lindsey Tutino	Implementing the Science Practices in K-8 Science Online	November 10, 2022 to December 8, 2022
	Approved by: S. Falchi	
	Allotted: \$100.00 from	
	Budget Code: A2070-400-00-0000	
	No Substitute Required	
Sara Head	Implementing the Science Practices in K-8 Science Online	November 10, 2022 to December 8, 2022
	Approved by: S. Falchi	
	Allotted: \$100.00 from	
	Budget Code: A2070-400-00-0000	
	No Substitute Required	

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Report No. CSE – 11

SUBJECT:**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for placement and related services in the Utica City School District and/or other approved programs as follows:

IR = Initial Eligibility Determination

TR = Triennial (Re-evaluation) Review

AR = Annual Review

RR = Requested Review

AP = Administrative Placement

PR = Program Review

AMN = Amendment No Meeting

PR = Program Review

Y = Yes No = No

Student code	Type of Meeting	Handicapping Condition	Recommended Program	Related Services	Results
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: January 4, 2022					
AJ10/11/10MM	TR	ID	12:1(3:1), 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing
AJ10/11/10MM	AR	ID	12:1(3:1), 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: February 2, 2022					
WN3/1/13BF	AR	SLI	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: February 3, 2022					
BI3/27/10KM	AR	ID	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: February 10, 2022					
WV11/23/14VM	PR	SLI	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WA9/24/10AM	AR	LD	ICT, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. from OHI to LD
WR11/6/12CM	AR	AUT	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Order Psych.
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: February 11, 2022					
WJ3/16/10GM	AP	LD	8:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WJ3/16/10GM	AR	LD	8:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: February 15, 2022					
BL5/24/11WF	TR	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: February 16, 2022					
BJ9/6/11RM	AR	OHI	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: March 4, 2022					
WL11/19/14RM	AR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: April 1, 2022					
BJ1/12/15DM	PR	SLI	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	Increase OT and PT
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: April 8, 2022					
WA7/11/13PF	IR	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
WA7/11/13PF	AR	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: April 20, 2022					
WL6/5/15GM	AR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Discharge OT and PT
WJ2/8/16LM	TR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Order Psych. Evaluation
WJ2/8/16LM	AR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
AS7/22/13TTM	AR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Reduce SP

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: April 22, 2022

AE1/14/12MM	PR	AUT	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Add NYSAA
AE1/14/12MM	AR	AUT	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: April 26, 2022

BS10/28/16BF	IR	SLI	15:1, 12 mo.	Y	New Entry
BS10/28/16BF	AR	SLI	15:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: April 29, 2022

BA6/29/15PF	AR	SLI	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: May 2, 2022

WM5/9/13RM	AP	OHI	8:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	New Entry
WM5/9/13RM	AR	OHI	8:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: May 5, 2022

WR10/3/15OM	AR	SLI	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: May 11, 2022

WS7/16/14AM	IR	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
WS7/16/14AM	AR	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: May 16, 2022

WL4/1/11BM	IR	OHI	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
WL4/1/11BM	AR	OHI	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: June 9, 2022

BJ7/19/16GM	IR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
BJ7/19/16GM	AR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
BR11/1/16CF	IR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
BR11/1/16CF	AR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: June 14, 2022

WV12/25/12NF	IR	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
WV12/25/12NF	AR	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: June 16, 2022

BJ2/26/13TM	AP	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
BJ2/26/13TM	AR	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: June 17, 2022

WM9/29/16CF	IR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
WM9/29/16CF	AR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WS5/10/16SF	IR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
WS5/10/16SF	AR	SLI	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: July 12, 2022

WA4/19/13BM	IR	LD	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
WA4/19/13BM	AR	LD	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WP8/16/13HM	AR	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. from SLI to LD
WA10/15/12LF	PR				Declass.

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: July 13, 2022

WK10/11/15RM	AR	None	Sec. 504, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WS4/1/14ZF	AR	SLI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Increase SP

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: July 14, 2022

HE2/1/15RM	IR	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
HI11/3/15RM	IR	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: July 20, 2022

BT10/21/12DF	TR	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
BT10/21/12DF	AR	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WA5/15/16SF	PR	AUT	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Chg. in duration for SP,OT

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: August 16, 2022

WN11/12/13PM	IR	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: August 22, 2022

WA10/14/11GM	IR	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: August 30, 2022

BI10/25/17SF	PR	SLI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. from RS only to 15:1
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: June 2, 2022

BE7/2/07NF	AR	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. Program
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: July 28, 2022

AA1/1/05MM	AR	LD	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. Program
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: August 2, 2022

WJ12/25/11SM	AR	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	N	Chg. Program
BK10/18/07BM	IR	OHI	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
HJ9/27/12RM	AR	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	N	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: August 25, 2022

BK10/18/16FF	IR	SLI	None	Y	New Entry
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: August 30, 2022

WI11/9/15PF	IR	SLI	None	Y	New Entry
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: September 26, 2022

BL12/19/08WM	AR	AUT	12:1(3:1), 12 mo.	Y	Application to UCP
WK3/4/13LM	IR	None	Sect. 504	N	New Entry
WR2/8/15KM	AR	SLI	None	Y	Chg. Program

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: September 29, 2022

WD9/26/13JM	IR	LD	Resource, 10 mo.	N	New Entry
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 7, 2022

WA6/6/06DM	MD	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

MJ6/24/12PM	MD	OHI	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WA9/24/10AM	MD	OHI	ICT, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
BA12/30/06TM	MD	LD	5:1, 10 mo.	N	Ongoing
WR4/26/07GM	MD	Autism	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 12, 2022

BA2/20/09WM	MD	OHI	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
BD6/15/09SM	MD	LD	12:1:1, 10 mo.	N	Ongoing
BD4/30/08BM	MD	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	N	Ongoing
WJ9/11/08GM	MD	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	After-school Program through 11/10/22
BJ5/18/08PF	MD	LD	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	After-school program through 12/20/22

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 13, 2022

WK10/13/22KF	MD	LD	5:1, 10 mo.	N	After-school Program through 12/22/22
BD7/22/07WF	MD	LD	5:1, 10 mo.	Y	Home Tutoring pending BOCES placement
ME2/10/15HM	MD	Autism	8:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Home Tutoring through 12/22/22
AJ1/19/16TM	IR	SLI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry
AJ1/19/16TM	AR	SLI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
HA11/17/11GF	IR	LD	Resource, 10 mo.	N	New Entry

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 14, 2022

MN8/4/10WM	MD	LD	5:1, 10 mo.	N	After-school Program through 12/22/22
BC10/31/13WM	AP	LD	Resource, 10 mo.	N	New Entry
BX6/6/12FM	AP	LD	Resource, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 17, 2022

BR1/6/06WM	MD	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	N	After-school Program through 1/3/23
WJ1/24/17MM	MD	SLI	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing
BM12/18/06JF	MD	LD	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	After-school 3–5 p.m. program through 12/22/22
WV3/18/17SM	PR	AUT	12:1(3:1), 12 mo.	Y	Order Psych. Evaluation

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 18, 2022

BG7/3/06DM	MD	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	N	After-school program through 11/10/22
BL3/17/16LM	MD	ED	15:1, 12 mo.	Y	Ongoing
BA5/8/08LF	MD	LD	5:1, 10 mo.	N	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 20, 2022

WJ6/3/05RM	MD	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	N	Ongoing
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 21, 2022

BJ9/23/09TM	AP	LD	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Reentry
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 24, 2022

BJ12/24/04PM	MD	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	After-school program through 12/22/22, add Psychological Counseling
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Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 25, 2022

BR12/11/06SM	MD	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WD12/2/08KM	MD	NA	504	Y	Ongoing
BL7/5/08SF	MD	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
BD9/24/07LM	MD	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	N	Ongoing

Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 26, 2022

WB3/5/13SM	MD	OHI	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	After-school program through 1/12/23
AS11/18/16MM	AMN	AUT	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. PT 2x30, mo., sm. grp.
HA3/3/17MG	AMN	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. PT 2x30, mo., sm. grp.
WJ11/17/17EM	AMN	OHI	15:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. PT 2x30, mo., Ind.
BD10/1/12CM	AMN	AUT	12:1(3:1), 12 mo.	Y	Remove Prg. Mod./Tst. Acm.

AC6/20/17MM	AMN	SLI	12:1:1, 12 mo.	Y	Chg. SP from sm. grp. to 1:1
HL12/17/16CM	AMN	SLI	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. OT to 2x30 1:1
HY3/26/08PM	AMN	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	N	Discharge from Couns.
BD7/6/17BM	AMN	SLI	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Add bus harness
BR1/10/14GF	AMN	SLI	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. OT to 2x15 min./wk.
AZ5/15/16WM	AMN	SLI	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. SP to 1x30 min. wkly. 1:1 and 2x30 min. wkly. sm. grp.
BD2/9/09SM	AMN	OHI	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. hearing 1x60 min. sm. grp.
WZ4/10/12SF	AMN	MD	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. hearing 5x30 min. /wk. sm. grp.
WJ9/5/09BM	AMN	VI	ICT, 10 mo.	Y	Remove sm. bus
WC2/16/17PM	AMN	AUT	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. OT 2x30 min. 1:1
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 27, 2022					
BK10/18/07BM	MD	OHI	12:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	HTUT through 1/13/23
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: October 28, 2022					
WJ7/13/06BM	AP	LD	15:1, 10 mo.	N	Re-entry
Committee on Special Education Meeting Date: November 1, 2022					
BD5/29/09HM	MD	OHI	8:1:1, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

FOR INFORMATION:

Volume LVII

Report No. CPSE – 12

SUBJECT:**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for placement and related services in the Utica City School District and/or other approved programs as follows:

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Y = Yes N = No

Transfer – PSWD w/current IEP entering from another District

Student code	Type of Meeting	Handicapping Condition	Recommended Program	Related Services	Results
Committee on Preschool Special Education Meeting Date: October 18, 2022					
HJ12/23/18BGM	AR/PR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. 6:1+3 to SEIS 2x60 min./wk.
HJ4/23/18RM	AR/PR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. 6:1+3 to SEIS 2x60 min./wk.; On 9:1+3 wait list
BA8/1/18GM	PR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WJ10/30/18HF	AR/PR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. 9:1+3 to SEIS 2x60 min./wk.
WA3/19/19KM	PR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. 9:1+3 to SEIS 2x60 min./wk.
BA58/18WF	PR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing; remains on 9:1+3 wait list

WG132/5/19RM	IR	PSWD	RS, 10 mo.	Y	New Entry; EI continues through Dec. 2022; OT 2x30 min./wk.; PT 2x30 min./wk.
WH9/3/18GM	PR	PSWD	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Add OT 2x30 min./wk.
WL10/18/18MM	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WK7/30/18HM	PR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Add SEIS 2x60 min./wk.

Committee on Preschool Special Education Meeting Date: October 25, 2022

WH1/21/19HF	PR	PSWD	6:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WS3/14/18MM	AR/PR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WJ11/27/18FM	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Preschool Special Education Meeting Date: November 1, 2022

AP12/3/17TM	AR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing; remains on 9:1+3 wait list
WK12/7/18CM	AR	PSWD	6:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WM4/29/18KF	AR	PSWD	6:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
HG4/11/18PM	AR	PSWD	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WD1/30/18VM	AR	PSWD	RS 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WK7/30/18HM	AR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing

Committee on Preschool Special Education Meeting Date: November 2, 2022

HI12/9/17DF	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. SLT 3X30/wk. to 2X30/wk.
HD7/30/18GM	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
WM2/19/19LF	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
HL5/16/18LM	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
HL9/27/18MF	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
BJ9/27/18HM	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
HR11/28/18RF	AR	PSWD	9:1+3, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
AY4/26/19HM	AR	PSWD	RS, 10 mo.	Y	Ongoing
BA4/26/19YM	PR	PSWD	SEIS, 10 mo.	Y	Chg. 9:1+3 to SEIS 2x60 min./wk.

FOR INFORMATION:

Volume LVII

Report No. P – 12

SUBJECT:

Resignation

Teacher

It is recommended that the following resignation be accepted:

Jessica Rogan

Science Teacher
Proctor High School
Effective: October 28, 2022
Reason: Accepted position outside the
Utica City School District
Notification Received: September 28, 2022

FOR INFORMATION:**Volume LVII****Report No. P – 12****SUBJECT:****Salary Index Change****Coaching – Winter
2022-2023**

It is recommended that the following salary index change be approved:

LaSharr Hamell

Girls Jr. Varsity Basketball
Proctor High School
Effective: Winter 2022-2023
Index: \$3,509

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR:**FOR ACTION:****Volume LVI****Report No. S – 99****SUBJECT:****Appointment**

Authorization is requested of the Board of Education to approve the appointments of Ann Marie Zakala and Roseann Plumadore, Special Education Specialists, at a rate of \$300.00 per day, effective October 25, 2022.

Mr. Cardillo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Padula.

There being no further discussion; **motion carried 7-0.**

THIS CONCLUDED THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Reports of Special Committees

BOCES Report – Joseph H. Hobika, Jr.

President Hobika, Jr. reported, “I attended the BOCES Meeting last week. Those meetings are just excellent meetings with a lot of discussions. We took a tour and it’s always very interesting when we go. I also attended the New York State School Board Association Meetings through BOCES as well in Syracuse. That was a good learning experience. I brought a lot of stuff back for the district to take a look at, some new ideas and things like that.”

Audit/Finance/Grant/Insurance Committee – Donald Dawes/Joseph Hobika, Jr./Tennille Knoop

President Hobika, Jr. reported, “No Report at this time.”

PEAC Committee – Donald Dawes/Robert Cardillo/James Paul

Mr. Dawes reported, “None at this time.”

Channel 3/Communications/Fine Arts – Tennille Knoop/David Testa/Danielle Padula

Mrs. Knoop reported, “No Report at this time.”

Policy Committee – Tennille Knoop/Robert Cardillo/Joseph Hobika, Jr.

President Hobika, Jr. reported, "No Report at this time."

Diversity/Community Outreach – Danielle Padula/James Paul/Robert Cardillo

Mrs. Padula reported, "No Report at this time."

Personnel/Instruction & Professional Development – Joseph Hobika, Jr./Tennille Knoop/James Paul

President Hobika, Jr. reported, "We are just waiting at the present time for the completion of the RFQ. When that is done, we will move forward."

Citizen Advisory/Code of Conduct – James Paul/Danielle Padula/Robert Cardillo

Mr. Paul reported, "No Report at this time."

President Hobika, Jr.: We also had a meeting (I'm not sure why it's not on here) of the Audit and Finance Committee. The Audit and Finance Committee voted to adopt the report of the External Auditor and we will address that issue soon, actually upcoming in this meeting.

Financial Report

Budget Status Report – Haylee Lallier, Treasurer

Ms. Lallier reported, "We have not yet received the November payment from the city for payments received through the end of October. The current balances for the 2020-2021 school year are around \$658,900; for the 2021-2022 school year around \$1,032,300. I included the 2022-2023 school year. We are expected to receive that payment this month. We haven't received any payments yet. That balance is \$25,922.600."

Internal Auditor Report – Paris Rich, Internal Auditor

Mr. Rich reported, "I have nothing new to report."

President Hobika, Jr.: I need a motion. Each of you has a bound version of the External Audit. We had a Special Meeting yesterday. We went into Executive Session so that all members could participate in the discussion of the External Audit.

Mr. Dawes: Didn't we do that?

President Hobika, Jr.: No, what we did is we accepted it and it gets referred to the Board.

Mr. Dawes: No, on page 5 it says Audit Report and that was part of the Superintendent's Report.

President Hobika, Jr.: I think we have to do it separately. Anyway we accepted the External Audit Report through the Audit Committee. It was well attended, and I learned a lot and I know everybody else did. I need a motion to adopt the External Audit Report performed by West and Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Mr. Cardillo made a motion to adopt the External Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Padula.

There being no further discussion; **motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Padula made a motion to approve the following minutes; seconded by Mr. Testa.

- October 18, 2022 – Special Meeting
- October 25, 2022 – Special Meeting
- October 25, 2022 – Regular Meeting

There being no further discussion; **motion carried 7-0.**

Continuing Business (None)

New Business

President Hobika, Jr.: I was driving down Warren Street and that street is absolutely a disaster. I hate to say this, but I actually participated when I worked for the city in the road survey. I drove around all the miles of the city and graded every single road. That road is 3 or 4 and it needs to be repaired. We have a lot of people coming in and out and there's a lot of traffic on that street and that road needs to be taken care of. I'm not sure if maybe we could send a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Mayor to put them on notice that we need to get that repaired.

Mr. Testa: They're aware of it.

President Hobika, Jr.: I know that they're aware of it, but my understanding is the request has been made. But we really need to do something about it. It's very dangerous. I'm just looking to get it out there that we'd like to get it repaired.

Mr. Testa: Even though I'm not on the Council, I have been asking.

President Hobika, Jr.: By sending a letter and placing the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works on notice, that would solve the problem.

Mrs. Padula: Who would send the letter.

President Hobika, Jr.: It would come from the Superintendent.

Communication (None)

Adjournment

Mrs. Padula made a motion to adjourn the November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting; seconded by Mr. Testa.

There being no further discussion; **motion carried 7-0.**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted,

DEBORAH L. VENNERO
Board Recorder