

WEST GENESEE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF EDUCATION held NOVEMBER 1,
2017 at the West Genesee High School Library.

Members present: Eric Bacon
Karen Fruscello
Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli
Roberta Herron
Shawn Mitchell
Joseph Simon
Neil Widrick

Members Arriving Late: Kimberly Sacco – 7:59 p.m.

Members Absent: James Soper

Others present: Christopher Brown
Paul Pelton
Brian Kesel
Dave Cirillo
Ken Coon
William Roberge
Bonnie Russell
TJ Vaughan
Angie Sommer
Lori Keevil
Jeannette Clark
Lisa Craig
Beth Lozier
Michael McGrath
Darlene Chapin
Susan Murray
Michael Perkins
Jeanine Stables
Kristen Hudson
Susan Gifford
Griffin Corcoran
Austin Delaney
Nyeem Hameed
Jacob Spas
Camille Morano
Beth Stewart
Erica Henson
Randy Henson
Pam Mitchell
Tonya Wilson
Approximately 15 other staff and/or residents

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Roberta Herron at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Herron led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add Item A – Board of Education Member Resignation – Superintendent’s Report

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Motion: Eric Bacon

It is recommended that following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS, Board Member James Soper has submitted a letter of resignation on October 31, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the West Genesee Central School District accepts the letter of resignation of Board Member James Soper effective November 1, 2017

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Second: Shawn Mitchell

Approved 7 - 0

The Superintendent opened his remarks by congratulating the cheerleaders for becoming Section III champions. He also congratulated the Marching Band for a great performance at the Carrier Dome. He then congratulated Frank Colobufo on his induction into the West Genesee/Camillus Hall of Fame. He then spoke about the Harvest Dinner and the Halloween Carnival and how well they were attended. He thanked the volunteers and commented on how much money and food were collected and donated to charity. The Superintendent closed his report by briefly summarizing the options available to fill the Board of Education vacancy.

OPEN FORUM

Brent Suddaby reflected on the five years Laura Richards served the West Genesee School District at Stonehedge Elementary as a school nurse. Mr. Suddaby noted her attention to detail, her caring nature with every child, and many of her other attributes. He spoke of Laura’s plans to travel and spend time with her family in retirement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. Motion: Karen Fruscello

It is recommended that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18 2017, be approved.

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 7 - 0

STUDY SESSION TOPIC

West Genesee High School Course Catalog

Geoffrey Morton gave an overview of the modifications that will be made to the 2018-19 West Genesee High School course catalog.

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

C. Motion: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Ben Mauro Endowment Fund for Music Education, in the amount of \$500.00, and it is further recommended that the 2017-18 general fund budget be amended as follows to reflect said donation:

A510 – Estimated Revenues

A2705 – Gifts and Donations \$500.00

A960 – Appropriations

A2110-200-11-0038 – Equipment – Music – HS \$500.00

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 7 - 0

D. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept a donation from the West Genesee High School Music Activity Fund, in the amount of \$3,000.00, and it is further recommended that the 2017-18 general fund budget be amended as follows to reflect said donation:

A510 – Estimated Revenues

A2705 – Gifts and Donations \$3,000.00

A960 – Appropriations

A2110-200-11-0038 – Equipment – Music – HS \$3,000.00

Second: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli Approved 7 - 0

E. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept a donation from the East Hill Elementary School PTA, in the amount of \$76.41, and it is further recommended that the 2017-18 general fund budget be amended as follows to reflect said donation:

A510 – Estimated Revenues

A2705 – Gifts and Donations \$76.41

A960 – Appropriations

A2110-501-05-0000 – General Supplies – EH \$76.41

Second: Karen Fruscello Approved 7 - 0

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

F. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the stipulated materials be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with New York State law.

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 7 - 0

G. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

It is recommended that the following resolution regarding a settlement agreement be approved:

WHEREAS, the parents of a student with a disability submitted a demand for settlement prior to commencing a due process complaint against the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to avoid the considerable time and expense associated with a due process proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the District and the parents resolved all issues that would have been included in the complaint by mutual agreement (the "Settlement Agreement"), subject to approval by the Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Settlement Agreement between the District and the parents of the student with a disability is hereby approved.
2. The District's Superintendent is authorized to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 7 - 0

H. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the 2016-17 Single Audit of Federal Programs, as prepared by Insero & Co. CPA's LLP, Filed on October 23, 2017 and the associated corrective action plan as prepared by the District.

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 7 - 0

FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS

I. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

It is recommended that the following extra-classroom student activity fund be created:

WGHS – Tech/Vex Club

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 7 - 0

FINANCIAL ITEM FOR INFORMATION

2018-19 Budget Schedule – Paul Pelton noted that the calendar is typical as previous years.

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

J. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the following retirement be approved:

Laura Richards, School Nurse, Stonehedge Elementary School/Gold – Effective 12/23/17

Note: Laura Richards has been employed with the West Genesee School District for five years.

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 7 - 0

K. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the following resignations be approved:

Anne Brunger, Food Service Worker 1, Onondaga Central High School – Effective 11/2/17 – Personal Reason

Holly Kay, Teaching Assistant/Learning Center, Camillus Middle School – Effective 12/2/17 – Personal Reason

Katherine Dugan, LAN Technician, Technology Office – Effective 11/1/17 – To accept another position within the district

Joseph Radus – LAN Technician, Technology Office – Effective 11/1/17 – To accept another position within the district

Dannielle Binns – Teaching Assistant/Special Education – Stonehedge Elementary School/Gold – Effective 11/1/17 – To accept another position within the district

Second: Joseph Simon

Approved 7 - 0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

L. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the following unpaid leaves of absence be approved:

Victoria Smith, Teacher Aide, West Genesee High School –
Effective 3/5/18 through 3/9/18 – Personal Reason

Azadeh Schueler, Teaching Assistant/SYSOP, East Hill Elementary
School – Effective 11/9/17 and 11/13/17 – Personal Reason

Mary Kate Kirk, Second Grade Teacher, East Hill Elementary School –
Effective 5/21/18 through 5/22/18 – Personal Reason

Katherine Dugan, Network Administrator, Technology Office –
Effective 11/29/17 for up to one year – Personal Reason

Jeannine Reynolds, Teaching Assistant/Early Literacy, Split Rock
Elementary School – Effective 10/19/17 through on or about 1/9/18 –
Professional Improvement

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 7 - 0

M. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the following instructional positions be created
effective 11/2/17:

One Part-time (.90)	Teaching Assistant/Special Education	SR
One Part-time (.90)	Teaching Assistant	OR

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 7 - 0

N. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the following non-instructional position be created
effective 11/2/17:

One Full-time (1.0)	Systems Consultant (Student Services)	DW
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Second: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli Approved 7 - 0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

O. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the following reassignment be approved effective 12/4/17:

Nancy Kastick from Teaching Assistant/Special Education at CMS
to Teaching Assistant/Learning Center -CMS
Replaces Holly Kay, resignation approved 11/1/17

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 7 - 0

P. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the following appointments be approved:

Christine Rivers
Instructional Support Teacher
Split Rock Elementary School
Part-time (.50) Appointment
Certification: Initial, Childhood Education (1-6), Effective 9/1/13
Tenure Area: Elementary
Step 4 M + 6
Effective 11/2/17 through 6/30/18
Salary: \$57,979 x .50 prorated
New position approved 10/18/17

Megan Dressel
Speech Pathologist
Split Rock Elementary School
Part-time (.70) Appointment
Certification: Initial, Speech and Language Disabilities, Effective 2/6/16
Tenure Area: Speech
Step 2 M + 30
Effective 11/20/17 through 6/30/18
Salary: \$59,956 x .70 prorated
New position approved 10/4/17

Jeannine Reynolds
Kindergarten Teacher
Split Rock Elementary School
Regular Substitute Appointment
Certification: Permanent, N-6 & Social Studies 7-9 Ext., Effective 2/1/96
Tenure Area: Elementary
Step 15 M + 12
Effective 10/19/17 through on or about 1/9/18
Salary: \$67,783 prorated
Replaces Kathleen Kolb, Maternity Leave approved

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

P. Appointments continued:

Amanda Grzejka
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
West Genesee High School
Probationary Appointment
Effective 10/26/17 through 10/25/21
Salary: \$21,200 prorated
New position approved 10/18/17

David Trembley, Jr.
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
Stonehedge Elementary School/Gold
Part-time (.90) Appointment
Effective 11/27/17 through 6/30/18
Salary: \$21,200 x .90 prorated
New position approved 10/18/17

Dannielle Binns
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
Stonehedge Elementary School/Gold
Probationary Appointment
Effective 11/2/17 through 11/1/21
Salary: \$21,200 prorated
Replaces Sarah Coomber – Resignation approved 10/4/17

Gregory Meeker
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
Split Rock Elementary School
Part-time (.90) Appointment
Effective 11/2/17 through 6/30/18
Salary: \$21,200 x .90 prorated
Replaces Tiffany Klee, Resignation approved 10/4/17

Anne Colon
Teaching Assistant/Special Education
Stonehedge Elementary School/Blue
Part-time (.90) Appointment
Effective 11/2/17 through 6/30/18
Salary: \$21,200 x .90 prorated
Replaces Carly LeWorthy, Resignation approved 8/23/17

Katherine Dugan
Network Administrator
Technology Office
Permanent (12-month) appointment – Subject to a 52-week probationary period
Effective 11/2/17
Salary: \$49,181 prorated
New position approved 5/17/17

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

P. Appointments continued:

Joseph Radus
Network Administrator
Technology Office
Permanent (12-month) appointment – Subject to a 52-week probationary period
Effective 11/2/17
Salary: \$52,000 prorated
New position approved 5/17/17

Jacqueline Price
Typist 1 – Eleven-Month Position
Split Rock Elementary School
Permanent Appointment – Subject to a 52-week probationary period
Effective 1/2/18
Salary: \$27,342 prorated
Replaces: Duffy Cox, Retirement approved 10/4/17

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 7 - 0

Q. Motion: Eric Bacon

It is recommended that the following 2017-18 Winter Coaches be approved (S/staff; RS/retired staff; NS/non-staff):

Stephen Frawley (NS)
Girls Varsity Basketball
WGHS
Volunteer
No Cost to District

Scott Duda (S)
Boys Varsity Basketball
WGHS
Volunteer
No Cost to District

Joseph Ulrich (NS)
Boys Varsity Basketball
WGHS
Volunteer
No Cost to District

Joe Corley (S)
Boys Varsity Indoor Track Assistant
WGHS
Step 13 + 30 x 8.5%
Salary: \$5,426

Michael Palmisano (S)
Boys/Girls Varsity Indoor Track
Asst.
West Genesee High School
Volunteer
No Cost to District

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 7 - 0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

R. Motion: Eric Bacon

It is recommended that the following changes in hours for bus drivers be approved effective 11/2/17:

Patricia Blue	- from 38.35 to 39.60 hours per week
Linda Bryant	- from 38.75 to 33.75 hours per week
Karen Villi	- from 20.00 to 23.35 hours per week
Leland Vogelsang	- from 39.60 to 38.35 hours per week

Second: Joseph Simon Approved 7 - 0

S. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the following bus attendant change in hours be approved effective 11/2/17:

Lee Ann Judkins	- from 25.00 to 22.50 hours per week
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Second: Joseph Simon Approved 7 - 0

T. Motion: Eric Bacon

It is recommended that the following change in hours be approved effective 11/2/17:

Tina McCallops	Food Service Worker 1	
	From WGHS	3.50 hours per day
	To WGHS	5.00 hours per day
Jennifer Halko	Food Service Worker 1	
	From WGHS	3.00 hours per day
	To WGHS	4.50 hours per day
Celena-Marie Prevost	Food Service Worker 1	
	From WGM	3.50 hours per day
	To OCS Jr/Sr	3.25 hours per day

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 7 - 0

U. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the substitute lists for the 2017-18 school year be approved as stipulated.

Second: Neil Widrick Approved 7 - 0

PERSONNEL/OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

V. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the following conference be approved:

Brian Kesel, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Leadership Institute for Legislative Advocacy
Washington, D.C.
January 21 – 23, 2018
Cost not to exceed \$1,675

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 7 - 0

CURRICULUM ACTION ITEMS

W. Motion: Joseph Simon

It is recommended that the Board of Education of the West Genesee Central School District accept the recommendations of the CPSE Review Meeting dates of September 6, October 11, 16, and 18, 2017; CSE Review Meeting dates of October 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, and 20, 2017; and Building Level Review meeting dates of October 12, 17, and 20, 2017; thereby agreeing to make necessary arrangements for program implementation.

Second: Neil Widrick

Approved 7 - 0

OPEN FORUM

Shawn Mitchell noted the Harvest Dinner and the Halloween Carnival were outstanding. He thanked Eric Bacon for the invitation to the West Genesee/Town of Camillus Hall of Fame Induction.

Joe Simon stated that the professional development evening was a great experience.

Eric Bacon congratulated the Marching Band for an outstanding performance on Sunday.

Shawn Mitchell offered an open discussion regarding the Constitutional Convention and offered the following points for consideration:

- The State Constitution guarantees our students the right to a free public education. With the political atmosphere of both parties advocating for charter schools, this guarantee could be jeopardized if we had a Constitutional Convention.
- A Convention will cost millions of dollars, and the last time we had one (1967) the voters rejected every proposed change.
- Those thinking the delegates to this potential convention will be “ordinary citizens” who would advocate for needed reforms in Albany, should consider that every politician who ran for a delegate seat in 1967 won; 4 out of 5 delegates were career politicians (154 out of 186); and all the convention leaders were sitting legislators.

OPEN FORUM

Eric Bacon noted that as a public employee he would be voting against the Constitutional Convention proposition. However, he feels the Board of Education should not offer a resolution specifying an opinion.

Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli shared that on a personal level, he will also be voting no on the constitutional convention. He noted there are too many issues that could be negatively impacted and we are stewards of public education and should offer an opinion.

Karen Fruscello agreed that there are many issues that could be negatively impacted and added that most delegates would not represent the public education sector.

Roberta Herron felt that, fundamentally, being able to revamp the constitution every 20 years is a valuable tool. However, previous years have shown that special interests taint the process. From the Board of Education perspective, she believes that we should share our opinion on this.

Neil Widrick expressed his opposition to this convention. He does not think the Board of Education should weigh in.

Joe Simon indicated that he does not believe the Constitutional Convention process is effective and feels that as elected officials we should take a stand.

Eric Bacon noted that he agrees with many of the comments and noted how respectful the discussion has been, the way issues should be debated.

X. Motion: Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli

It is recommended that the following resolution be approved:

Whereas, the November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot will contain a proposition for voters to consider holding a Constitutional Convention to be held in the Spring of 2019; and

Whereas, the purpose and expense of holding a Constitutional Convention is an issue of great debate throughout New York State; and

Whereas, the West Genesee Central School District Board of Education is a governing body in New York State for the free public education in the West Genesee Central School District Community; and

Whereas, the majority of the West Genesee Central School District Board of Education questions the agenda and the expense of the Proposed Spring 2019 Constitution Convention;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, the West Genesee Central School District Board of Education through this resolution adopted on November 1, 2017 hereby expresses its lack of confidence in the Proposed Constitutional Convention.

Second: Shawn Mitchell

Approved 5 - 2
(Bacon, Widrick)

OPEN FORUM

Susan Gifford thanked the Board of Education for their stand regarding the Constitutional Convention.

Erica Henson, of 4217 Milton Avenue, Camillus, commented that the Marching Band was great. She also noted that busing has improved. She spoke of the bullying that occurs in school, not necessarily by the students, but the adults.

Roberta Herron directed Mrs. Henson to the Board of Education policy and requested that she follow the chain of command to address any concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Y. Motion: Shawn Mitchell

It is recommended that the Board of Education go into Executive Session.
(7:37 p.m.)

Second: Joseph Simon

Approved 7 – 0

Kimberly Sacco arrived 7:59 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Z. Motion: Neil Widrick

It is recommended that the Board of Education return to Regular Session.
(8:19 p.m.)

Second: Shawn Mitchell

Approved 8 – 0

ADJOURNMENT

A.1 Motion: Kimberly Sacco

It is recommended that the regular Session of the Board of Education be adjourned. (8:20 p.m.)

Second: Shawn Mitchell

Approved 8 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Pelton, District Clerk