

CUBA-RUSHFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2023

All appendices referenced to, herein, are incorporated into and made a part of the official minutes of this meeting to the same extent as if fully set forth.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Crowley, Mr. Linderman, Mr. Neu, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Sirianni, Mr. Wright and Mr. Young.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: McKennah Patten

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGERS PRESENT: Mr. Gildemeister, Mr. Fee, Dr. Ralston and Miss Mosher

ADMINISTRATION/MANAGERS ABSENT: Mrs. Sears

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Pfeiffer

SUPPORT STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Neu, Nicole Williams and Erica Quattrone

1. Call to Order/Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

The pledge of allegiance was given at this time.

2. Executive Session - None

3. Special Report

Mr. Gildemeister presented the second/final draft of the proposed budget. There will be 0% increase to tax payers as reflected in the property tax report card.

4. President's/Board Member's Report

Mr. Wright shared information on the Capital Project community presentation. He commented on how impressed he was with the musical and how much he enjoyed it. Mr. Young shared the same opinion about the musical. Mr. Wright congratulated Dr. Ralston on being named the NYS Middle School Principal of the Year.

Mr. Neu asked about the timeline of the Capital Project and if the delays will pose a set back for the district moving forward. Mr. Gildemeister explained the affect it will have on our 21 year plan projections. Mr. Neu also commented on recent articles in the Olean Times Herald with regards to student athletes Jacob Smith and Taylor Searle playing in the Big 30 basketball game.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Gildemeister provided updates to the board:

- He congratulated Dr. Ralston on being named Middle School NYS Principal of the Year.
- He recognized and thanked Nicole Williams for the work she does in the STEAM room with students.
- He spoke about the upcoming CABOCES budget presentation dinner on 4/12 at 6pm.
- He provided information on the 2023 Capital Project scope of work.

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- He shared information about the library propositions and that there will be a presentation at the next board meeting from Tina Dalton.
- He updated the board on budget documents and their availability on the webpage.
- He spoke about receiving a resignation from Mr. Smith and Mr. Baron to be appointed as Interim CSE Chairperson.

6. Consent Agenda Items for Routine Matters (Reference items A-G)

- Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting for on March 14, 2023*
- Approval of CSE/CPSE recommendations as attached*
- Approval to accept bids for athletic uniforms*
- Approval that the Board of Education of Cuba-Rushford School District shall be authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$231,846.00 for Cuba Circulating Library to provide public library services and deliver such funds to the library's Board of Trustees.*
- Approval that the Board of Education of Cuba-Rushford School District shall be authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$79,900.00 for Rushford Free Library to provide public library services and deliver such funds to the library's Board of Trustees.*
- Approval of Property Tax Report Card and Tax Levy*
- Approval to adopt 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$25,969,195.00 and 2023-2024 contingent budget in the amount of \$25,637,523.00 as presented.*

Motion pertaining to Approval of Consent Agenda (Reference items A-G)

Moved: Mr. Young

Seconded: Mrs. Sirianni

Motion Carried: 7-0

7. Consent Agenda Items for Personnel Matters (Reference items A-G)

- Approval of appointments as follows:*
 - Dave Baron to the position of interim CSE Chairperson to be effective March 29, 2023.*
 - Jennifer Hartwig-Lewis as claims auditor to be effective retroactive to January 28, 2023-June 30, 2023. Pay will be \$25 per hour.*
 - Chris Rosel, retired Special Education Teacher who holds permanent certification, to be the long term substitute teacher to be effective during Leah Costello's maternity/child rearing leave approximately April 10, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Pay per substitute pay sheet.*
- Approval to appoint election officials for the May 16, 2023, District annual meeting and budget vote:*
 - Sharry Semans –Election Official for the Cuba-Rushford Elementary Location*
 - Lynnette Decker – Election Official for the Cuba-Rushford Elementary Location*
 - Martha Sabato – Election Official for the Rushford Town Hall Location*
 - Audra Becker – Election Official for the Rushford Town Hall Location*
- Approval of Individual Contracts:*
 - Denise Carapellatti to amend her Account Clerk contract to be effective March 28, 2023.*
 - Melissa Patenella to amend her District Treasurer contract to be effective March 28, 2023.*
- Approval to accept resignation:*
 - Erik Smith from his Special Education Principal position to be effective April 28, 2023.*
- Approval of FMLA request:*
 - Rachael Schultz for the purposes of maternity and child rearing leave to be effective approximately August 31, 2023-January 2, 2024.*
- Approval of support staff substitute list for 2022-2023 as attached including additions; Nancy Miller, TA.*
- Approval of substitute teacher list for 2022-2023 as attached including additions; Nancy Miller, NC – BS Accounting; Chris Rosel, Cert – SPED, Retired Teacher.*

Approval of Personnel Agenda (Reference items A-G)

Moved: Mr. Crowley

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Seconded: Mr. Neu
Opposed: Mr. Linderman
Motion Carried: 6-1

8. APPROVAL of CAPITAL PROJECT and RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION

Resolved: A Bond resolution dated March 28, 2023, of the Board of Education of the Cuba Rushford Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the "District"), Authorizing the District (1) To undertake and finance a capital improvement project (Proposition No. 1) consisting of the reconstruction and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements and additions to various district buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof) including, but not limited to, the first and second floor learning environment cluster addition; removal of the rainbow hallway; site circulation safety with a new parent drop off and bus drop off point; and a north entry addition at the elementary school with potential replacement of the kitchen freezers; and athletic field improvements involving the turf, track, and press box with additional fields and lighting; first floor flexible learning environment renovations; first floor special education addition; workforce development hub entrance addition; media center renovation; and the widening of the access road at the middle/high school; with possible replacement of the kitchen freezers; and the roof replacement/ restoration at the Elm Street Academy, all at a maximum estimated aggregate cost of \$29,000,000 and (2) to expend toward such project an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund of the District; and (3) to finance the remaining portion of such project by the issuance of serial bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$26,300,000 pursuant to the local finance law, and delegating the power to issue bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to the President of the Board of Education.

Be it Further Resolved: A bond resolution dated March 28, 2023, of the Board of Education of the Cuba Rushford Central School District, Allegany County, New York authorizing the District (1) to undertake and finance a capital improvement project (Proposition No. 2) consisting of the reconstruction and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements and additions to the cafeteria/server/locker room of the elementary school all at a maximum estimated aggregate cost of \$5,000,000 and (3) to finance such project by the issuance of serial bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 pursuant to the local finance law, and delegating the power to issue Bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to the President of the Board of Education.

Approval of Capital Project and Reserve Fund Resolution

Moved: Mr. Crowley
Seconded: Mr. Linderman
Motion Carried: 7-0

9. Administrative Reports

Mr. Fee thanked the board for supporting the administrators with attending job fairs. He feels that it provides an opportunity for us to select quality applicants for job vacancies.

Dr. Ralston spoke about the musical and what an amazing job everyone involved did.

10. Public Forum

Lauren Neu shared that she attends Alfred State and would like to use Cuba-Rushford for a class she is taking on building code.

11. Executive Session

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Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:44pm to discuss negotiations, public safety and current investigations.

Moved: Mrs. Sirianni

Seconded: Mr. Crowley

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion to go out of Executive Session at 8:34pm.

Moved: Mr. Young

Seconded: Mr. Crowley

Motion Carried: 7-0

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:35pm

Moved: Mr. Crowley

Seconded: Mrs. Sirianni

Motion Carried: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Heather Pfeiffer
Board Clerk