

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2022

South Assembly Room Beecher Road School

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CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Piascyk, Chair, called the meeting to order (7:03 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair (in-person); Dr. Jay Dahya (7:12 PM in-person); Ms. Sarah Beth Del Prete, Secretary (in-person); Ms. Brooke Hopkins (Remote); Mr. Jeff Hughes (in-person); Dr. Maria Madonick, Vice Chair (7:04 PM in-person); Mr. Steven Lawrence (7:07 PM Remote); and Ms. Erin Williamson (in-person).

STAFF: Christine Syriac, Interim Superintendent; Analisa Sherman, Principal; James Sapia, Assistant Principal; Donna Coonan, Director of Business Services / Operations; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

GUESTS: Ruchi Jain, PTO; Drs. Mary Broderick and Jack Reynolds, CABA Consultants.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PTO Report – Dr. Jain noted the successful Ice Cream Social and staff luncheon, upcoming Picture Day on September 19, and 21, Sirens & Sundaes on September 25, the Halloween Hoot on October 22, and Woodbridge Like Me on October 9. All 78 teachers will receive \$100 in scholastic dollars for their classroom and hybrid PTO meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

BOWA Transportation Coordinator Retirement – Chair Piascyk extended heartfelt thanks to Beth Cohen for her 35 years of continued service to BRS, development of all bus routes and in her role of BOWA Transportation Coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Dr. Madonick

Second by Mr. Hughes

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REPORTS

CABA Leadership Profile Report – Drs. Mary Broderick and Jack Reynolds gave an overview of the Leadership Profile developed through various interviews and surveys as part of the search for a new superintendent. Key elements include:

- Communicates and collaborates effectively in schools and community
- Builds trusting relationships with students, staff and community
- Knowledgeable about education trends and innovative best practices in instruction
- Shares district-wide vision of excellence and innovative instruction
- Keeps students' growth and well-being the primary focus
- Trustworthy, honest, respectful
- Accessible, approachable and visible in the school and community

The complete Leadership Profile is available on the district web site.

MOTION #2 – 2022/23 CABA LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Move that we approve the 2022/23 CABA Leadership Profile as presented.

Dr. Madonick

Second by Ms. Del Prete

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Superintendent Report – Interim Superintendent Syriac noted that the BRS Enrollment Report is available in Board Book and highlighted the various presentations that will be presented at each regular month WBOE Meeting.

Strategic Planning Process – the three primary committees met recently and are developing action plans which will be presented to the Board most likely at the January meeting.

BRS Update – Ms. Sherman acknowledged the staff professional development activities and mandatory safety trainings held prior to the start of the school year, the Meet & Greet for students, the school-wide walk, Spanish Heritage month and Dot Day.

SBAC Report – Mr. Sapia presented an overview for how the assessment is conducted as well as the results from spring testing. SBA is a mandated global assessment aligned to common core standards. Since testing is done completely on-line, throughout the year students are provided with opportunities for daily exposure to similar web sites, question formats and navigation of the various online tools to achieve an individual comfort level. Also, it is a multiple choice Q&A computer adaptive test that changes for each student depending upon the answer(s) selected. While SBA testing is only one measurement, it does provide helpful information in determining strengths and weaknesses in daily instruction. An in-depth analysis is performed on each of the content data areas by BRS data teams to ascertain individual student growth targets and expected growth levels, cohort growth as well as vertical strengths and weakness to inform and guide instruction.

Overall students performed well with Woodbridge ranking first in its DRG. There were increases across all grade levels for English/Language Arts and Mathematics although there was a dip in Math with Grade 5 students. The overall scores for students in Woodbridge (DRG B) meeting or exceeding the state standard were: ELA (English/ Language Arts) – 80.25% (State Average 64.2 %) and Math –76.75% (State Average 58.6%). Grade 5 Next Generation Science – 82% (State Average 61.4 %). Questions were raised relative to the timing of the testing window and whether students would benefit from a different testing timeframe; comparison of our scores with DRG A; benefits of Universal Screening, Dibble and STAR assessments and identification of the areas where we are scoring the lowest.

Upcoming Meeting Presentations – An update on Special Education and the proposed 2023/24 Capital Budget will be presented at the October regular meeting. An update on the solar panels was requested as well as financial specifics on the bonding of the roof. The Board requested that the BOS Committee Charge of the recently formed *BRS Infrastructure Upgrade Building Committee* be shared with the full Board.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Hughes reviewed the September 6 meeting which focused on the Facilities Manager’s update and removal of the oil tank. The next meeting is November 1 at 7:30 AM.

Finance Committee – Dr. Dahya reviewed the September 15 meeting which included the standard monthly reports, reconciliation / line item transfers in the 2021/22 budget and a preliminary timeline for development of the 2023/24 budget. Ms. Coonan presented the line item transfers in the 2021/22 budget. Of particular note were the increases in Nurses as a result of agency contracting, assorted separation agreements with various personnel and the HVAC JACE control that was not included in the budget.

MOTION #3 – 2021/22 BUDGET RECONCILIATION / LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Move that we approve the 2021/22 Budget Reconciliation and Line Item Transfers as presented.

Dr. Dahya
Second by Mr. Hughes
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CABE Liaison Report – Dr. Madonick reminded the Board of the CABE / CAPSS Convention in November and two upcoming webinars --- Parliamentary Procedures on September 28 and Legal Issues on October 12.

NEW BUSINESS – Chair Piascyk reminded everyone of the upcoming Policy Committee meeting on October 4 at 4:30 PM, Curriculum on October 6 at 4:00 PM, Finance Committee on October 12 at 4:30 PM and the regular October 17 meeting at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:54 PM)

Dr. Dahya

Second by Ms. Del Prete

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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board