

## **Board of Education meeting May 21, 2020**

Pledge of Allegiance

K Hanvey: There are no changes to the Order of the agenda. Can I have a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

S Bartow: So moved.

R Sullivan: Second

K Hanvey: All in favor. 6-0.

K Hanvey: Reports and presentations. First up is the auditor presentation. Welcome back.

D Shoen: Thank you.

D Shoen: So I will just kind of briefly recap that we did meet with the audit committee earlier this evening went pretty in depth I think into the overall audit process gave the committee and understanding of how we're going to conduct the audit And Gave the committee with information about you know what we're going to do and what we're going to be looking for.

D Shoen: Just for the board's information. We are planning to do some preliminary procedures during the week of June 15 we will be doing some interviews of people on site, getting a sense for the procedures the controls the processes that the district follows

D Shoen: We plan to do our year end audit work the week of July 27. At that point will be, you know, looking for your end bank information and you know state aid reports revenues expenditures and making sure that the district's financial statements are fairly stated

D Shoen: We will bring draft Financial statements for the district as well as the extracurricular activity funds back to first to management and then to the audit committee in draft form, make sure that there are No misunderstandings no changes that need to be made. And when the reports are ready and final form will bring them back to the board for final approval.

D Shoen: With that, I'll open it up to any questions that anybody on the board might have

T. Ryan: Jeannie or Shelley anything from them or to share with the board or anything. When you went over everything is seems very similar to our experiences that we've had prior. So I don't think the learning curve is going to change much.

D Shoen: Good. Good. I'm glad to hear that.

S Bartow: Yeah, I didn't remember I didn't remember the process for the draft and the final version being quite that same way. Last year, maybe

it wasn't. I'm not remembering, but I like that. There will be some presentation and discussion with the audit committee prior to the final

Version being, you know, published or presented or whatever.

J Rideout: Last year that didn't occur because the auditor that was in charge of that the auditor at Piaker and Lyons had some health issues. So they run a little bit behind last year. They didn't unfortunately have a chance to meet with the audit committee prior to submitting to SED and everything finalized so yeah hopefully will be a little earlier this year.

D Shoen: As long as we were talking about dates. I guess I'll ask now. Is there an expectation on your end of board meeting that you want us to target as far as presenting the reports.

J Rideout: So for the audit committee, you're going to review a draft of that with the audit committee, correct? BOE meetings are the First and third Thursday of the month.

So would that be able to occur when the audit committee of first board meeting of October. And then the finalization could occur after the 15th, because they have 30 days I guess they get it. So is that fairly accurate.

D Shoen: Yeah, actually. The first of October is a Thursday. So we could meet with the audit committee on the first and then meet with the full board, it would actually be the evening of the 15th. So that should work.

J Rideout: Okay.

D Shoen: Okay. All right. We will make that our plan.

J Rideout: Sounds Good.

D Shoen: Terrific.

D Shoen: Any other questions for me.

T Ryan: Duane, Thank you very much for ZOOMing in tonight.

D Shoen: Oh, you're welcome. Good to meet all of you.

S Bartow: Yeah you as well.

T Ryan: Duane where are you zooming in from Ithaca?

D Shoen: I actually live in Owego.

T Ryan: Thank you again.

D Shoen: Thank you. Alright, thanks a lot.

K Hanvey: Next up is the superintendent report Mr. Ryan.

T Ryan: Yes, I sent you. A list of our students and the credit hours that they've earned that Tompkins Cortland Community College. And I want to clarify that was through the fall semester. So this spring. We actually have seven BG students that will be earning their associates degree from Tompkins Cortland Community College.

Which is a huge number for a class of 50. Three of them will be taking the actual associates degree. The other four will take the credits, but they don't accept the degree because it screws up the Excelsior Scholarships. Scholarships are based on them entering colleges as a true freshman and if they accept that associate's degree they technically could be a sophomore. So they choose not to accept the degree. But seven kids do qualify for the associate's degree, which is a great a huge achievement for them in addition to their regular studies so I think the highest number of credits on that list I sent you were 57 That would have been as of December and now spring semester that they would add to that. So great job for our kids.

T Ryan: I want to give you a graduation update. So graduation committee has been meeting. I've asked the Committee, not to announce any plans until after June ninth because there's some rumblings in neighboring communities where taxpayers are threatening to vote the budget down if they don't get their demands for graduation, so we're going to kind of wait and announce everything after June ninth. We're shooting for the Saturday graduation's scheduled for June 27 we're going to keep it on that day, and we're waiting to see what the governor does as far as increasing the cap 10 people in a group, and if he raises that we're going to try to pull something off on the front lawn. The good news. This year is our graduating class only has 50 kids so it would be easier to spread them out and social distance what we have to wait and see. If he raises that gathering to 100 or 150 we could pull that off on the front lawn and each graduate would then get to bring 2 people with them. So we'll finalize and firm all that up for you.

The other thing we're looking at that if that can't happen is holding it in the auditorium each graduate gets 20 minutes they can come in with a group of their family. I'll be on stage with Keith and Tina and jogger goalie. And Bill. The Graduate comes in the auditorium they bring their family with them. They walk across stage, Shake hands get their diploma, they get their picture taken family takes a picture they leave the next graduate comes in. So if we do 50 students with 20 minute intervals. That's three an hour we probably spread it out over two days.

We will record all the speeches and then we're looking at hiring a videographer to piece everything together and make one video an hour long and we would stream On June 27 at seven which is when graduation is supposed to be. So those are kind of the two pieces that we're looking at, subject to change depending on guidance from the state.

T Ryan: We aren't going to be able to do the drive in theater. We aren't going to be able to do Clinton Park. I get a lot of parents emailing me

why can't we use Clinton park. They can spread out. We felt like it was a little too hard to keep that secure and a lot of people kind of showing up in mass and and blowing the numbers out of proportion. So that's not what we wanted to happen. But if, if the graduation plan changes or firms Up I will certainly let you know.

Capital project is moving along. They've been working this week on the Einstein ramp. Right now there is a light blue epoxy based sealer on it to give them a clean, smooth surface to put the new rubber laymant down so that will be happening. I think I might even be tomorrow. It's supposed to be done by next week. So we'll see how quickly that happens the fitness center windows have been all framed in and the term painted it really looks nice in there. So sometimes, if we can get you in here. It'd be nice for you to see that fitness center.

It's pretty much done. The equipment's either coming in tomorrow or next week, hopefully, and we'll get that set up there. So continuing to work on the last few unit ventilators getting ready to start door work.

A lot of wiring going on in the ceiling. So it seems to be going well and we have a meeting on Tuesday, and they're pretty confident that we'll be done with our scheduled completion date of October. So let's hope that that keeps moving along.

T Ryan: Summer Rec program. I just want to make you aware, the town of Bainbridge has cancelled that. And Dolores Nabinger and I emailed back and forth quite a bit and they didn't feel they could pull it off and I said to her, the school campus is technically closed now, but let's plan on having it over the summer. But they decided to pull the plug on that because the pool couldn't get open and things like that. There are a couple of rumors flying around that people had heard that it wasn't happening because the school wouldn't let them use our grounds. That's not true. So I want to make you aware of that in case you heard that. It was a board decision not to have that. So the town of Bainbridge is not going to have their summer program this summer.

S Bartow: Um, did I read it. Did I read correctly that they just announced that summer schools had to happen virtually or did I make that up.

T Ryan: No that came out today.

S Bartow: So we couldn't have done anything at the school anyway right

T Ryan: Correct. As far as having kids in the classroom and on campus and stuff. One of the things we are going to do this summer is the summer feeding program. Last year, that was at the Klee house and Guilford and at the church In Bainbridge. This year What we're going to do, because it's been so successful, having the curbside pickup and delivery with the vans were going to run that, at least for the month of July, possibly a couple weeks into August. Will do the Thursday's curbside pickup at Greenlawn. And we'll have parents sign up for delivery with the vans and will continue that at least through the month of July and probably into August as well. So I'll keep you posted on I think it's very important.

That's a service that our families heavily depend on. Something that interesting that's come out of this Covid is with so many people on unemployment our free and reduced numbers have skyrocketed. So with that,

Taking us at 52 53% I think we gained 57 people know the free and reduced that puts that percentage up high and it opens doors that weren't open prior.

S Bartow: I wanted to share something else that came out this week to. You might already know this, but SNAP announced that they are going to be giving additional benefits to anybody that receive any families of anybody that has children that receive free and reduced lunch.

S Bartow: So they're getting. I think it's like up to \$420 or something like that. But they're getting additional SNAP benefits and that's for families, even if they have never received snap before

S Bartow: So anybody that's free and reduced lunch is going to receive that benefit.

T Ryan: Yeah, I think those are important programs think our families depend on it, especially now with so many out of Work. So we're going to start that. I think its Thursday, July 9 and continue to the month of July and hopefully into August. So, and we may be asking for volunteers to package meals or people posted. Rotary members have volunteered to come in for July, and we'll have some workers on staff that can also help out, but it is a pretty big undertaking. So pretty excited

T. T Ammon: We won't need to hire any additional it'll be the usual staff and then seeking volunteers to fill in, if needed.

T Ryan: Correct. Billie said two or three is what she is hired in the past years for the summer piece of that and we won't have the Guilford curbside pickup and we will just have it in Greenland, and then we'll deliver. So we're doing about 400 some meal each week. So if you add on all the weeks that we've done that. That's a lot of food, you know, and not really knowing that pick up on Thursday for the delivery, it's four hundred kids, but they're getting for five days. So there's 2000 so I think we pulled up really good things with Chobani yogurt and the Frito Lay donation in BOCES the quality of food that's being delivered

You're getting a loaf of bread and a half gallon of milk and you're getting, you know, pizzas and and chicken patties. It's not just, you know, hard crusty things that people don't want to eat, so going very well in that direction

T Ryan: I presented a budget last night, at rotary via zoom it went well. They were very supportive. They, they have lots of good questions. And I asked them about the concern that we talked about here with the budget vote being through the mail this year is the no vote going to be louder because it's easy to sit in your recliner and check no and send it in. Versus showing up in person and they all unanimously said absolutely not schools got great following very supportive. You have nothing to worry

about. So I hope that holds true because this is the year that you've been through so

R Sullivan: I wonder if we'll have a bigger turnout.

T Ryan: I think so. You know, I think we had 300 last year, I think that mailing it is much easier Sue has been getting dozens of phone calls a day. Where's my ballot. I didn't get a ballot. And so, you know, there'll be out by next week.

R Sullivan: Tim in that email that you sent out about your conversation with Dolores. Did they also say that the pool is closed this summer.

T Ryan: It is closed. Sorry, Sullivan children.

R Sullivan: That's okay, we're buying a pool because now I'm all skived out about germs. So we're going to get a pool.

T Ryan: CSE position we interviewed two finalists yesterday. Keith, Jenn Henderson and myself. And we offered it to one and she has accepted. She has quite a few years experience and will be coming from another district. So for the June 4 meeting you will see her name on there. She's going to be here at the high school for the new special ed classroom that we have to create we have seven children coming Greenlawn And it will be shaped similar to the Nate Ford classroom that we currently have here, it will be Here at the high school we still need to hire a teaching assistant for that position, but we wanted to get the teacher in place first so she can take part in the interviews for the teaching assistant, but I think we were pretty impressed with her. Her tone and personality. Very good. Yeah and she used to work at BG so a lot of you probably recognize the name when you see it June 4. So that went well.

T Ryan: Tuesday of next week is returned to regular work week for our 12 monthers and our administrators. Most people have been coming in but Tuesday, you know, we're going to try to get back to a little normalcy clerical will be in A regular basis and principles will be in every day and the cleaners. They've been kind of doing a modified schedule. So we're still trying. We're going to start summer hours for some of the staff, where they leave a half hour early during the week in the summer and then an hour early on Friday we're still putting that in there. We're, we're getting ahead, which is a good thing.

The cleaning staff has been shifting from building to building already doing group waxing and painting. And so this summer, we should not need to hire the five summer employees that we usually hire. That's a good thing. So there's going to be a cost savings right there. And I'm excited to get people back next Tuesday. And that is all I have. Anything that I didn't touch on that you're wondering about anything with Covid anything with the capital project.

R Sullivan: Am I know you've been meeting with BOCES and other superintendents, is there any Talk, or do you have any idea about when decisions. May be made about the fall like late summer or

T Ryan: The governor said today that he has no plan for the fall at this time and in that we you know we can't bring children back like school ran before the closure. So we talk now the superintendent's instead of every day we need Mondays and Thursdays via zoom because things have settled down a little bit and nobody seems to know. The only planning, we've done here at BG is I talked to James about ordering extra tape and hand sanitizer and things like that. So we have to mark off social distancing lines on the floor and the hall. I don't honestly know what that's going to be what it's going to look like. I'm going to meet with the principles next week. And we're going to kind of start to hypothetically map out what that could look like my fear with this is no matter what we come up with. Now it's going to change right up until mid-August and so The positive. And all of this is the southern schools open earlier.

So they opened in August. So maybe we learn from them what works and what doesn't work. How are we going to pull this off with kids were face masks. However, the pre K going to keep face mask on, you know, these are all the things that were

How do you socially distance on a Bud, on a cafeteria table in the hallway we're going to kind of start to map that out. And one of the things I think might work is if we brought all Pre K through sixth grade back and spread them out amongst the entire district And the seven through 12 was home doing virtual at least that allows parents to go back to work without having to worry about childcare and Then the seven through 12 they're on a six day cycle and come in one of those days to campus load your Chromebook hand in your work, Get counseling or whatever support services you need. Maybe that's an option. I don't know. Another thing we talked about was half the kids one day half the kids the next, figure out childcare for every other day. So

T Ryan: We tossed around a lot. But again, it's not that I don't feel like we should invest in those conversations now it's going to change 6000 times before mid-August. Colleges, you know, we'll look at some of them are starting back up in August. So let's see kind of what they determine, you know, what has -the disease increase, decrease leveled off. Yeah, so I don't have any answer for you. You know, we just kind of have the conversation daily

R Sullivan: A hard, hard decision you

J Shields: Know a mother inquired, with me today. If I knew whether or not that it was true that the CDC recommendation for buses is one child per seat and leave a seat open between

T Ryan: Yeah.

J Shields: Is that, is that what it is.

T Ryan: That is what we're hearing. So instead of 57 kids on the school washer probably going to have about 17 or 18. I don't know.

J Shields: Oh, how would we even I mean busing would be a nightmare.

T Ryan: Yeah, you'd have to have kids, picked up at different times and I can't even imagine. So if we had to spread kids out to 10 in a classroom, you now need twice as many staff members to kind of manage those two sixth grade classes that you've broken apart. And we don't have the money for staff. We're cutting staff, so I'm not quite sure how that will play out. We'll figure it out. We'll, you know, we'll take the guidance from the state and our lawyers to help out what we need to.

J Shields: Well, thank goodness we have three building. So we do have some  
You know, other options that may be other districts don't have

T Ryan: Right.

R Sullivan: Good thing we never sold Guilford

K Hanvey: Recognition of visitors.

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K. Hanvey: We've had no CSE minutes

K. Hanvey: Move on to personnel certified personnel.

K. Hanvey: Can I have a motion to accept certified personnel as presented

S Bartow: So Moved

K. Hanvey: Second?

T Ammon: Second.

K. Hanvey: Discussion.

J Shields: When will that take place, Tim?

T. Ryan: His letter says through August 31 he's on our school records so they can have health insurance for the summer. So he's already been notified.

J Shields: And reaction?

T Ryan: He was surprised and I made sure and told him during our discussion had nothing to do with performance and strictly budget and unfortunately we can't sustain you know that position at this time. It went okay.



S Bartow: Sorry, my questions for the next bullet

K Hanvey: Discussion.

K Hanvey: All in favor of Certified personnel. 6-0

K Hanvey: Non-Certified personnel. Can I have a motion to accept all Non-Certified as presented

R Sullivan: So moved.

T Ammon: Second.

S Bartow: Question. Um, how

S Bartow: How is how are we gonna have driver's ed in the summer.

T Ryan: The virtual piece of that.

S Bartow: Okay.

T. Ryan: Kids won't be allowed to be in a car in close proximity. I don't know at this time what the virtual peace allows as far as getting your license and reduction insurance. I don't know.

S Bartow: It seems kind of silly not to be able to Practice driving, but

T Ryan: Yeah, could be hours that they have to log.

K Hanvey: And they just gave her license in Georgia. Driving should be practice.

K Hanvey: All Non certified personnel as presented. All in favor. 6-0

K Hanvey: Which leads us to the business office.

K Hanvey: Can I have a motion to accept the business office as presented

S Bartow: So Moved.

T Suda: Second.

K Hanvey: Discussion.

J Shields: Janice just for my recall, and maybe for others who don't know with the investments, when they mature. Are you reinvesting. Are you pulling some of those funds in, and secondly is the interest compounded or do you get monthly funds from the interest

J Rideout: That money is invested in what's called insured cash sweep program at NBT. So it's liquid at all times. It's kind of spread over banks throughout the US. So we have FDIC coverage on all this. So we put money in and out of that.

J Rideout: It is compound interest, I believe. It's at that point 3% right now. They dropped from 1.5 2.3 in the middle of March. Which is still very good. I mean, considering

T Ammon: I noticed a lot of outstanding checks for the same amount. Am I in the right part of this?

J Rideout: In the student activities section? You wouldn't typically see outstanding checks for anything else.

T Ryan: Its this one I think.

J Rideout: Those are refunds to the Senior class and the checks were probably written near the end of the month and people haven't had a chance to cash them yet.

T Ryan: \$203 each.

T Ammon: Yes.

T Ryan: That's the senior class.

T Ammon: The longer list just caught my eye.

K Hanvey: any other discussion? All in favor? 6-0

K Hanvey: Old Business. We had the second reading of the policies and we will vote on them at the next meeting. Those of us on the policy committee or anyone else if you have any questions make sure we have them written down before we actually vote on them at the next meeting.

K Hanvey: The only other thing I want to mention is are our goals for 20-21. They kind of went behind the curtain when Covid hit. We have some pretty good Goals written down. Two goals and some action steps. Our people happy with those for next year?

T Ammon: I haven't looked at them in a while like. I have them here. I could review them and maybe we could just

K Hanvey: Keep it in mind for the next meeting. Okay.

S Bartow: Can we send them out. Just because I think you're right. Keith I think coven hit and we kind of Maybe never 100% finished and we just could somebody send them out. Just one more time.

T Ryan: Or I can. It's up to you. Well, I don't think we ever there were two versions right with action steps under both.

K Hanvey: its got all our statements on that.

T Ryan: there's a new version of that where I took everything everybody in chimed in on and created action steps under the goals and I think you want to have a discussion on which set you want to lead to

T Ryan: I do not have that with me, but I can send that out.

S Bartow: I feel like we were very close

K Hanvey: Yeah.

T Ryan: Yeah.

K Hanvey: Well, if you look at the budget thing that Tim sent out today, you can see that I kind of snuck one in there and my little statement that I add so

K Hanvey: Planning.

K Hanvey: June 2 is the budget Hearing that's taking place right here.

S Bartow: What is that, can you remind me what time that's that.

T Ryan: So that will be Janice Keith and myself, he was going to do a little intro blurb. And then I'll present the budget Janice will be here for questions and do that live stream like just

S Bartow: Do we come

T Ryan: You don't have in person. You mean ?

S Bartow: No zoom in.

T Ryan: But you can

T Ammon: The board normally comes.

S Bartow: Okay.

T Ryan: Jeanne will you do a little speech since you are running for board.

J Shields: No. if they don't know me after all this time.

S Bartow: Did anybody else submit

T Ryan: No.

S Bartow: We would just run with six?

T Ryan: No. you will have to offer to the write in candidate with the most votes.

S Bartow: That's right.

T Ryan: If he or she says no, then, you can run with six or you can appoint.

S Bartow: That's right. I remember that from the last time.

K Hanvey: Remember the name - Emily all

R Sullivan: Isn't that what happened last year.

K Hanvey: I'm working on, she's still adamant that that we don't do that. So,

R Sullivan: It was appointments with a full three year appointments. Right.

T Ryan: No. The appointment would only be for a year until the next election.

R Sullivan: So, conceivably somebody could try it out for a year. That's a good selling point it's noncommittal. Right.

S Bartow: It's a little scary that somebody's name could be on a ballot twice and we have to offer them that position, but I get that. Those are the rules. That's a little scary.

T Ryan: So we have to offer. And then he or she can turn it down, you can appoint or leave at six members, whichever

K Hanvey: So June 2 will be doing the budget hearings here and

S Bartow: Can I just ask a question about more events so June 2 June 4  
THERE WAS SOMETHING ON JUNE 9 right

T Ryan: That's the budget vote night. By mail in ballot.

S Bartow: But we don't need. We don't need or anything. Right.

K Hanvey: So we have nothing else.

K Hanvey: Mr. Ryan is going to send out the evaluations and the board goals everybody look at that for the next meeting.

K Hanvey: can I have a motion to adjourn.

S Bartow: so moved.

R Sullivan: second.

K Hanvey: All in Favor. 6-0