

**Bainbridge-Guilford Central School  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2023**

President Keith Hanvey called the March 16, 2023 Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the District Conference Room. Call to Order

Board members in attendance were Tom Akshar, Shelly Bartow, Gordon Daniels, John Gliha, Keith Hanvey, Jeanne Shields, and Rebecca Sullivan. Board Members in Attendance

Administrators in attendance were Superintendent Timothy Ryan and Business Manager Janice Rideout. Administrators in Attendance

On a motion by Shelly Bartow, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan the Board of Education voted to enter executive session at 6:00 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Executive Session  
Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Tom Akshar, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan the Board of Education voted to return to open session at 6:31 pm. Return to Open Session  
Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

Keith Hanvey, Board of Education President led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge of Allegiance

On a motion by Tom Akshar, seconded by Shelly Bartow the Board of Education voted to approve the agenda. Order of the Agenda Established  
Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

Mike Rullo, BOCES Superintendent and Randy Pryor, BOCES Director of Finances presented the BOCES Administrative and Capital budgets for the 2023-2024 school year. BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget Presentation

Janice Rideout, Business Manager presented the BOCES services budget for the 2023-2024 school year. BOCES Services Budget Presentation

Marek Rajner, Board of Education Student Member reported on the following: Marek Rajner Presents

- Marek spoke about the blood drive that was held by the Sr. Honor Society. There were 38 donations, 7 higher than the goal, which saved 114 lives. There was a badminton and table tennis tournament held at the high school, Sidney School got 1<sup>st</sup> place and Bainbridge-Guilford got 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Marek had his first mock trial for New Visions, he enjoyed the experience. The Senior class did a Krispy Kreme fundraiser, which was very successful. The students are very excited that the music department will be going to pageant of the bands in Sherburne. The marching, concert, and jazz bands will be performing and possibly a drumline.

Timothy Ryan, Superintendent of Schools reported on the following: Timothy Ryan Presents

- Mr. Ryan, Janice Rideout, and James Rideout all met with King & King to discuss the kitchen improvements in the upcoming capital project. The High School will have their walk-in cooler replaced and Guilford is getting a complete gut-job. The Guilford students will be able to eat in the cafeteria while renovations are taking place. Ideas are being brainstormed for making more room in the cafeteria for equipment to be able to fit better in the space.
- Mr. Ryan is going to sit down with Nick Mayo and Bill Zakrajsek to work out some ideas for parking at big events.
- There will be a finance committee meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the District Conference Room.

- Mr. Ryan has been visiting Guilford classrooms and reading to them for Read Across America month.
- Mr. Ryan spoke about the conference day on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The LINKS team organized it and it will include presentations by Bradrick Morrision from Tobacco Free Chenango and Dr. Sumara Case from Progression Partnership who will present on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Lunch will be provided by Sals and there will be breakout sessions after the lunch break.
- An electric bus was brought to Bainbridge for our drivers to see and test. Other local districts also visited to see it as well. Tom Akshar stated that the Bainbridge Fire Department also viewed the bus and were given a presentation on it. Mr. Ryan passed around an article from a NY school district expressing their concerns with electric buses.
- Mr. Ryan spoke about the Pacer Test that is administered in P.E. classes. Mr. Zakrajsek has met with the P.E. teachers twice regarding this and Mr. Ryan and Mr. Zakrajsek have also met twice. The reason the test is graded is so that the students are taking it seriously. The test is taken twice in the year to measure the student's improvements. The students are given two weeks' notice of the test. There were students in the audience who spoke about their experience with the test. Marek will bring student perspectives to the BOE meeting the next time the test is administered.
- One of the B-G exchange students, Joopfy Maun was observing the BOE meeting. She is here from Thailand. She spoke about her experiences at our school and how it differs from the school she attends at home. She also spoke about her performance in the Drama Club production.
- There is one emergency day left and there is also the take-back day before Memorial Day. Mr. Ryan will be speaking with the principals at their next meeting about how we should proceed.

Visitors in the audience included 14 students from Mrs. Ziegler's Government class, who attended the meeting as part of their class requirement.

Visitors in the Audience

On a motion by John Gliha, seconded by Tom Akshar the Board of Education voted to approve the following certified personnel:

Certified Personnel

- The appointment of Hilary Goldblatt to the position of Orchestra Teacher:  
**Name:** Hilary Goldblatt  
**Position:** Orchestra Teacher  
**Certification:** Level II License (VT)  
**Tenure Area:** Music  
**Date of Commencement of Appointment:** 9/1/23  
**Expiration of Appointment:** 6/30/26  
**APPR:** To the extent required by the applicable provisions of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure, **Hilary Goldblatt** must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings of either effective or highly effective in at least two (2) of the three (3) years, and if she receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.  
**Salary:** Step 22 + Masters + 81 Credit Hours  
**Vice:** Dorian Bunting-Cliffe

Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Gordon Daniels, seconded by Tom Akshar the Board of Education voted to approve the following non-certified personnel:

Non-Certified Personnel

- Request approval for Rebecca Sullivan as volunteer chaperone for 10<sup>th</sup> grade NYC trip on 5/12/23.

Yes-6; No-0. Carried. Rebecca Sullivan abstained.

On a motion by Gordon Daniels, seconded by Tom Akshar the Board of Education voted to approve the following sports personnel:

Sports Personnel

- Request approval of Nate Henry as volunteer spring track coach. Background check complete.

Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Tom Akshar, seconded by Gordon Daniels the Board of Education voted to approve the following Business Office items:

- Adoption of the Resolution approving the Architectural/Engineering Services contract with King+King Architects, LLP for the 2022 Capital Project (Attachment A).

King & King  
Architects Contract

Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Gordon Daniels, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan the Board of Education voted to approve the following New Business items:

- A. Request permission for Superintendent to sign agreement between Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District and Southern Tier Medical Care-NY, PC for the 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Request approval of IPA resolution to purchase Technology and Equipment (Attachment B).
- C. Request approval of the Legal Notice of Budget Hearing and Vote.
- D. Adoption of the resolution approving the settlement offer for claims against JUUL Labs, Inc. (Attachment C).
- E. Request approval for the Superintendent to sign the Intermunicipal Transportation Agreement between Bainbridge-Guilford School District and Oxford Central School District for transportation to the FFA Sub-State Competition.

Lourdes Contract

IPA Resolution

Legal Notice of Budget  
and Hearing Vote  
JUUL Labs Settlement

FFA Transportation  
Agreement with Oxford  
Central School

Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

The following planning events were discussed:

Planning

**Board Events**

- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Finance Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – District Conference Room (J. Shields, S. Bartow, J. Gliha)
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – BOE Meeting @ Guilford – 6:00 pm
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – **Monday** - BOE Meeting @ Guilford – 6:00 pm
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – School Boards Institute: School Climate – 5:30-7:45 pm (Please see Kelly Grigoli to register)

**School Events**

- March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – All County Music Festival @ Oxford
- March 28<sup>th</sup> – Sr. High School Spring Concert @ 7:00 pm
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Jr. High School Spring Concert @ 7:00 pm
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – Junior Prom

On a motion by Tom Akshar, seconded by Gordon Daniels the Board of Education voted to enter executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Executive Session

Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Jeanne Shields, seconded by Tom Akshar the Board of Education voted to return to open session at 8:12 pm.

Return to  
Open Session

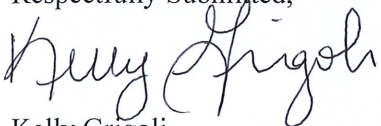
Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Tom Akshar, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan the Board of Education voted to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Adjournment

Yes-7; No-0. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Grigoli  
District Secretary/District Clerk

**RESOLUTION**  
**APPROVING ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District (the “Board of Education”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District (the “School District”) to retain an architect/engineer to: provide architectural and engineering services; provide design, construction planning, and construction oversight; prepare and update as needed a project milestone schedule; assist with bid solicitation and analysis; provide status reports; and provide related professional services (“Architectural Services”) in connection with its 2022 Capital Improvement Project (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to continue its professional relationship with King + King Architects, LLP (“King + King”) for the purpose of providing Architectural Services for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, King + King has proposed a contract for Architectural Services for the Project (the “Contract”) which has been shared with the Board of Education;

**WHEREAS**, the School District’s Superintendent has reviewed the contract with legal counsel and recommends approval of the Contract as being in the best interest of the School District;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved as follows:

1. Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the retention of King + King to provide Architectural Services and proceed with the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, for the fees and expenses set forth therein.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designee to enter into the Contract on behalf of the School District in substantially the form presented to the Board of Education with such modifications, additions, and revisions (other than a change to the scope of the Project, the fees, or expenses) as may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools and legal counsel, which approval shall be conclusively shown by the execution thereof and take all actions necessary or convenient to proceed under the Contract in connection with the Project.
3. Upon Board of Education approval, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO THE PURCHASE OF  
TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR THE  
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL INFORMATION CENTER  
SERVICES FROM THE BROOME-TIOGA BOCES**

WHEREAS the Instructional Technology Service (557) and the South Central Regional Information Center Service (610) require additional technology equipment to the currently available equipment;

WHEREAS the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District wishes to finance the cost over five (5) years with a multi-year installment purchase; the Broome-Tioga BOCES is hereby authorized to expend annually, on behalf of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District, in conjunction with the Instructional Technology and South Central Regional Information Center Services, funds to acquire the following equipment.

<b>QTY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	
	<b>1218884</b>	
100	APPLE iPad 10.2" WiFi 64GB 10-pack MK2Y3LL/A	
	<b>CTR-88-E-19</b>	
2	RICOH IMC6500 Digital Copier	
	<b>Sourcewell</b>	
17	PROMETHEAN AP9-A75-NA-1 ActivPanel 9 75"	
2	BROTHER HL-L9310CDW Printer	
6	Belkin B2B074 Store & Charge Station	
	<b>NCPA 01-42</b>	
90	DELL Chromebook 3110	
	<b>TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE</b>	<b>\$147,000.00</b>
	<b>ESTIMATED FINANCING COSTS</b>	<b>21,528.40</b>
	<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$168,528.40</b>

ESTIMATED INSTALLMENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

2023-2024 Year 1	\$33,705.68
2024-2025 Year 2	\$33,705.68
2025-2026 Year 3	\$33,705.68
2026-2027 Year 4	\$33,705.68
2027-2028 Year 5	\$33,705.68
TOTAL:	<u>\$168,528.40</u>

The payment schedule above is based on the estimated interest rate of 7%. The annual payment amount may fluctuate depending on the final rate assigned 3-7 days prior to the funding date. The interest rate will not exceed 7.5% and the payment amount will not exceed \$34,013.63.

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Signature of Board President

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Date

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Signature of Board Clerk

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF VAPING LITIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant risks of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

**WHEREAS**, students attending the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District (the “School District”) have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Juul Labs, Inc. and other parties by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale, and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

**WHEREAS**, the litigation involved more than 1400 U.S. public school districts across more than 25 states; and

**WHEREAS**, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Juul Labs, Inc. and certain individual board members, directors, executives and parties with whom Juul Labs, Inc. has indemnity agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, litigation against Altria and remaining defendants will continue; and

**WHEREAS**, partial settlement means the School District would forever release all claims against Juul Labs and the other released entities; and

**WHEREAS**, in return, the School District would receive certain cash payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount that the School District receives will be based on a final allocation framework recommended by the court-appointed Special Master Thomas Perrelli with the allocation framework for all governmental entities including factors such as population and litigation risk and be no less than \$17,166 for the School District; and

**WHEREAS**, an initial payment of approximately 54% of the settlement amount is anticipated to be paid by late 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining payments will be made in four installments anticipated in late 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable, and in the public interest and the best interests of the School District that it settle this litigation against Juul Labs, Inc. and continue the litigation against remaining other parties involved with e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the School District, as follows:

1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Juul Labs, Inc. and certain individual board members, directors, executives and parties with whom Juul Labs, Inc. has indemnity agreements.
2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications as are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.
3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District

and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**District Clerk**