

**Bainbridge-Guilford Central School
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2021**

President Keith Hanvey called the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:33 PM in the District Conference Room.

Call to Order

Board member in attendance was Keith Hanvey. Tina Ammon, Shelly Bartow, Emily Hall, Rebecca Sullivan, Jeanne Shields, Tim Suda and student BOE member Ryan Porter participated via ZOOM.

Board Members in Attendance

The administrator in attendance was Tim Ryan. Business Manager Janice Rideout participated via ZOOM.

Administrators in Attendance

On a motion by Tim Suda, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to go into executive session at 6:34 PM to discuss CSE recommendations, the employment history of particular persons known to the Board of Education and the Superintendent evaluation. Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

Executive Session

On a motion by Jeanne Shields, seconded by Tim Suda, the Board of Education voted to return to open session at 7:20 PM. Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

Open Session

On motion by Jeanne Shields, seconded by Tina Ammon, the Board of Education voted to approve the evening's revised agenda. Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

Order of the Agenda
Established & Approved

Mr. Kyle Fuller presented the proposed budget for the Transportation Department for the 2021-22 school year. Propane versus gas busses were discussed. Gas busses are more efficient at this time. Mr. James Rideout presented the proposed budget for the Facilities Department. The next capital project will be based on the Building Condition Survey this year. Both men were very appreciative of the shared services they receive from the Towns and Villages of Bainbridge and Guilford. The Finance Committee will be reviewing all budgets after each presentation.

Reports and
Presentations

Mr. Ryan reported on the following items:

- Reviewed the NY State COVID report with the Board. The number of positive cases is reported every day. Parents are tracking this report card. We have been closed this week due to an uptick in cases in each building. The County Health Department is behind in contact tracing. The District Incident Management Team will meet tomorrow to decide what is the best course of action for next week. Board members were supportive and appreciative of the actions taken to keep students and staff safe.
- Vaccinations will be available for School Board members. The staff will be able to get vaccinated at BOCES in Norwich from 2 – 7 PM on a date to be determined. They may need to prioritize who gets vaccine if the number of vaccines are limited. They will start to sign up people when a date is decided.
- The Guilford boilers continue to be working. Moving the intake pipe higher seems to have made a difference.
- BG has received a positive score of “no designation” in both fiscal and environmental stress categories. Thanks to the Business Office staff for this result!
- Preliminary state aid budget runs are available. Projections are based on Federal aid that has yet to be determined. It does appear that we will be getting some aid on food delivery.
- Propane busses do not have the purchasing incentive or the fuel credits that were available before. Additionally, fueling stations are not readily available, they can travel only 200 miles on a tank of fuel, and their resale value has dropped. Compared to gas powered busses that have had improvements in fuel efficiency and emissions, they are not recommended to continue to purchase. Our current fleet is in great shape with lower mileage due to the decrease in trips and sports during the pandemic. We will be looking at changing the replacement rotation from 5 years to 6 years next year.

- Negotiations with the BGTA and the BGSSA are set for March 3, 4, and 5th and March 17, 18 and 19th respectively. The groups will get together prior to those dates to set up the rules for negotiating. Ramona Wenk will be the Labor Relations representative for the District. Any questions about contracts and this process should be sent to Mr. Ryan.
- The Comptroller Audit process started today with interviews with the Board President, Superintendent and Business Manager. The representative from the Comptroller office asked if the Board has any specific area they would like to see audited. IT was mentioned as a possibility.
- Since Regents tests will not be held this year, those days next week will be used for students in the Jr-Sr High School who are struggling to pass classes this semester. Approximately one hundred students will be coming in for credit recovery that week.
- A parent/community member has reached out and requested that the district consider starting a Skeet/Clay Target Club. The season starts in February. GMU has had a positive experience with a team. A staff member would be an advisor and the team would meet at the local Rod and Gun Club. Students would need to provide their own transportation. After much discussion, Board members agreed that even though this would be a good activity for students, the timing for this season is not feasible.
- Brown & Brown Insurance presented the proposed health insurance options to the BGTA this week. They will give the same presentation to the rest of the staff next Wednesday. They are also looking at the possibility of forming a health consortium with five other districts. The meeting with the BGTA was very positive.

Community members are encouraged to contact Mr. Timothy Ryan at tryan@bgcsd.org with questions and concerns.

After reviewing the recommendation and documentation setting forth the recommendation, including a review of the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and seeing that the appropriate safeguard rights were provided to the parent, the Board of Education took the following action:

- CSE minutes of: 01/05/21
- CPSE minutes of: None
- Subcommittee minutes of CSE: 12/16/20
- 504 Minutes: 01/12/21

On a motion by Jeanne Shields, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education reviewed and arranged for the appropriate special education placements.

Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

CSE Recommendations

On a motion by Shelly Bartow, seconded by Tim Suda, the Board of Education voted to approve the following certified personnel:

- The retroactive appointment of James Mosher to the position of Long Term Substitute Teacher.
Background check is complete.
Name: James Mosher
Position: Long Term Substitute Teacher
Date of Commencement of Appointment: 1/8/2021
Expiration of Appointment: 4/1/2021 or until no longer needed
Salary: Step 1
Vice: C. Boeltz (maternity leave)

Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

Personnel

On a motion by Tina Ammon, seconded by Emily Hall, the Board of Education voted to approve the following non-certified personnel:

- The unpaid leave of absence for Tina Burnett from December 8, 2020 thru January 25, 2021.

Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Shelly Bartow, seconded by Tina Ammon, the Board of Education voted to approve the following Sports personnel:

- MOU regarding Coaching for the 2020-21 school year as presented.

Yes-7, No-0. Carried

The following communications were received:

- A thank-you card from NYSSBA for renewing membership.
- An invitation to the Legislative Breakfast on February 27th.
- An invitation to the CASSC School Board Institute Virtual Training on February 25th.

On a motion by Rebecca Sullivan, seconded by Shelly Bartow, the Board of Education voted to approve the following Business Office requests: Business Office

- A. The Monthly Financial Reports for November 2020.
 - Treasurer, Student Activities, BOE, Revenue Status, Budget Status, Budget Amendments, School lunch Profit/Loss
 - The Internal Claims Auditors Report dated 11/15/20, 11/29/20, 12/12/20, 12/26/20 and 1/10/21.
- B. The adoption of a resolution approving Project Agreement No. 7 for Phase 3 of the 2017 Capital Project for district architects, King+King.
- C. The Non-resident Tuition Agreement between B-G and Deposit CSD for a particular student.

Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

On a motion by Jeanne Shields, seconded by Shelly Bartow, the Board of Education voted to approve the following: New Business

- General Contract: Award of contract to the low bidder, J. Priore Construction Co., Inc.; Utica, New York in the following amount: Base Bid and Total: \$44,000.00

Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

The following planning events were discussed:

- Terms expiring 2021: Ammon, Hanvey, Sullivan
- Finance Committee meetings: Feb 2, 23 and March 9 at 6:00 PM
- CASSC School Board Institute Virtual Training: Feb 25 6-8 PM RSVP by Feb 22
- Legislative Breakfast: Feb 27 @ 10 AM via ZOOM
- BOE Retreat: March 23

Planning

Janice Rideout reviewed the new business office reports with the Board. Members appreciated the visual presentation.

On a motion by Tim Suda, seconded by Shelly Bartow, the Board of Education voted to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Yes –7, No – 0. Carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan L. Weibel
District Clerk