Bainbridge-Guilford Central School Board of Education Meeting Minutes April 9, 2020

President Keith Hanvey called the April 9, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:32 PM in the District Office Conference Room.

Call to Order

The Board member in attendance was Keith Hanvey. Tina Ammon, Shelly Bartow, Emily Hall, Jeanne Shields and Rebecca Sullivan were participating via a ZOOM link. The meeting was recorded and the public was provided access to view this meeting without attending in person due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Board Members in Attendance

The administrator in attendance was Tim Ryan.

Administrator in Attendance

On a motion by Jeanne Shields, seconded by Emily Hall, the Board of Education voted to go into executive session at 6:33 PM to discuss the employment history of particular persons. Yes-6, No-0. Carried.

Executive Session

Tim Suda arrived via Zoom at 6:36 PM.

On a motion by Jeanne Shields, seconded by Shelly Bartow, the Board of Education voted to return to open session at 7:14 PM. Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

Open Session

President Keith Hanvey read the BOE meeting etiquette for this evening (using ZOOM to record and transmit the meeting).

On motion by Tina Ammon, seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to approve the evening's agenda as presented. Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

Order of the Agenda Established & Approved

- Mr. Ryan reported on the following items:
 - Corona Virus Update. This was the second day for student work to be picked up and it was also the first day to drop off completed work. The process is going smoothly. Chromebooks were not ready to go out today but hopefully they will be ready next week. The staff continues to be supportive and networking with other superintendents is helpful. It is a stressful, trying time, but we will get through it.
 - The new mechanic started this week and is doing very well as was anticipated. Bus inspections will remain on schedule.
 - Regents tests have been cancelled this year. Students will get credit for any regents that they are signed up for.
 - The Next Generation Standards assessments have been pushed back for one year.
 - There have been many questions about Graduation requirements and the ceremony. Some ideas have been discussed, but nothing decided as yet.
 - The school ranking from US News and World Report was released this week and B-G has moved up into the low two hundreds and one of the best rankings in this area. This ranking is based on AP classes, proficiency in the grades 3-8 assessments, and graduation rate. We are doing great things here!
 - Food deliveries are going very well. There will be a slight change in the distribution schedule but the same number of meals will be distributed.

Reports and Presentations

- Capital Project Update. The good news is that school construction projects are now deemed "essential" and work can continue as long as the safety protocols regarding the Corona virus are in place. Exterior work and doors, unit ventilators, flooring and finishing the fitness center are priorities. While second shift work is not feasible, precautions to keep staff and workers at safe distances have been put into place. It is important to finish these projects on time because there is State Aid money that will be lost if they are not completed by the stated deadlines.
- BGTA Retirement Incentive. Similar to last year, we would like to offer a retirement incentive for members to cash in 75% of their sick days. This will open to all BGTA members not just those who are 55, 56 or 57. This is necessary to help budget numbers for 20-21.

Budget information for the 20-21 school budget was presented to the BOE by Tim Ryan and Janice Rideout, Business Manager. Declining and uncertain state aid along with rising insurance costs have forced the proposal of some decreases to services and programs provided by the District. BOE members were presented with a list of proposed cuts. Revenue projections were shared with the BOE also.

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

Personnel

• The reinstated appointment of Sarah Nezelek:

Name: Sarah Nezelek Tenure Area: Social Studies

Commencement of Reinstated Appointment: 3/23/2020

Expiration of Appointment: 10/20/2022 (adjusted for 7 wks unpaid leave)

Certificate: Initial – Social Studies Gr 7-12

 The amended appointment of Linda Anders to the position of Bus Attendant, full time, 10 Months, 3.75hrs/day, \$12.50/hr, probationary 52 weeks, effective 3/16/20. Background check is complete. Vice: Nancy Sweet Ives

Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

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

- The Agreement for Independent Auditor Services with Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP effective June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.
- The BGTA Retirement Incentive MOA as presented.
- The B-G Digital Device Agreement Regulation as presented.

Yes-7, No-0. Carried.

The following planning items were discussed:

Board Events

Apr 20 – BOCES Board Vote

This event is still happening because it is not a public vote event.

On a motion by Tina Ammon seconded by Rebecca Sullivan, the Board of Education voted to adjourn at 7:39 PM. Yes -7, No -0. Carried.

Adjournment

Planning

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Weibel, District Clerk

New Business