

REGULAR MEETING/JANUARY 8, 2020

Middle/High School Library Champlain, NY

ROLL CALL

Stephen Southwick - Present
Mandie Bechard - Present
Alan Cardin - Absent
Arsene Letourneau - Present
Robert McDonough - Present
Allen Racine - Present
Kim Bulson - Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robb Garrand, Superintendent
Anna Oliver, District Clerk
Matt Arno
Cathy Gonyo
Josh Harrica
Dennis Rasco
Dan Marangiello
Ann Marie Gilman
Steve Stone
Heidi Sample

The Board of Education of the Northeastern Clinton Central School District met in a Regular Session on January 8, 2020.

President Southwick called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Bulson, seconded Mr. McDonough and unanimously carried approving the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT **(30 MINUTES)**

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Racine, seconded Mr. McDonough and unanimously carried approving the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Buildings and Grounds – Matt Arno

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ACTION

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Ms. Bechard and unanimously carried to **approve** the **Committee on Special Education recommendations** from their meetings held on December 9, 2019 (CPSE), December 11th, 18th, 19th, 2019 and January 7, 2020 (CSE).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION – NO MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Bulson and seconded by Mr. Racine and unanimously carried to approve the **Committee on Special Education amendments** with **no meeting** on January 7, 2020.

LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE - MCCARTHY

A motion was made by Ms. Bulson and seconded by Mr. Racine and unanimously carried to accept the **letter of intent** (dated June 19, 2019) for the purpose of **retirement** received from **Lynn McCarthy, Remedial Reading Teacher**, effective during the 2020-2021 school year. She **is** entitled the **\$1,000 stipend** per collective bargaining agreement.

LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE - SANCHEZ

A motion was made by Ms. Bechard and seconded by Ms. Bulson and unanimously carried to accept the **letter of intent** (dated December 17, 2019) for the purpose of **retirement** received from **Angel Sanchez, Bus Driver/Custodial Worker**, **effective January 3rd, 2021**. He **is** entitled the **\$1,000 stipend** per collective bargaining agreement.

LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE - KOKES

A motion was made by Mr. Racine and seconded by Ms. Bechard and unanimously carried to accept the **letter of intent** (dated January 6, 2020) for the purpose of **retirement** received from **Kathleen Kokes, Music Teacher**, effective during the 2020-2021 school year. She **is** entitled the **\$1,000 stipend** per collective bargaining agreement.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION - TETREULT

A motion was made by Ms. Bechard and seconded by Ms. Bulson and unanimously carried to accept the **resignation letter** from **Lorna Tetreault, School Bus Driver**, with an **effective date of January 27, 2020**, pending the appointment of Head Bus Driver.

CIVIL SERVICE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT - TETREULT

A motion was made by Ms. Bulson and seconded by Mr. McDonough and unanimously carried to approve the Civil Service permanent appointment of **Lorna Tetreault, Head Bus Driver**, **effective January 28, 2020**. Lorna has completed the required probationary period per Civil Service Law.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Letourneau and seconded by Ms. Bechard and unanimously carried to accept the **School Tax Collector's Report** for 2019-2020 and approve the return of unpaid taxes to the county.

2019-2020 ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Ms. Bechard and seconded by Ms. Bulson and unanimously carried to approve the following additional people to the **2019-2020 substitute list** (all individuals have been fingerprinted).

Joelma Marangiello

**Uncertified Substitute Teacher
TOC Teacher Aide/Student Aide
TOC School Monitor**

**Lindsay Decoste
Jane Favreau**

**TOC School Bus Driver
TOC School Bus Driver**

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52-WEEK CIVIL SERVICE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT - TROMBLEY

A motion was made by Ms. Bulson and seconded by Mr. McDonough and unanimously carried to approve the 52-week Civil Service **probationary** appointment of **Kim Trombley** as **School Bus Driver, effective January 13, 2020** and that she be placed on Step 1 of the 2019-2020 CSEA Salary schedule, for a **salary of \$11,784 (pro-rated \$6,939.47)**. The Probationary period is in compliance with Rule XIV, subdivisions 1, of Civil Service Regulations.

PART-TIME SCHOOL BUS MONITOR – FAVREAU

A motion was made by Ms. Bulson and seconded by Ms. Bechard and unanimously carried to approve the **re-call of Part-time School Bus Monitor** (1.5 hours), **Jane Favreau**, with an **effective date of January 9, 2020**. She will be placed at Step 4 of the 2019-2020 CSEA Salary schedule, with a **salary of \$20,677** (pro-rated to \$2,326.16).

APPROVAL OF BOND COUNSEL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS BEACH, PLLC, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

A motion was made by Mr. McDonough and seconded by Ms. Bulson and unanimously carried to **approve** for Robin J. Garrand, Superintendent of Schools, **to execute** the **agreement** between Northeastern Clinton Central School and Harris Beach, PLLC, Attorneys At Law to provide Bond Counsel Services.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

A motion was made by Ms. Bulson and seconded by Mr. Racine and unanimously carried to **accept** the established **Mileage Reimbursement Rate**: Ed. Law 2118 (may be IRS rate) at **\$.575 cents per mile** for 2020 (2019 - \$.58 per mile).

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Letourneau and seconded by Ms. Bechard and unanimously carried to approve the **Treasurer's Report** for the months of November - December 2019.

APPROVAL OF BOND RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Ms. Bulson and seconded by Ms. Bechard and unanimously carried to approve the following resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHEASTERN CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") ADOPTED JANUARY 8, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES; ESTIMATING THAT THE TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$32,767,755; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$2,000,000 FROM THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND BALANCE AND THE ISSUANCE OF \$30,767,755 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Northeastern Clinton Central School District, Clinton County, New York (the "District") on December 17, 2019 approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District to undertake a capital improvement project consisting of the construction of alterations, renovations and improvements to the Rouses Point Elementary School, the Mooers Elementary Building, the High School Building, the Middle School, the District Bus Garage, and improvements to outdoor athletic facilities at the High School and the Middle School, including in each case site improvements for various school purposes, all appurtenant and related improvements, and the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original equipment, machinery, and apparatus and services incidental

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thereto (collectively, the "Project"), all at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$32,767,755, with such cost being raised by the expenditure of \$2,000,000 from the District's present General Fund balance, and with the balance thereof being raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be offset by State aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of the District as may be necessary (the "Proposition"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation adopted thereunder (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively, "SEQRA") by resolution adopted on October 21, 2019, determined that (i) the Project constitutes an "Unlisted" action within the meaning of SEQRA; (ii) the Project will not result in any significant adverse impact on the environment and issued a Negative Declaration under SEQRA to such effect; and (iii) the requirements of SEQRA applicable to the Project had been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the District's serial bonds or bond anticipation notes to finance said appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHEASTERN CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all its members), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The District is hereby authorized (i) in accordance with the Proposition, to undertake the Project as hereinabove described and to expend \$2,000,000 from the District's present General Fund balance to pay a portion of the cost thereof, and (ii) to issue up to \$30,767,755 principal amount of serial bonds (including, without limitation, statutory installment bonds) (the "Bonds"), or bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the Bonds, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance the balance of the estimated cost of the Project.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$32,767,755, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the expenditure of \$2,000,000 from the District's present General Fund balance, as authorized by the Proposition, (ii) the issuance of up to \$30,767,755 in serial bonds of the District authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 1 of this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the bonds to finance said appropriation, and (iii) the application of State aid, and to the extent necessary, the levy and collection of taxes on the taxable real property of the District to pay the principal of said bonds or bond anticipation notes and the interest thereon as the same may become due and payable.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose for which the bonds are authorized under this resolution is thirty (30) years, pursuant to paragraph 97. of subsection a. of Section 11.00 the Law.

SECTION 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law,

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for the purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The District shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 1 hereof with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the District without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Section 54.90, Sections 56.00 through 60.00, and Sections 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes including, without limitation, the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service, and all matters incidental thereto, and prescribing terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education (the "President of the Board"), as the chief fiscal officer of the District. The delegation of authority to the President of the Board contained in this Section 6 shall include the authority to determine whether to issue and sell the bonds in a private sale to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (the "Dormitory Authority") in accordance with Section 57.00(a) of the Law. In connection with, and in order to effectuate any such private sale of bonds to the Dormitory Authority pursuant to Section 57.00(a) of the Law, the President of the Board is hereby further authorized to execute one or more loan agreements, financing agreements and/or any other agreements with or for the benefit of the Dormitory Authority, including any amendments thereto and any instruments, certificates or other documents in connection therewith. Further, pursuant to subdivision b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to subdivision c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes authorized by other bond resolutions of the Board, then the power of the Board to determine the "weighted average period of probable usefulness" (within the meaning of subdivision a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the President of the Board, as the chief fiscal officer of the District.

SECTION 7. The President of the Board is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary (i) to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and (ii) to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond

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anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 8. The President of the Board is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchaser(s) of the Bonds or bond anticipation notes, in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 9. The intent of this resolution is to give the President of the Board sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments, certificates or to do any similar acts necessary or in the opinion of the President of the Board advisable to effect the issuance of the Bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of the Board.

SECTION 10. In the absence of the President of the Board, the Vice President of the Board is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board in this resolution.

SECTION 11. The validity of the Bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 12. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published in the official newspaper(s) of the District for legal notices, together with a notice of the District in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

SECTION 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Mr. Racine-Yes; Mr. Cardin-Absent; Ms. Bulson- Yes; Ms. Bechard- Yes;
Mr. McDonough-Yes; Mr. Southwick- Yes; Mr. Letourneau- Yes
6 – Yes; 0 – No; 1 – Absent MOTION PASSES**

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INFORMATION

1. February 5, 2020 will be the next Board of Education meeting at 6:00 pm in the MS/HS Library.
2. March 4th meeting changed to March 11, 2020 due to required budget meeting.
3. Memo of Understanding between NCCS and Clinton County Health Dept.

~~EXECUTIVE SESSION~~

A motion was made at 6:28 p.m. by Ms. Bulson, and seconded by Ms. Bechard and unanimously carried to move into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual.

~~ADJOURN~~

A motion was made at 6:45 p.m. by, Ms. Bechard and seconded by Mr. McDonough and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Oliver

Anna M. Oliver, District Clerk