

**SOUTH JEFFERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADAMS, NEW YORK 13605
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Kenneth Bibbins, Kelly Davis, Randy Jerome, James Juczak, Pamela Thomas, Justin VanCoughnett, Stephanie Widrick

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Scott B. Slater, Superintendent of Schools (via Webex)
Lisa A. Parsons, Assistant Superintendent
Cora Harvey, School Business Administrator
Michelle L. Jaques, District Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: via Webex: Jon Christopher, Rebecca Dalrymple, Tony Gianfagna,
Jeff Ginger, Jim Pelton, Rich Trowbridge, Jay Wiley
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aN6zV2vYN14>

CALL TO ORDER- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Thomas called the regular meeting of the South Jefferson Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Todd Dack Board Room in the Wilson Elementary School and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee VanCoughnett to approve the agenda.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Juczak and seconded by Trustee Jerome to approve the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting held on January 27, 2021.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

A motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee VanCoughnett to approve the Board of Education minutes of the special meeting held on February 2, 2021.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT'S 2021-2022 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Jay Wiley provided detailed information regarding athletics. Included in the information were highlights and accomplishments, goals for the upcoming school year, equipment desired for the upcoming school year, and staffing needs. Discussion followed.

DEPARTURE

Jay Wiley departed the meeting at 6:20 p.m. after the above information.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT'S 2021-2022 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Rebecca Dalrymple provided detailed information regarding the Transportation Department and school buses. A PowerPoint presentation was viewed. Included in the information were annual transportation mileage figures, current bus fleet data, bus replacement schedules, upcoming needs, other considerations, and new school bus technology. Discussion followed.

DEPARTURE

Rebecca Dalrymple departed the meeting at 6:46 p.m. after the above information.

BUILDING PRINCIPALS' 2021-2022 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Jim Pelton provided detailed information regarding the Mannsville-Manor Elementary Building. Included in the information were building highlights and accomplishments, goals for the upcoming school year, equipment desired for the upcoming school year, and staffing needs. Discussion followed. Tony Gianfagna provided detailed information regarding the Wilson Elementary Building. Included in the information were department highlights and accomplishments, goals for the upcoming school year, equipment desired for the upcoming school year, and staffing needs. Discussion followed. Jeff Ginger and Rich Trowbridge provided detailed information regarding the Clarke High School. Included in the information were department highlights and accomplishments, goals for the upcoming school year, equipment desired for the upcoming school year, and staffing needs. Discussion followed.

DEPARTURES

Jim Pelton departed the meeting at 6:58 p.m. during the above information. Tony Gianfagna departed the meeting at 7:33 p.m. during the above information.

DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY PLAN PANDEMIC ADDENDUM PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held in regards to the District-Wide Safety Plan Pandemic Addendum. Superintendent Slater presented the addendum, to accompany the 2020-2021 District-Wide Safety Plan, which is a new requirement that needs to be approved by the end of March. Discussion followed. The District-Wide Safety Plan Pandemic Addendum will be posted on the district's website for at least thirty days for public comment and will be approved at an upcoming Board meeting.

BUILDING PRINCIPALS' 2021-2022 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Jon Christopher provided detailed information regarding the Clarke Middle School. Included in the information were department highlights and accomplishments, goals for the upcoming school year, equipment desired for the upcoming school year, and staffing needs. Discussion followed.

DEPARTURES

Rich Trowbridge departed the meeting at 7:43 p.m. during the above information. Jeff Ginger departed the meeting at 7:53 p.m. after the above information. Jon Christopher departed the meeting at 7:54 p.m. after the above information.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NCS PEARSON, INC.

The contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. to provide mental health specialists, educators, and other professionals the use of the Q-global® testing system to quickly and efficiently administer assessments, generate scores, and produce reports was included in the Board packet and reviewed by the Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee VanCoughnett and seconded by Trustee Juczak to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby approve the contract with NCS Pearson, Inc. as presented to the Board.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPROVAL OF CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Juczak and seconded by Trustee Bibbins to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby agree to provide the arrangement of services as included in the Individual Education Plans and/or evaluation summary as recommended by the Committee on Special Education or Committee on Preschool Education for students #14251, 14707, 16010, 18144, and 17964.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

DISTRICT UPDATES/ITEMS OF INFORMATION

A congratulatory letter from the Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge grant and an invitation to the Jeff-Lewis School Boards Association Virtual Legislative Discussion were included in the Board packet and reviewed by the Board. Superintendent Slater provided an update regarding COVID-19, Department of Health mandates, and high-risk sports. Discussion followed.

RETIREMENT- CLEANER

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee Jerome to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby accept, with regret, the resignation for retirement request from Bonnie Lawrence from her position as Cleaner effective August 28, 2021.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

RETIREMENT- BUS DRIVER/FOOD SERVICE HELPER

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jerome to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby accept, with regret, the resignation for retirement request from Lucinda Purdy from her positions as Two-Run Bus Driver and Food Service Helper effective June 30, 2021.

RETIREMENT- BUS DRIVER/FOOD SERVICE HELPER (Continued)

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

RESIGNATION- BUS DRIVER

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee VanCoughnett and seconded by Trustee Bibbins to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby accept the resignation request from Donna Taylor from her position as Two-Run Bus Driver effective February 3, 2021.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

RESIGNATION- CLEANER

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jerome to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby accept the resignation request from Samuel Washburn from his position as Cleaner effective February 20, 2021.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPOINTMENT- SCHOOL MONITOR

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee Widrick to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby appoint Debra Stevenson as School Monitor (Civil Service Title: School Monitor) effective February 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, and the salary rate will remain at her current rate.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPOINTMENTS- 2020-2021 ACADEMIC SUPPORT- SEAL PROGRAM

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Juczak and seconded by Trustee Davis to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby appoint Gigi D'Argenio, Lindsay Tiller, Rachel Fishbein, and Tina Groff to the Academic SEAL Program effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPOINTMENT- INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE ADDENDUM

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Juczak and seconded by Trustee Jerome to adopt the following resolution:

APPOINTMENT- INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSTITUTE ADDENDUM (Continued)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby appoint the following to the instructional substitute list as presented to the Board and in accordance with the fingerprinting and background clearance requirements effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

John Babcock..... Certified, Mathematics

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPOINTMENTS- SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTE ADDENDUM

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee Jerome to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby appoint the following to the support staff substitute list as presented to the Board and as follows and in accordance with the fingerprinting, background clearance requirements, Article 19-A and SED requirements effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

Timothy Mullin..... Cleaner

Jordan Hollenbeck..... Bus Driver

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPOINTMENTS- 2020-2021 SPRING STUDENT TEACHER

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee VanCoughnett to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby appoint the following as Spring Student Teachers effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

Amanda Harvey Wilson

Adam Hutchison Mannsville

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

2021-2022 TAX CAP APPROVAL

School Business Administrator Harvey presented information regarding the tax levy limit cap calculation. Discussion followed.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee VanCoughnett and seconded by Trustee Davis to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby approve the tax levy limit cap of 1.67% as presented.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

ACCEPT BOOSTER CLUB MUSIC DONATION

Information regarding a music donation from the South Jefferson Booster Club in the amount of \$500 to purchase ukuleles for the elementary music curriculum was included in the Board packet and reviewed by the Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Widrick and seconded by Trustee VanCoughnett to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby accept, with appreciation, the generous donation of \$500 from the South Jefferson Booster Club to be used to purchase ukuleles for the elementary music curriculum.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

ACCEPT SPENNY15 MUSIC DONATION

Information regarding a music donation from the SPENNY15 Community Fund in the amount of \$250 to purchase ukuleles for the elementary music curriculum was included in the Board packet and reviewed by the Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Widrick and seconded by Trustee Davis to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby accept, with appreciation, the generous donation of \$250 from the SPENNY15 Community Fund to be used to purchase ukuleles for the elementary music curriculum.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

BUS BAN SALE RESULTS

Bond anticipation note sale result information for the Bus BANs was included in the Board packet and reviewed by the Board. Discussion followed.

AWARD BID & APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH POWIS CONTRACTING INC.

Bid information from Watchdog Building Partners, LLC regarding the Crawl Space Concrete Remediation Project for the Clarke Building and the contract with the lowest bidder, Powis Contracting Inc., were included in the Board packet and reviewed by the Board. Discussion followed.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee VanCoughnett and seconded by Trustee Bibbins to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby accept the bid recommendation from Watchdog Building Partners, LLC for the Crawl Space Concrete Remediation Project and approve the contract with Powis Contracting Inc. as presented.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee Widrick to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person and matters leading to the discipline of a particular person.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 8:19 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee Widrick to exit Executive Session.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 8:48 p.m.

POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING ATHLETICS

A motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee Widrick to authorize Superintendent Slater to draft a letter to county representatives regarding athletics.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee VanCoughnett to adjourn the meeting.

Yes 7 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Jaques
District Clerk