

**SOUTH JEFFERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADAMS, NEW YORK 13605
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 8, 2020**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Kenneth Bibbins, Todd Dack, Kelly Davis, Randy Jerome,
Pamela Thomas, Justin VanCoughnett

TRUSTEES ABSENT: James Juczak

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

OTHERS PRESENT: 1-415-655-0003 Meeting number (access code): 473 028 755

CALL TO ORDER

President Dack called the regular meeting of the South Jefferson Central School District Board of Education to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Board of Education Room in the Wilson Elementary School and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas and seconded by Trustee Davis to approve the agenda as amended.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee Jerome to approve the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting held on March 25, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments.

DISTRICT UPDATES/ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Superintendent Slater provided detailed update regarding the district. Information included how the district is responding to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), standards and skills work, and state parameters. Information regarding the Jeff-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES election/budget vote was included in the Board packet and reviewed by the Board. Discussion followed.

2020-2021 BUDGET UPDATE

Superintendent Slater and School Business Administrator Harvey provided an update to the 2020-2021 budget. Information included expenditures and revenues, tax levy, gap to close the budget, and strategies to close the gap. Discussion followed.

APPOINTMENT- SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTE ADDENDUM

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Thomas 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 approve the following support staff substitute list as presented to the Board and in accordance with the fingerprinting and background clearance requirements effective for the 2019-2020 school year:

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Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPROVAL OF RAN

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District (the District”), Counties of Jefferson, Lewis and Oswego, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Sections 30 and 56 of the Local Finance Law, revenue anticipation notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Local Finance Law"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Section 2. The power to authorize the issuance of and to sell not exceeding \$2,000,000 revenue anticipation notes of the District, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the receipt of state and federal aid becoming due during the fiscal year of said District commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner as may be determined by said President of the Board of Education, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. The estimated amount of uncollected revenues against which such revenue anticipation notes are authorized is \$2,000,000.

Section 4. Their period of maturity of such revenue anticipation notes shall be one year.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Todd Dack, President	Voting Yes
Pamela E. B. Thomas, Vice President	Voting Yes
Kenneth Bibbins	Voting Yes
Kelly Davis	Voting Yes
Randy Jerome	Voting Yes
James Juczak	Absent
Justin VanCoughnett	Voting Yes

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

APPROVAL OF BAN

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:

WHEREAS, the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) has heretofore been created and the South Jefferson Central School District (the “District”) is a component district thereof; and

WHEREAS, BOCES is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, BOCES, as lead agency, reviewed the impact of the Project, as defined below, upon the environment and by resolution adopted December 20, 2017 determined that the Project is a Type II Action under SEQRA which will not have a significant impact on the environment and the Project is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of BOCES at a special meeting duly called and held on March 7, 2018 did vote and adopt the following proposition:

Shall the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”), be authorized to undertake a capital project consisting of (1) the acquisition, at no additional cost to BOCES, of the facility now known as the Boak Education Center and previously known as St. Peter’s Catholic School, located at 5437 Shady Avenue, Lowville, New York, and (2) the renovation, reconstruction, refurbishing and altering the Boak Education Center, the Bohlen Technical Center, the A.C.E.S./ Adult Learning Center and the Sackett Technical Center including, but not limited to, the replacement of deteriorated roofing and windows, the replacement of outdated/malfunctioning HVAC systems, electrical and plumbing system upgrades, main entrance upgrades, temperature control upgrades, flooring and ceiling replacement, the replacement of deteriorated/damaged entry and classroom doors and associated hardware, reconstruction of building facades, clock and PA system upgrades, lighting system upgrades, asbestos abatement, accessibility upgrades to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as BOCES-wide upgrades to the facilities above and the BOCES Administration and PES Buildings in Watertown and the Adult Education building in Glenfield, including but not limited to existing fire alarm systems and security features, as well as site improvements such as parking lot resurfacing, sidewalk and curbing improvements and associated drainage work, and the acquisition of furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and incidental improvements in connection therewith (collectively the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, BOCES entered into an agreement by and between BOCES and each of the component school districts of BOCES (the “Joint Agreement”) providing for the construction, allocation and apportionment of the cost of the Project among such component school districts, the payment by each such component school district of its respective share to BOCES and other matters incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, the District by resolution adopted April 8, 2020 approved the Joint Agreement; and

APPROVAL OF BAN (Continued)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Agreement, the amount payable by the District to BOCES in connection with the Project is \$742,567.

WHEREAS, the District intends hereby to authorize (but not require) the issuance of indebtedness to finance the District's allocable share of the cost of the Project in accordance with Section 1950(14) of the Education Law; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON APRIL 8, 2020, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District is hereby authorized to pay BOCES \$742,567 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore. The estimated total cost of the District's allocable share of the Project, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$742,567 and the plan of financing includes the issuance of serial bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$742,567, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of the bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable, subject to applicable amounts of state assistance available or to any revenues available for such purpose from any other source. It is hereby determined that the requirements of SEQRA have been met.

Section 2. Bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Local Finance Law"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$742,567 to finance said payment to BOCES.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) Under Section 1950(14)(b) of the Education Law, the period of probable usefulness of the Project is thirty (30) years;
- (b) Current funds are not required by the Local Finance Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof authorized by this resolution;
- (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years;

Section 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The reasonably expected source of funds to be used to initially pay for the expenditures authorized by Section 1 of this resolution shall be from the District's General Fund. It is intended that the District shall then reimburse expenditures from the General Fund with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution and that the interest payable on the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds shall be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. This resolution is intended to constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 to reimburse the expenditures authorized by this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are reasonably expected to be, received, allocated on

APPROVAL OF BAN (Continued)

a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The full faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District of appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year. Such debt service payments may be made in substantially level or declining amounts as may be authorized by law.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said 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 days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. As permitted by Section 56.00 of the Local Finance Law, the power to issue and sell the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, including all powers or duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as Chief Fiscal Officer, except as herein provided. The bonds shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.

Section 8. Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP is appointed bond counsel to the District for the obligations authorized herein.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a summary of the foregoing resolution, together with a Notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in the newspapers having general circulation in the District and designated the official newspapers of District for such publication.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

APPROVAL OF BAN (Continued)

Todd Dack, President	Voting Yes
Pamela E. B. Thomas, Vice President	Voting Yes
Kenneth Bibbins	Voting Yes
Kelly Davis	Voting Yes
Randy Jerome	Voting Yes
James Juczak	Absent
Justin VanCoughnett	Voting Yes

The resolution was declared adopted.

APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE BIDDING RESOLUTION (RIC BIDS)

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

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS and the MADISON-ONEIDA BOCES (the "BOCES") during the 2020-2021 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of computers and technology commodities (the "Commodities"); and

WHEREAS, the South Jefferson Central School District ("the School District") is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received and reviewed the Cooperative Bid Procedures ("the Procedures") governing its right and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of commodities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures the Board of Education agrees to award bid purchase item purchases according to the recommendation of the BOCES if such award is in the best interest of the school district.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Bibbins and seconded by Trustee VanCoughnett to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular people.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 5:45 p.m.

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

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 6:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Jerome and seconded by Davis to adjourn the meeting.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Jaques
District Clerk