

**SOUTH JEFFERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADAMS, NEW YORK 13605
BOARD OF EDUCATION- BUDGET HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 27, 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 A. Parsons, Assistant Superintendent
Cora Harvey, School Business Administrator
Michelle L. Jaques, District Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephanie Widrick, Board Candidate, from 6:10 p.m. to 6:14 p.m.
<https://meet.google.com/cto-tvmv-pvy>
Google Meet App meeting code: ctotvmvpy
1-319-895-2113 (PIN: 596766903)

CALL TO ORDER

President Dack called the budget hearing/special meeting of the South Jefferson Central School District Board of Education to order at 6:02 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 Bibbins to approve the agenda.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Jerome to approve the Board of Education minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

A motion was made by Trustee Jerome and seconded by Trustee VanCoughnett to approve the Board of Education minutes of the special meeting held on May 15, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

HEARING FOR THE 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

The hearing for the 2020-2021 proposed budget commenced at 6:05 p.m. Superintendent Slater stated the names of the candidates running for the Board of Education and invited them to speak. Kenneth Bibbins, incumbent, provided information about himself and stated his reasons for running for the Board of Education. Superintendent Slater read the biography of James Juczak, incumbent, because Mr. Juczak was unable to attend the meeting. Pamela Thomas, incumbent, provided information about herself and stated her reasons for running for the Board of Education. Stephanie Widrick joined the meeting virtually and provided information about herself and stated her reasons for running for the Board of Education. Superintendent Slater and School Business

HEARING FOR THE 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Administrator Harvey presented the final proposed 2020-2021 budget totaling \$36,972,338. A PowerPoint presentation was viewed. Information reviewed included district background information and historical perspective, budget impacts, needs assessment, the three pillars of our mission, non-instructional supports, revenues and expenses, a budget overview, and virtual vote information. Discussion followed. No questions or comments were made by the public. The district vote and election to be held by absentee ballot only on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, by no later than 5:00 p.m. and will include the budget proposal, a bus proposition, and Board member election. The budget hearing portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER

Superintendent Slater presented the Board Mastery Award to President Dack from the New York State School Boards Association's *School Board U* Recognition Program for his participation in leadership development opportunities. Superintendent Slater congratulated President Dack on this achievement and thanked him for the nearly 27 years on the South Jefferson Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR CHANGE

Superintendent Slater reviewed with the Board his calendar change recommendation for the 2019-2020 school year. The last day for 10-month instructional staff and remote learning for students will be Thursday, June 18, 2020. Discussion followed.

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:

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019, the Board of Education approved a calendar for the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a declaration of a statewide emergency, the Governor issued Executive Orders requiring school districts throughout New York State to provide continuity of instruction during previously scheduled recess periods, including in the South Jefferson Central School District the scheduled Good Friday holiday and Spring Recess; and

WHEREAS, due to the Governor's Executive Orders, the District will have provided the 180 days of instruction required by the New York State Education Law prior to the previously scheduled last day of the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, due to the Governor's Executive Orders, teachers regularly employed by the District will have provided sufficient days of instruction prior to the previously scheduled last day of the 2019-2020 teacher work year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary to adjust the previously adopted 2019-2020 school calendar;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the 2019-2020 school calendar is hereby revised to provide that the last day of student instruction will be June 18, 2020 and the last day of the work year for 10-month instructional staff will be June 18, 2020. This is subject to

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adjustment if necessary to comply with any further direction from the State.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

DISTRICT UPDATES/ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Jeff-Lewis School Boards Association Meeting information for June 8 and a thank you card from Grace Rice for supporting her and the BOCES budget were included in the Board packet and reviewed by the Board. Superintendent Slater provided a detailed update regarding the district. Information included community requests to use school facilities for upcoming events, a foreign exchange student request, Phase 2 of the capital project, meetings with Public Health, the summer feeding program, the upcoming budget vote and election process, and graduation updates and honoring the senior class. Discussion followed.

RETIREMENT- BUS AIDE

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 the resignation for retirement request from Donna Beutel from her position as Bus Aide effective September 14, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

RETIREMENT- ELEMENTARY TEACHER

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 accept the resignation for retirement request from Laurie Austin from her position as Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

RETIREMENT- ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Thomas 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 the resignation for retirement request from Kelly Thomas from her position as Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

RESIGNATION- AIDE

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

RESIGNATION- AIDE (Continued)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby accept the resignation request from Christina Steward from her position as Aide effective May 31, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

ABOLISH TENURE AREA POSITION

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Jerome 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 abolish a 1.0 FTE Elementary tenure area position effective June 30, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

ABOLISH TENURE AREA POSITION

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 abolish a 1.0 FTE Social Studies tenure area position effective June 30, 2020.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

APPOINTMENTS- ELECTION PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Jerome 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 Kerrie Hosley as Chief Election Inspector for the budget vote and election and authorize the District Clerk to appoint a substitute as needed.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby appoint Brittany Stinson, Alicia Augliano, Sarah OYong, Andrea West, and Ellen Mocuiski as Election Inspectors for the budget vote and election and authorize the District Clerk to appoint substitutes as needed.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

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

APPOINTMENTS- ELECTION PERSONNEL (Continued)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Jefferson Central School District does hereby appoint Jennifer Keeney as Assistant Clerk and Election Inspector for the budget vote and election and authorize the District Clerk to appoint a substitute as needed.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas and seconded by Trustee Davis to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual information.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 6:52 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas and seconded by Trustee Davis to exit Executive Session.

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 7:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Yes 6 No 0 Motion: Carried Time: 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Jaques
District Clerk