
ATTICA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2015

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the Attica Central School District was held on March 26, 2015, at the Attica Central School District's Performing Arts Center, 3338 E. Main Street, Attica, NY. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Perl at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Perl-Vice President, Mr. Lane, Mrs. Struzik, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Kirsch (arrived at 7:19 pm), and Mr. Fugle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Witkowski-President

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dziak, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Tomidy, Mr. Clark, Mr. Audsley, Mr. Spink, Mr. Romesser, Ms. Wicks, Mr. Ewert, and Mrs. Breissinger

PUBLIC FORUM: John Dickhut spoke regarding school budget and staffing reductions. Lorri Warwick spoke regarding staff cuts.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- Dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2015
- Approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2015.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 2015.
- Approved the High School extra-curricular financial report for February 2015.
- Approved the Middle School extra-curricular financial report for February 2015.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement for purposes of the 2015-16 school instructional calendar.
- Adopted the 2015-16 Instructional Calendar.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement letter from Robert Shaffer, Business Education teacher, to be effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the faculty association contract.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement letter from Mary Anne Metz, Library Media Specialist, to be effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the faculty association contract.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement letter from Roberta Maxwell, Physical Education teacher, to be effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the faculty association contract.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement letter from Diane Carlson, Special Education teacher, to be effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the faculty association contract.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement letter from Abby Stone, Teaching Assistant, to be effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the faculty association contract.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement letter from Sandra Ewert, Teaching Assistant, to be effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the faculty association contract.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement letter from MaryAnn Eck, Cook, to be effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the non-teaching employees' contract.
- Accepted the resignation for retirement letter from Virginia Plowe, Cleaner, to be effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the non-teaching employees' contract.

MOA – Inst. Calendar –
2015/16
Instructional Cal-2015/16

Retire – R Shaffer

Retire – MA Metz

Retire – R Maxwell

Retire – D Carlson

Retire – A Stone

Retire – S Ewert

Retire – MA Eck

Retire – V Plowe

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- Appointed Sarah Staskiewicz as a long-term substitute teacher in the area of Elementary Education, in accordance with the recommendation.
- Approved attendance for Elizabeth Winters, Biology teacher, at the AP Biology Conference Labs and Stats from June 29, 2015 – July 3, 2015, in accordance with the request.
- Approved the maternity leave for Krystal Dominick to begin approximately June 22, 2015, in accordance with the request.
- Appointed Tanya Koch as a part-time food service helper, in accordance with the recommendation.
- Established the Choral Council student account in the Middle School, in accordance with the recommendation and request for student club charter.
- Authorized the Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release between the Attica Central School District and BOCES Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene Counties (Questar III).
- Appointed Mary Kowalewski to a 12-month probationary appointment as a teacher's aide, in accordance with the recommendation and pending NYS fingerprint clearance.
- Accepted the resignation of Mallory Frew as the JV Softball Coach for the 2014-15 spring sports season.
- Appointed Ashley Michalek as the JV Girls Softball Coach for the 2014-15 spring sports season.

LTS – S Staskiewicz
 Conf – E Winters
 Leave – K Dominick
 FSH – T Koch
 Choral Council
 Fund Surplus Res Agree (Questar III)
 T Aide – M Kowalewski
 Resign – M Frew
 Coach – A Michalek

Motion by Mr. Fugle, seconded by Mrs. Struzik, to approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed above.

Item #1415 -070 MOTION CARRIED 5-Yes; 0-No

BOARD INFORMATION

INFORMATION

- Financial Information: Detail Warrants, Revenue Report, Appropriation Status Report Summary, Appropriation Status Report Detail, Budget Transfer Schedule, Audit Trail Vendor Add, Audit Trail Vendor Update.
- Minutes: Professional Growth Committee (January 21, 2015); District Technology Team (January 21, 2015); Building Compact Teams (February 2015)
- Building Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

SUPER. UPDATE

Update on Mock Trial Team was given. Mr. Thompson gave a review of Governor Cuomo's state aid, including extending of tenure probationary period and the APPR process. Attica's graduation rate indicates we are successful. Our legislators are fighting for us. The Senate will not let the aid be tied to the Governor's agenda. They believe they will have an on-time budget. The charter school cap and the Dream Act were both mentioned. Dates for budget presentations are: April 27th at the Sheldon Elementary School, April 29th at the Bennington Town Hall, and May 5th for the Public Hearing at the Performing Arts Center (Auditorium-High School) in Attica. A Board of Education meeting is scheduled on April 28th, which will include the BOCES budget. School Budget Vote Day is May 19th.

BOARD DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION

- 2015-16 School Budget – Discussion on the cut in HS Science, including the number of students in labs. The budget spreadsheet was reviewed. Specific areas were mentioned: tax collector – new lock box fee for tax payment collections; operations of plant – the need to maintain the Sheldon building;

2015-16 budget

special transportation. Library media specialist – discussion on reducing to one library media specialist in the high school/middle school complex. Co-curricular category includes the three-year replacement plan for the band uniforms, along with the Interscholastic athletic uniforms replacement schedule. After-school transportation was discussed, including central drop off locations vs. door-to-door drop offs. ERS/TRS category, along with interfund transfers were reviewed. A review of retirements and replacements was conducted, as some positions may be replaced with someone on our preferred eligible list. The Board was polled for reinstating of any positions slated for cuts. Mrs. Perl read a message from Mr. Witkowski on his thoughts on the matter. (8:04 pm Mr. Kirsch stepped out.) Positions were discussed in the following areas: science (environmental science), administrative, library media specialist, and elementary. (8:15 pm Mr. Kirsch returned.) Discussion on positions continued. Mrs. Perl polled the board members for position cuts and the majority ruled as follows: reinstatement of 1 section Kindergarten and 1 section 1st grade; cuts were kept at the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th grades; there will only be one library media specialist in the high school/middle school complex; reduction in art, foreign language, high school science were all agreed to, along with a cut in the nursing staff. It was also agreed to cut an administrator. Late bus transportation was discussed and then tabled until the next meeting. Pre-k program was mentioned.

Motion by Mr. Kirsch, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION for CSE/CPSE recommendations at (8:47 p.m.)

Item #1415 -071 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board Reconvened REGULAR SESSION at 9:02 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Fugle, seconded by Mrs. Struzik, to approve the implementation of the CSE/CPSE recommendations from their meeting(s).

Item #1415 -072 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No

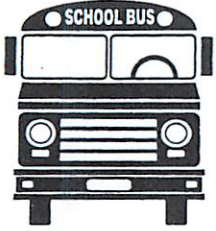
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Motion by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Struzik, to adjourn the meeting (9:02 p.m.)

Item #1415 -073 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,
Denise L. Breissing, District Clerk
Board of Education
Attica Central School District



ATTICA BUS SERVICE, INC.

949 Creek Road, Attica, NY 14011

(585) 591-2107

March 9, 2015

Mr. Stephen Dziak
Attica Central School
3338 E Main Street
Attica, New York 14011

Dear Mr. Dziak:

Attica Bus Service, Inc. is willing to extend their existing transportation contracts for the 2015-2016 school year at an increase not to exceed the CPI that is allowed by the New York State Education Department.

Looking forwards to continue service to Attica Central School.

Sincerely,

ATTICA BUS SERVICE, INC.

Ralph E Marvin, President

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William G. Becker & Sons, Inc
1509 Perry Road
North Java, NY 14113
716-457-9966 585-535-7408



To: Attica School Board Members
From: William G Becker & Sons, Inc
Subject: Contract Extension
Date: February 17, 2015

Dear Attica Board Members,

I am willing to extend my school contract for the 2015-2016 school year for the increase equal to the consumer Price Index as allowed by contract.

Sincerely yours,

William G Becker

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MCDONALD'S BUS SERVICE, INC.
248 SARGENT ST.
COWLESVILLE, NY 14037
Telephone: 585 937-3131
Fax: 585 937-3136

March 11, 2015

Mr. Stephen Dziak, Bus Adm.
Attica Central School
3338 E. Main St.
Attica, NY 14011

Dear Mr. Dziak:

We would like to take the opportunity to offer to extend our current transportation contracts for the 2015/2016 School Year. We are presently providing services to:

St. Mary's High School/Lancaster
Immaculate Conception R.C. School/East Aurora

Please keep us informed as to the percentage of increase allowed by the State Education Department. I believe that this information is released early in May.

We would like to thank you and your staff for your continued cooperation and look forward to being of service to the Attica District in the future. Please keep us in mind for any additional or new runs that may come up.

Sincerely yours,



Donna Mae McDonald
Sec., Treas.

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March 23, 2015

Attica Central School District
Board of Education Offices
3338 East Main Street
Attica, NY 14011
ATTENTION: Mr. Stephen M. Dziak

RE: "Transportation Contract Extension"

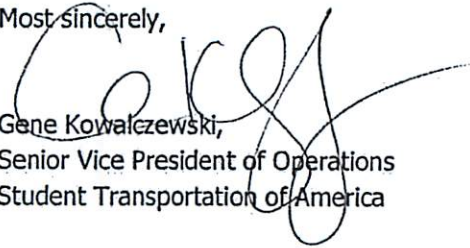
Dear Mr. Dziak,

On behalf of Student Transportation of America, I am writing to request an extension of all our current transportation contracts for the school year 2015 – 2016.

We are requesting, in accordance with original specifications and submissions, an increase equal to the May to May CPI for school year 2015 – 2016.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with Attica and we look forward to a long and mutually rewarding partnership. If for any reason you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Most sincerely,


Gene Kowalczewski,
Senior Vice President of Operations
Student Transportation of America

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