

March 29, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PHELPS-CLIFTON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

State Route 488, Clifton Springs, NY 14432 - Midlakes Elementary School

Special Meeting Minutes

Based on guidance from New York State regarding COVID-19, a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District was held remotely and live-streamed to the District's Facebook page on Monday, March 29, 2021.

The regular meeting was opened at 6:32 p.m. by President Amber Wilkes.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

A motion was made by Ms. Altman, seconded by Ms. Scherbyn to appoint Tracy Marshall as Acting District Clerk, carried unanimously (5-0).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Board Members, Tracy Altman, Matt Murphy, Ryan Davis, Sheri Scherbyn, and Amber Wilkes. Also present were Superintendent Matthew Sickles, and Business Administrator, Tracy Marshall.

A motion was made by Ms. Scherbyn, seconded by Mr. Davis to add the topic of In-Person Board Meetings (Item B) to the Board Discussions.

A motion was made by Ms. Altman, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the 3/29/2021 Agenda, carried unanimously (5-0).

REPORTS

Superintendent Sickles reported on the following: Communicable Disease Protocols, Evalumetrics Youth Survey, Planning for In-Person Instruction, Capital Project Timeline, State Testing, and Graduation – Saturday June 26.

BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Increasing In-Person Instruction

Members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Sickles discussed the return to in-person instruction. Prep work is being completed along with additional furniture purchases to accommodate the return of more students. Transportation continues to be the biggest challenge the district is facing based upon the current guidance. The district is preparing a survey regarding returning to in-person instruction that will provide usable data versus a generic survey. The option to remain in the hybrid model or full remote instruction will be available as well. The district's goal is to return to full in-person instruction within two to three weeks dependent on when the change of the guidance occurs. The topic of graduation was also discussed and how current guidance is determining the plans for the celebration of our 2021 graduates.

The Board Members discussed that the Board of Education is accountable to the community and therefore needs to hear all public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Altman to include public comment in all future meetings indefinitely, carried unanimously (5-0).

B. In-Person Board Meetings

The Board Members discussed their desire to return to in-person board meetings. Superintendent Sickles will be clarifying the guidelines regarding this specific type of meeting with the district's attorney. Screenings and temperature checks would be a requirement for in-person meetings. Accommodations with staff will also be required. Superintendent Sickles will provide more details of the resources required, possible locations, and restrictions to return to in-person board meetings at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ms. Altman, seconded by Ms. Scherbyn to approve the following New Business item, carried unanimously (5-0).

A. To approve the following resolution regarding the Communicable Disease Protocols.

WHEREAS, the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District (the "District") is required to annually review and adopt a District-wide School Safety Plan (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, public hearing and comment requirements are included in Education Law § 2801-a, which governs the creation and approval of such a plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was previously approved for the 2020-2021 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Education Law § 2801-a was recently amended to require the incorporation of protocols for responding to a declared public health emergency involving a communicable disease that are substantially consistent with the provisions of New York Labor Law § 27 (the "Pandemic Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the amended section 2801-a requires the District to present the draft Pandemic Plan to representatives of its employees, who must be provided an opportunity to review it and make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed the Pandemic Plan, complied with requirements to communicate the Pandemic Plan to representatives of its employees and to hold the necessary public hearing, and now presents the Pandemic Plan as part of the broader Plan for Board adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The revised District-wide School Safety Plan is approved and adopted by the Board.
2. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to submit the revised Plan to the Commissioner of Education within thirty (30) days of this resolution and to publish the Pandemic Plan as required under the law.

A motion was made by Ms. Altman, seconded by Ms. Scherbyn to approve the following New Business item, carried unanimously (5-0).

- B. To approve the following resolution regarding Fall II and Spring Sports.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Matthew Sickles, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize student participation in High-Risk Fall II Interscholastic Sports, retroactively beginning on March 1, 2021, and Low, Moderate and High-Risk Spring Interscholastic Sports, beginning on April 19, 2021, at the varsity, junior varsity, and modified levels, consistent with the approval and guidelines of the Ontario County Public Health Director dated January 27, 2021, and the Section V, New York State Public High School Athletic Association, and New York State Department of Health guidelines; and to further authorize the Superintendent of Schools and/or his designee to take all reasonable steps necessary throughout the season to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and spectators.

ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Sickles, a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting for the purpose of entering into executive session at 7:37 p.m., to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person and matters related to contract negotiations, was made by Ms. Altman, seconded by Ms. Scherbyn, and carried unanimously (5-0). Executive session ended at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Marshall, Acting District Clerk