

HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HANCOCK, NEW YORK 13783

AGENDA FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 21, 2023

Regular Meeting 5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at _____ with _____ presiding.

Attendance

Board Members	Present	Absent
Cliff Johnston, President		
Christopher Geer, Sr., Vice-President		
Gene Homer		
Nick Hazen		
Vicky Bogart		
Tammi Wadson, District Clerk		

Others	Present	Absent
Lori Asquith, Superintendent		
Lothar Holbert, Wayne Highlands Rep		
Julie Bergman, MS/HS Principal		
Thomas Durkot, Elementary Principal		

II. PRESENTATIONS:

- A) NYSSBA Board Retreat
- B) Asbestos Abatement Project Final Update

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There will be a sign-up sheet for members of the public wishing to address the Board of Education available at each Board meeting.
- Anyone wishing to speak at public session should fill in their name, address, and the topic or topics they want to speak about.
- People shall speak in order of names on the list.
- Each speaker shall be limited to five minutes total of speaking time.
- Public session shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes total. People may also submit any comments in writing to the District Clerk.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes, Regular and Executive Meeting, August 3, 2023.
- B. It is recommended to approve the CSE, 504 and CPSE recommendations.
- C. It is recommended that the recommendations of the Hancock Central School District Internal Claims Auditor for the period ending 07/28/2023 be approved.
- D. It is recommended to approve the Central Treasurer Report for May 2023, June 2023 and July 2023.
- E. It is recommended to approve the Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library Reports for June 2023.
- F. It is recommended to approve the following: In accordance with SECTION #550-(2) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law, concerning the Claimed "clerical error" on the 2022 assessment roll, I have investigated the claim by Jim Basile, Assessor, Town of Hancock, on parcel 123689 416.-1-13.1 owned by William R. Simon. The Assessor has verified that the Total Assessed Value was not applied correctly to the 2022 Assessment Roll. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554(1) of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2022 School Tax Bill Refund in the amount of \$55.15.
- G. It is recommended to approve the following: In accordance with SECTION #550-(2) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law, concerning the Claimed "clerical error" on the 2021 assessment roll, I have investigated the claim by Jim Basile, Assessor, Town of Hancock, on parcel 123689 416.-1-13.1 owned by William R. Simon. The Assessor has verified that the Total Assessed Value was not applied correctly to the 2021 Assessment Roll. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554(1) of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2021 School Tax Bill Refund in the amount of \$54.11.
- H. It is recommended to approve the following: In accordance with SECTION #550-(2) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law, concerning the Claimed "clerical error" on the 2020 assessment roll, I have investigated the claim by Jim Basile, Assessor, Town of Hancock, on parcel 123689 416.-1-13.1 owned by William R. Simon. The Assessor has verified that the Total Assessed Value was not applied correctly to the 2020 Assessment Roll. Therefore, pursuant to Section 554(1) of the Real Property Tax Law, the taxpayer is due a 2020 School Tax Bill Refund in the amount of \$53.51.

- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to approve the Hancock Central School Building Level School Emergency Response Plans (the MS/HS building plan and the elementary building plan) for school year 2023-2024.
- J. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to approve the Hancock Central School District-Wide School Safety Plan for school year 2023-2024.
- K. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to approve the Non-Instructional Employee Handbook 2023-2024.
- L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to dispose and shred the attached list of files #08072023 from the Records Room that have expired their retention dates per the records retention schedule and the Records Management Officer.
- M. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Hancock Association of Paraprofessionals and the Hancock Central School District approving the position of Substitute Registry for the period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a stipend of \$5,394/year.
- N. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to appoint Kelly DaBrescia to the Substitute Registry position for the period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a stipend of \$5,394/year.
- O. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to approve the school play proposal: *Headin' for a Weddin'*.
- P. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to accept, with regret, the resignation of Lori Rosendale, Literacy Teacher, effective August 14, 2023.
- Q. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to appoint Kaila Gamble as the MS/HS DASA Coordinator as the rate of \$905/year.
- R. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to appoint Amber Dennis as a Certified Term Substitute, at the base rate of \$47,000/year for the 2023-2024 school year.

- S. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to appoint Lauren Mobile as a full-time 1:1 aide/monitor at the rate of \$14.75/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.
- T. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to appoint Kara Wormuth as a full-time aide/monitor at the rate of \$14.75/hour for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
 ___ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

V. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Jodi Newman is appointed to the permanent appointment of Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation, from the Certification of Eligibles List, Delaware County Personnel Office, effective August 21, 2023 including a 26-week probationary period at her current salary of \$66,584.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
 ___ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended that Lou Cella, who holds a New York State Library Media Specialist, Initial Certificate expiring on August 31, 2028 be appointed to a four-year probationary appointment beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2027 to the position of Library Media Specialist Teacher in the tenure area of School Media Specialist (Library) at a starting salary of \$57,500/year.

* To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision, *classroom teacher* and *building principal* mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
 ___ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it is recommended to authorize Litigation Against Social Media Companies as follows:

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has issued an Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health which:

- "calls attention to the growing concerns about the effects of social media on youth mental health;"
- emphasized that "now is the time to act swiftly and decisively to protect children and adolescents from risk of harm;"
- "[t]he onus of mitigating the potential harms of social media should not be placed solely on the shoulders of parents and caregivers;" and
- "[t]echnology companies play a central role and have a fundamental responsibility in designing a safe online environment and in preventing, minimizing, and addressing the risks associated with social media."

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has further concluded that:

- "Social media use by youth is nearly universal. Up to 95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media 'almost constantly.'"
- "nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media;"
- "in early adolescence ... brain development is especially susceptible to social pressures, peer opinions, and peer comparison;"
- "[s]ocial media may ... perpetuate body dissatisfaction, disordered eating behaviors, social comparison, and low self-esteem, especially among adolescent girls;"
- "[i]n a nationally representative survey of girls aged 11-15, one-third or more say they feel 'addicted' to a social media platform;"
- "[o]ver half of teenagers report that it would be hard to give up social media;" and
- [t]here is a consistent relationship between excessive social media use "depression among youth."

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service has specifically urged that it is "urgent that we take action."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that students, "[m]ore than ever, were glued to [their cellphones] during class."

WHEREAS, it has been reported that "a growing number of educators ... find themselves on the front lines of a fight to change how students use social media"

and "there was been a push for more schools to ... develop programs to help educate students on the dangers of social media."

WHEREAS, the Hancock Central School District (the "School District") has and continues to experience significant problems with student use of social media, which use, among other things: (i) has created a substantial and ongoing interruption of and disturbance to its educational mission; (ii) has resulted in the diversion of substantial resources in an attempt to abate and prevent such use and its results harms; and (iii) poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of its students; and

WHEREAS, the School District is a leader in education excellence whose faculty and administrators care deeply about the education and well-being of its students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the School District.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
___Yes ___ No ___ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

Items of Discussion:

1. FERPA and ([Directory Information](#))
2. Facilities Updates
3. Entry Update
4. Superintendent Evaluation

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

- A) Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023, 7:00 PM
- B) Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, September 25, 2023, 7:00 PM

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the Board to enter into Executive Session at _____.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
___Yes ___ No ___ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

For the Board to move out of Executive Session at _____ and regular meeting resumed.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
___ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Consideration of a motion to adjourn the meeting at _____.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
___ Yes ___ No ___ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No