

**ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ALBION, NEW YORK 14411  
September 14, 2015 SUMMARY  
OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Mrs. Margy Brown, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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**PUBLIC FORUM** - None

**2. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of August 3, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report June 2015  
Treasurer's Report July 2015  
Treasurer's Report August 2015
- C. Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Report for July 2015
- D. CSE & CPSE Recommendations
- E. Committee on Special Education Referral Information
- F. Fundraiser Requests
- G. Building Use Requests

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**3. CORRESPONDENCE**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. HS Band Trip to Virginia Beach - Mr. Michael Thaine

Mr. Thaine reviewed information provided to the Board regarding the band trip to Virginia Beach. He indicated that the chorus and band trips occur on alternate years during the last week of April. This year because the band is going a greater distance, leaving on Friday morning as they usually do would use up valuable activity time. Mr. Thaine indicated there would be additional cost per student for a hotel if the trip were extended by a day to avoid evening travel. Additional drivers are required to travel through the night; however, the cost for the drivers is far less than the cost for an additional night in a hotel. In addition, there are AP exams during this time, sport practices and games which students would miss on Thursday. The bus would leave Thursday evening after all athletic games, travel through the evening and arrive in Virginia Beach Friday morning. A trip itinerary will be provided to the Board for final review and approval once all arrangements have been made.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Personnel

#### 1. Resignations:

- a. Orissa Hill  
Position: Cleaner @ ES  
Effective: 08/31/15
- b. Autumn Prior  
Position: RPN @ ES  
Effective: 09/18/15
- c. Michael Fahy  
Position: Long-Term Math Teacher @ HS  
(to be appointed as per diem substitute in item 6)  
Effective: 09/08/15

#### 2. Appointments:

- a. Laura Simboli  
Position: Account Clerk  
Effective: 09/30/15  
Civil Service Classification: Competitive  
Probationary Period: 09/30/15 – 09/29/16  
Salary: \$34,500
- b. Timothy Mercer  
Position: Director of Facilities II  
Effective: 10/01/15  
Civil Service Classification: Competitive  
Probationary Period: 10/01/15 – 09/30/16  
Salary: \$54,000
- c. Meghan Snook  
Position: School Monitor @ ES  
Effective: 09/08/15  
Civil Service Classification: Non-Competitive  
Probationary Period: 09/15/15 – 09/14/16  
Salary: \$9.00 per hour

#### 3. Lifeguard Recommendations for 2015-2016 school year:

##### Senior Lifeguards @ 15.00 per hour:

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| a. Adams, Don        | m. Neidert, Olivia |
| b. Benjovsky, Kali   | n. O'Hearn, Alison |
| c. Benjovsky, Monica | o. O'Hearn, Kellie |
| d. Bennett, Jennifer | p. Price, Lucian   |
| e. Burroughs, Carlos | q. Ricker, Kelly   |
| f. Capacci, Ann      | r. Schmitt, Kelsey |
| g. Erakare, Lydia    | s. Uveino, Pat     |
| h. Jessmer, Amy      | t. Wells, Shannan  |
| i. Kovaleski, Jay    | u. Wilson, Brooke  |
| j. Maxon, Rachel     | v. Wood, Debbie    |
| k. Maxon, Sarah      |                    |
| l. Mulrain, Shannon  |                    |

##### Junior Lifeguards @ \$10.00 per hour:

- a. Graham, Sarah

- b. Luft, MacKenzie
- c. Maier, Bailey
- d. Osborne, Cody
- e. Zicari, Connor

4. Organizational Business Appointments:

- a. Diane Stirk
  - Position: District Tax Collector
  - Effective: 10/01/15 – 06/30/16
  - Stipend: \$500
- b. Sharon LaDue
  - Position: Payroll Training
  - Effective: Balance of 2015-2016 school year
  - Salary: \$35 per hour

5. Notice of Retirements:

- a. Paul Mann
  - Position: Computer Specialist
  - Effective: 12/25/15
- b. Gloria Short
  - Position: Cleaner @ MS
  - Effective: 03/30/16

6. Substitutes:

- Certified Substitute Teachers
- Non-Certified Substitute Teachers
- Non-Instructional: Clerical, Teacher Aide, Monitor  
and Cleaner Substitutes

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- B. Designation of Voting Delegate  
NYSSBA Annual Meeting October 2015

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- C. Designation of Special Meeting for O/N BOCES  
Special Election

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- D. Scheduling of Finance & Audit Committee

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- E. 2015-2016 Snow Removal Bid

|   | Last Year Bid     | Current Bid       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Hourly Rates for equipment with operator: |                   |                   |
| 9' Plow/4x4 P/U                           | \$ 68.00/Hour     | \$ 68.00/Hour     |
| 10' Plow SA Truck                         | \$ 75.00/Hour     | \$ 74.00/Hour     |
| 12' Plow/Pay-Loader                       | \$ 120.00/Hour    | \$ 122.00/Hour    |
| 8' Snow-Blower                            | \$ 125.00/Hour    | \$ 127.00/Hour    |
| Back-up Sand/Ice Cntrl.                   | \$ 130.00/Cu. Yd. | \$ 130.00/Cu. Yd. |
| Guaranteed Minimum                        | \$ 28,900         | \$ 28,900         |
| Total Estimated Cost                      | \$ 28,900         | \$ 28,900         |

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### F. Donations

- School Supplies for ES and MS

**BOARD APPROVED** the donation of school supplies for the **Elementary and Middle Schools from Mrs. Claire Bartlett of Albion, New York. The total value of the donations is \$50.00-\$60.00.**

### G. Board Members' Open House Participation

Board Members discussed their participation in each building's Open House.

### H. Volunteers

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## 8. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

### A. Building Principal Reports

Building Principal reports were submitted for Board Members' review.

The Board asked Mrs. Curtin, Elementary School Principal, about the service dog that accompanies a student due to a medical condition. Mrs. Curtin reported that prior to the beginning of the school year, faculty and the nursing staff held a parent meeting. The dog practiced walking through the halls of the building and getting on and off the bus. She reported that everything is going well, that the dog is not viewed as a school pet, and is a very unassuming dog. He is with the student and they move together through the day. There have been no issues regarding allergies or fear of the dog by other students.

The Board also asked Mr. Peterson, High School Principal, about the Literacy Initiative. Mr. Peterson reported this will be more focused in class and the staff is going over the plan and specifics. The first Department Chair meeting was held and Carol Bush, Literacy Specialist, is working with the chairs on academic vocabulary with a focus on teaching literacy in all content areas.

### B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bonnewell reviewed:

o Commissioner of Education

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board the information shared at the meeting with the Commissioner of Education. Mr. Bonnewell and various district staff attended the meeting with the Commissioner of Education at Sanborn BOCES. Albion was the only district to bring students (the High School Student Council President and Vice President) to this meeting of "educational constituents" on September 8, 2015.

o Capital Project

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board the delay for state approval of work on the capital project. There is presently a 48-week delay for anything that requires mechanical review. Some portions of the capital project may only need architectural review. A further review will be made as to submitting the project with priority being given to the roofing, overhead doors, structural (windows) and paving.

o Technology Plan

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that we have an outside firm auditing our technology program.

o Bargaining Unit Contracts

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that we have two contracts that we will be working on through the course of the school year.

o Modified Boys Soccer

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that on opening day of the Modified Boys Soccer program, there were 17 students. Following additional recruitment efforts, there are now 20 students participating, which is enough for one team.

o Enrollment

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board that our present enrollment is 1,965 PK-12 students. Our largest classes are 183 (9<sup>th</sup> grade) students and 162 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) students. Our smallest classes are 127 (K, 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade) students.

o APPR

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed with the Board the APPR information. The 2014-15 results are out and similar to the past two years. There is a new blueprint for the APPR plan for the 2015-16 school year with a new waiver provision. The plan or a waiver must be in place by November 15<sup>th</sup> but the assessments must be adopted and approved by SED for that to happen. A waiver may be needed if assessment approval is not provided in time.

o Engage NY

Mr. Bonnewell provided the Board with information on the Engage NY website.

o Opening Day

Mr. Bonnewell reviewed the Opening Day presentation that was shared with district staff on September 8, 2015.

**9. BOARD DATES**

| DAY     | DATE               | EVENT                      | TIME    |
|---------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Tuesday | September 22, 2015 | Special O/N BOCES Election | 6:45 am |

|        |                  |                                    |         |
|--------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Monday | October 5, 2015  | Regular Board of Education Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Monday | November 2, 2015 | Regular Board of Education Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Monday | December 7, 2015 | Regular Board of Education Meeting | 7:00 pm |

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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**11. OPEN SESSION**

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**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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