

The first September meeting of the Corinth Central School Board of Education was held on September 8, 2020. President Lozier called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Board Member Roll Call: Trustee Freebern, Trustee Lueck, Trustee Baker, Trustee Kelley and Trustee Bourdeau; Present: Mark Stratton, Superintendent; Jill Cheney-Bovee, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Foley, Business Administrator; Jennifer Bardin, District Clerk; Also Present: Eric Schenone, Renee Young, Jessica Valente, Brian Testani, Bob Bush, Kathleen Wardell, Dan Miller, Lisa Tevendale.

Pledge of Allegiance: Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by President Lozier.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Lueck made a motion second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2020, Board of Education meeting.

Public Participation on agenda items was offered. There was none.

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Stratton stated that the Re-Opening started last week with three Superintendent Day's. There were three mandatory trainings. There will be three more Superintendent Days this week with planning and preparation for Friday September 11th being a Full Virtual Day and Monday September 14th the first day back in person. Dr. Stratton stated that he is comfortable and confident in our re-opening plan. He thanked the district re-opening committee and sub-committees. He has said it a number of times that this could not have happened without their hard work. Stratton mentioned the three policy changes that are on the agenda for review stating that they are standard legal policy changes that are recommended due to COVID. Stratton also mentioned that State Ed is saying that we can use snow days as virtual days, so students can stay home logon and continue to teach remotely. He assumes this is a one year pilot but may be adopted for future. Dr. Stratton also mentioned that Shane Griffin whom is a retiree is willing to come back and fill the Physical Education position until a replacement is found in the elementary.

Budget Update: Sue Foley spoke in regards to the 2020-21 budget and the current financial condition of NYS. She reminded everyone of the measurement periods that's aid can be reduced, which are April 1st through April 30th, May 1st through June 30th and July 1st through December 31st. Sue stated initially we thought that they could only make cuts to aid during these periods, however that is incorrect, they can withhold whenever they want based on these periods of measurement. On August 13th NYS Division of Budget released the first quarterly update stating that there was a \$14.5 billion revenue decline and overall the state is estimating a total loss of \$62 billion through FY 2024 as a result of COVID. The state has temporarily withheld 20% of aid payments due to localities. For July and August they have only approved 80% aid payments of General Aid, Excess Cost Aid and BOCES Aid. The impact on state aid for the 2019-20 school year was reduced 20% for a total of \$151,909 between excess cost and BOCES Aid. Based on budget news for the 2020-21 school year reducing aid by 20% creates a gap in the budget of \$2,563,073 between Foundation Aid, Excess Cost, Transportation, Building, BOCES and Instructional Materials. How are we going to close that gap, we have a debt service of \$497,247, ERS & TRS Reserves of \$100,000, EBLAR \$85,335, Reduce Expenditures by \$300,000 so far and we have a Fund Balance. The auditors are still working on the books, however we are supposed to have a 4% fund balance and we do have a much higher than required, just want to be careful not to use too much.

Business Items:

Accept Certification of Internal Claims Auditor: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to accept the certification of the Internal Claims Auditor for the following warrants: A-10 \$22,048.15; A-11 \$510,547.58.

Personnel Items:

Teacher Mentor Appointments: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0, to approve the New Teacher Mentors for the 2020-2021 school year, as per Appendix A.

Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to approve the Updated Extra-Curricular Appointments, for the 2020-2021 school year, as per Appendix B.

Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to approved the one year probationary appointment of James Garnett, Bus Driver, effective 9/1/20 and ending 8/31/21.

Permanent Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to approve the permanent appointment of Tanya Lewis, Senior Typist, effective 8/28/20, having met the requirements of the probationary period.

Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Jenna Freytag, Health Education Teacher, to a four year appointment in the Health Education tenure area commencing 9/1/20 and ending 8/31/24.

Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to accept the resignation of Samantha Bodenstab, Elementary Physical Education Teacher, effective 8/30/20.

Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to approve the appointment of Andrea Figueroa, to a four year probationary appointment as Teaching Assistant, in the Teaching Assistant tenure area, commencing 9/1/20 and ending 8/31/24.

Provisional Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to approve the Provisional Appointment of Susan Smith, Head Bus Driver, effective 9/21/20, until all Civil Service requirements are met.

Administrative Business Items:

Policy Review: First Reading of Policy # 3520, 30 days

Policy Review: First Reading of Policy # 6570, 30 days

Policy Review: First Reading of Policy # 7150, 30 days

Balance Transfer: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to approve the balance transfer from EBLAR of \$85,335 to the fund balance.

Approval of Agreement: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to approve the agreement between Corinth Central School District and Michael & Julia DiGiacchino to transport their child to and from the educational placement for the 2020-2021 school year and agrees to reimburse the parents at the current IRS mileage rate with a total anticipated annual cost of \$18,500.

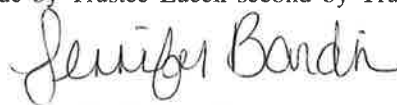
Committees on Special Education: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to accept the recommendations of the Committees on Special Education, as follows: CSE: 2/27, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/10, 3/12, 3/23, 3/24, 4/2, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 4/20, 4/23, 4/27, 4/29, 5/21, 6/16, 6/17; 504: 10/16

Comments from the Board of Education: There were none

Comments from the Public: There were none

Comments from the CTA, CSEA & ASU: There were none

With there being no further regular business a motion was made by Trustee Lueck second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to adjourn at 6:14pm.



Jennifer Bardin
District Clerk