

The March meeting of the Corinth Central School Board of Education was held on March 9, 2021. President Lozier called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Board Member Roll Call: Vice President Freebern, Trustee Baker, Trustee Bourdeau, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Lueck; Absent: Trustee Jenkins; Student Board Member: Ann Cook; Present: Mark Stratton, Superintendent; Jill Cheney-Bovee, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Foley, Business Administrator; Jennifer Bardin, District Clerk; Also Virtually Present: Brian Testani, Louise Carney, Eric Schenone, Renee Young, Jessica Valente, Dee Nolet, Melodie Monica, Lisa Tevendale, Dan Miller, Sam Honaker, Teresa Crombach, Michael Goot.

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 Baker and passed 6-0 to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021, Board of Education meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Kelley made a motion second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2021, Special Board of Education meeting.

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

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Stratton recognized Lisa Wells on her retirement after being with the district for 29 years, stating that she will be greatly missed. Stratton also recognized Dan Miller on his resignation after being with the district for almost 4 years, stating that this is bittersweet, however we wish Dan the best and he has been remarkable with improvements and will be huge to replace Dan. Stratton announced that Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> will be a half day, remind families of the snow day pilot so this will offer some time back to the students and staff. Dr. Stratton stated that with the football merger with Fort Edward for the Fall 2 Season, due to Fort Edward being in another county, Dr. Neilson is being more cautious before approving this plan with stating that we would need to randomly test 50% of our participants on a weekly basis. This would be a district expense of \$15 per test (student) at about \$225 weekly. Stratton mentioned the UPK Program on the agenda, and reminded the board that this is just approving the program itself, not the positions, the positions would be determined later after registration. Encouraging the board tonight to budget for the position of a second preschool classroom. As we have all heard we have a healthy fund balance at this point. There will be more money transferred from this year budget to fund balance. Stratton stated that Sue has done a fantastic job at putting this district at a great financial state. There is also plenty of data that can be shared.

Budget Update: Sue Foley gave a budget update with the proposed budget. The proposed General Support budget amount of \$2,935,640, Transportation \$1,039,300, which is decreased, Debt Service of \$1,638,500 which has also decreased. BOCES Budget of \$1,754,940 has an increase of about 2%, about \$40,000. Instruction - Administrative Budget, including curriculum development, supervision, planning & valuation and in-service training with an amount of \$749,150 an increase of about \$46,000. The total Instruction budget is at \$11,662,545, with the additions of 2 UPK teachers, Elementary Teacher, Foreign Language Teacher and a Math Teacher, with an increase of 2.2%. Total Proposed Budget \$23,193,495 which is a 1.76% increase over the current year. Proposed Budget additions include the above listed teachers and a Steam Program and two (2) International Baccalaureate Student Slots. As part of the budget hearing in May we have to represent the 3 part budget. The administrative portion takes care of Board of Education, Central Administration, Finance, Legal & Info Services, Central Services, Curriculum Development & Supervision and employee benefits with the total Administrative being \$2,485,650 consisting of 10.72% of the budget, a difference of \$87,682 from current year.. The Program part, consisting of Teaching – Regular School, Programs for students with disabilities, Teaching – OCC ED, Teaching- Summer School, Instructional Media, Pupil Personnel Services, Transportation, Community Services, Employee Benefits and Interfund Transfers with a total amount of \$16,637,845, which is 71.73% of the budget, a difference of \$372,950 from current budget. The Capital part consisting of Maintenance & Operation of Plant, BOCES – Capital Expense, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Interfund Transfer with a total Capital Budget of \$4,070,000, which is 17.55% of the budget, and a difference of \$(59,000) due to last payment of bus band. Tax Cap Levy \$9,768,828, an allowable increase of \$18,828 over current year, .2% increase. If we keep at the current tax levy, which is a proposed budget of \$23,193,495, we would need \$250,873 from reserves to balance out the budget. Sue reminded the board that we have to adopt the budget by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Stratton stated to put this into context, we are replacing some staff that we previously discontinued, adding UPK Staff, and on top of that we will not be increasing the tax cap. Trustee Bourdeau asked if the UPK will be sustainable after this year. Sue stated that we can work into the budget. We have been hearing from the governor's office that this year was going to be the crunch however that was not the case. So it is projected that will happen in 2022-23, however we have a healthy fund balance. Stratton mentioned that we are not depleting our fund balance. We still have a large % of our fund balance.

Business Items:

Approval of Treasurer's Reports: A motion as made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month of January 2021, as follows:

General Fund	Jan. 2021	\$9,792,434.78
School Lunch Fund	Jan. 2021	138,864.37
Special Aid Fund	Jan. 2021	45,629.44
Capital Projects Fund	Jan. 2021	1,522,471.62
Trust & Agency Fund	Jan. 2021	37,616.56
Net Payroll	Jan. 2021	5,930.90
Endowment, Scholarship & Gift Funds	Jan. 2021	154,128.08
 Class Monthly Activity	 Jan. 2021	 \$56,606.35

Accept Certification of Internal Claims Auditor: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to accept the Certification of Internal Claims Auditor, for the following warrants A-36 \$161,250.25; A-38 \$244,269.82; TA-8 \$943,129.89

Approval of Excess: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve Bus #110 as excess.

Approval of Excess: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve weight room equipment as excess.

Approval of Excess: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve old staging as excess.

Approval of Excess: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve wrestling mats as excess.

Approval of SEQRA Resolution: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the SEQRA Resolution, as per Appendix A.

Approval of Propositions: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the Proposition for the 2021-2022 Budget, as follows:

1. Adopt the annual budget of the Corinth Central School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised on the taxable property of the district.
2. Shall the Board of Education of the Corinth Central School District be authorized to (a) acquire school buses at a maximum aggregate cost of \$250,000; (b) expend such sum for such purpose; and (c) expend up to \$250,000 from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund or from other available funds for such purpose, (d) with the balance, if any, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and to issue obligations of said School District in anticipation of the collection of such tax?
3. Resolved, that the Corinth Public Library be authorized to raise Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$65,497) separate and apart from the annual school budget, an increase of \$1,543 from the annual amount of Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$63,954) formerly authorized by voters of the district, to support and maintain such library; said appropriation shall be raised annually by a tax upon the taxable property of said school district and shall be an annual appropriation thereafter until charged by further vote of the majority of electors of the Corinth Central School District, and shall be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes.
4. To elect two members of the Board of Education, for one (1) five year term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2026, (term currently held by Lori Baker), whose term expires on June 30, 2021, and one (1) one year term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2022, (term currently held by Meredith Jenkins), whose term expires June 30, 2021.

Approval of Calendar: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the 2021-2022 Corinth Central School Calendar, as presented.

#### Personnel Items:

Retirement Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0, to accept the retirement resignation of Lisa Wells, Spanish Teacher, effective 7/1/21.

Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0, to accept the resignation of Dan Miller, Director II of Facilities, effective 3/26/21.

Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0, to approve the appointment of Jodie Burton, Cafeteria Food Service Helper, to a one year probationary appointment commencing 3/15/21 and ending 3/14/22.

2836 Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the appointment of Emma Neville, Cleaner, to a one year probationary appointment commencing 3/15/21 and ending 3/14/21.

Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the appointment of Kristine Allen, Cleaner, to a one year probationary appointment commencing 3/15/21 and ending 3/14/21.

Appointment: A motion as made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to appoint Ashley Bush, Cafeteria Food Service Substitute, effective 3/10/21.

Extra-Curricular Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the Elementary School AIS Afterschool tutors for the 2020-2021 school year, as follows: Megan Kanofsky and Sandy Flint, payable as per CTA Contract.

Administrative Business Items:

Approval of Policy: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the revision of Policy #3420, having met the 30 day review.

Approval of Policy: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve Policy #5633, having met the 30 day review.

Policy Review: First Reading of Policy #5670, 30 Days.

Approval of Resolution for New Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Corinth Central School that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein. FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A: (a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein; (b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Approval of Bond Resolution: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the Bond Resolution dated March 9, 2021, as per Appendix B.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Corinth Central School District and the Corinth Teachers Association, as per Appendix C.

Accept Committees on Special Education: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to accept the recommendations of the Committees on Special Education: CSE: 2/10, 2/12, 2/24, 2/26; 504: 2/24.

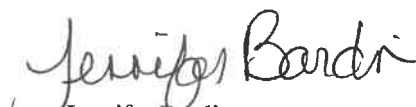
Approval of UPK Program: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6-0 to approve the UPK Program for the 2021-2022 school year.

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 Freebern second by Trustee Baker and passed 6-0 to adjourn into executive session to discuss Particular Person or Persons known to the board and Negotiations at 6:27pm.

  
Jennifer Bardin  
District Clerk

The board reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

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With there being no further regular business a motion was made by Trustee Freebern second by Trustee Bourdeau and passed 6- 0 to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.



Mark Stratton  
Clerk Pro-Tem