

The February meeting of the Corinth Central School Board of Education was held on February 9, 2021. President Lozier called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board Member Roll Call: Vice President Freebern, Trustee Baker, Trustee Bourdeau, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Lueck and 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 Present: Eric Schenone, Renee Young, Jessica Valente, Brian Testani, Denise Fay, Mary Salati, Alan Spieldenner, Sarah Graham, Hilary Haskell, Sam Honaker, Stacy Constant, Dan Miller, and Lynette Jensen.

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

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Kelley made a motion second by Trustee Baker and passed 7-0 to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021, Board of Education meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Lueck made a motion second by Trustee Freebern and passed 7-0 to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021, Special Board of Education meeting.

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

Superintendent’s Update: Dr. Stratton announced that it is great to see student athletes on the basketball courts. He has heard great things. Also announced that there are a few retirements’ tonight; Congratulated Joan Mirgalia, Mary Salati and Carol Cutler. Joan has been with the district 20.5 years, Carol 21 years and Mary 32 years. These are huge shoes to fill. Dr. Stratton thanked them for their service and wish them all the best.

Budget Update: Sue Foley gave the 2021-2022 Budget Proposal, stating off with the projected enrollment of 1130 students, current enrollment is 1085. Overall of what the proposed budget looks like is \$22,862,613, up about \$70,000 .3% increase. We still have to look at instruction and benefits as well as BOCES Budget that will begin in March. Not much of a change in the general support, which includes Board of Education, Central Administration, Central Services, etc. Transportation is going down, due to debt services being down. By March 1st we have to send in what we think the property tax cap will be. Tax Base Growth Factor and the Levy Growth are given by the state. Maximum Tax Levy is \$9,774,646, which is subject to change. The governor’s proposal is he has asked that the transportation, BOCES, Computer Hardware, Computer Software, Library Books and text books be included in the service aid. Also there is a new STAR payment showing on state aid proposal. Amount is used in the calculation of the reduction of aid/funding to school district due to increased federal aid. Local District Funding Adjustment – similar to pandemic adjustment for the 20-21 budget and COVID-19 Supplemental Stimulus which is Federal Aid approved in December 2020. The other proposals to STAR that the governor has made is requiring property owner trying to switch from basic STAR to the enhanced STAR program and mobile homeowners to give up the exemption in favor of the STAR credit. Requiring any property owner switching from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit program to do so by May 1, 2021 in order to receive the credit on the current school years tax bill. Those who do not make the change on time will receive the exemption for the current year, and any difference generated by the credit as a check. The current deadline is June 15th. Using the governor’s proposal proposed revenues is \$22,942,622. The difference for the 2021-22 is \$80,009 in expenditures and revenues. Bus Purchase proposition will be for on (1) 66 passenger bus and one (1) 36 passenger bus with a maximum amount of \$250,000. March meeting will cover instruction, BOCES and employee benefits.

Business Items:

Accept Certification of Internal Claims Auditor: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to accept the Certification of Internal Claims Auditor, for the following warrants A-31 \$48,055; A-32 \$208,778.56; A-34 \$153,49.53; A-35 \$234,158.83; TA-7 \$906,228.30.

Approval of Extra-Credit Hours: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the Extra-Credit hours for the following, payable as per CTA Contract.

Tina Peck	EDA Teach/Learn: Curriculum	3 Credits
Elizabeth O’Connell	EDA 5030 Teach/Learn: Curriculum	3 Credits
	EDA 5040 Teach/Learn: Prof Standards	3 Credits
	EDA 5020 Teach/Learn: Student Asses	3 Credits
	EDA 5070 Intern Semin: Appl Stands-Pract	3 Credits
	EDA 5080 ED Admin Internship (spring)	3 Credits
	EDA 5080 ED Admin Internship (fall)	3 Credits
	Total	18 Credits

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Total 6 Credits

Approval of Treasurer's Reports: A motion as made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month of December 2020, as follows:

General Fund	Dec. 2020	\$10,239,158.25
School Lunch Fund	Dec. 2020	43,349.60
Special Aid Fund	Dec. 2020	60,727.91
Capital Projects Fund	Dec. 2020	1,635,927.50
Trust & Agency Fund	Dec. 2020	35,126.94
Net Payroll	Dec. 2020	5,930.90
Endowment, Scholarship & Gift Funds	Dec. 2020	154,121.54
Class Monthly Activity	Dec. 2020	\$55,849.26

Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the authorization of the District to participate in the Cooperative Purchasing Program with WSWHE BOCES, for those items listed, for the 2021-2022 school year, as per Appendix A.

Personnel Items:

Permanent Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0, to approve the permanent appointment of William Bergin. Groundskeeper/Cleaner, effective 1/28/21.

Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0, to approve the appointment of Brielle Baker, to a four year probationary appointment as Teaching Assistant, in the Teaching Assistant tenure area commencing 2/10/21 and ending 2/9/25.

Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0, to approve the appointment of Diana Lescault, Cafeteria Monitor, to a one year probationary appointment, commencing 2/10/21 and ending 2/9/22.

Probationary Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the appointment of Renee Price, Bus Driver, to a one year probationary appointment, commencing 2/10/21 and ending 2/9/22.

Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the appointment of Gwen Livingston, Substitute Bus Monitor, effective 2/10/21.

Approval of AIS After School Tutors: A motion as made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the Middle School AIS After School Tutors for the 2020-21 school year, payable as per CTA Contract as follows: Nicole Griffiths, Tina Peck, Drew McEvoy, Lynette Jensen and Madison Albright.

Extra-Curricular Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the extra-curricular appointment of Brian Bowe, Fall 2021 Season Varsity Football Coach, effective 9/1/21.

Extra-Curriculum Appointment: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the extra-curricular appointments for JV Winter Sport Positions, for the 2021 season, retroactively to 2/6/21, as per Appendix B.

Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to accept the resignation of Monique Hehl, Student/Teacher Mentor for the 2020-21 school year, effective 1/12/21.

Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to accept the resignation of Brielle Baker, Cafeteria Monitor, effective 2/9/21.

Retirement Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to accept the retirement resignation of Joan Miraglia, Special Education Teacher, effective 7/1/21.

Retirement Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to accept the retirement resignation of Mary Salati, Elementary Teacher, effective 7/1/21.

Retirement Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to accept the retirement resignation of Carol Cutler, 7-12 Band Director, effective 7/1/21.

Retirement Resignation: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to accept the retirement resignation of Donna Hebert, Food Service Helper, effective 2/12/21.

Approval of FMLA: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley, second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the FMLA Leave for Michael Reynolds, to begin 2/3/21 through 4/28/21 in accordance with Board Policy #6551.

Approval of Unpaid Leave: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the Unpaid Leave of Absence request for Harold Thompson, Bus Driver, commencing 2/1/21 through 3/1/21.

Administrative Business Items:

Approval of Contract: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the contract between Corinth Central School District and Saratoga Springs School District for Health & Welfare services provided at a rate of \$628.11 per student for the 2020-21 school year.

Approval of Special Ed Plan: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the Special Ed Plan for the 2020-21 school year, as presented.

Policy Review: First Reading of Policy #3420 Revision, 30 Days.

Policy Review: First Reading of Policy #5633, 30 Days.

Accept Committees on Special Education: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to accept the recommendations of the Committees on Special Education: CSE: 1/14, 1/20, 1/27; CPSE: 1/20; 504: 1/14, 1/27.

Approval of Job Title Reclassification: A motion was made by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to approve the Job Title Reclassification as per Appendix C.

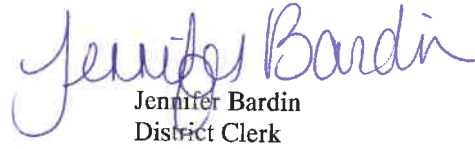
Comments from the Board of Education: Vice President Freebern asked if there was any more information on moving the 5th grade up to the middle school and having pre-k in the elementary. Dr. Stratton stated that budget for next year includes the 1 class for preschool next year. Had a meeting earlier with the director of head start, Goal is to expand that program. What they agreed to would be that tentatively they would have 2 head start classes. Ultimately we would be looking for the possibility of an additional preschool class so we would have 2 head start classes and 2 preschool classes resulting in 4 classes and this should service all our little people population. That is extremely important to this district academic achievement. Freebern asked if the head start would come back to the school responsibility. Dr. Stratton stated no that they are completely funded through their own organization. Trustee Kelley asked about the population of the incoming preschoolers. Renee Young stated we have 74 that would be preschool for upcoming school year. That is based off live births for the 2017 year and the census. It could be more or less. Freebern also asked about the athletic trainer and if we can hopefully move forward with adding that back in next year. Dr Stratton deferred to Hilary Haskell in asking in regards to the athletic trainer and refreshing our memory in regards to sharing the athletic trainer. We had reached out to the director of top form in regards to shared services last year and last year was an abundance of schools wanting to use the services, Luzerne and Lake George went to full time. He was going to split with Corinth, Granville, and Fort Edward, however was only available from 11-12pm, felt didn't fit needs during day. At this point no other services available, even though section 2 requires at this time, unless looking to go full time. Dr. Stratton stated that it sounds like maybe there is some interest in seeing if we can do a .5 service. Hillary will reach out to the Adirondack League and Top Form to see if there were any schools that are interested in doing that. Freebern asked about a previous discussion about Saratoga Hospital and if that is an avenue? Stratton asked if Hillary is she was familiar with Saratoga Hospital, she is not familiar but not a bad avenue to check out. Trustee Kelley asked about moving the Superintendent and Secretary offices. Dr. Stratton stated that most of the work can be done within house. It was explained that Superintendent would move to the current board room and then secretary would be the room next to the board room. In return Jill would move to Superintendent current office with her secretary. Board Room would then be at the Transportation department due to sufficient amount of space there and how accessible it is. Trustee Lueck stated that his initial thought was he likes coming in this current building to see the things here.

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 Baker second by Trustee Lueck and passed 7-0 to adjourn into executive session to discuss Contractual Purposes at 7:30pm.

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Jennifer Bardin
District Clerk

The board reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Capital Project Special Vote Results: A motion was made by Trustee Bourdeau second by Trustee Kelley and passed 7-0 to accept the Capital Project Special Vote Results of 190 Yes 102 No.

With there being no further regular business a motion was made by Trustee Baker second by Trustee Freebern and passed 7- 0 to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.



Mark Stratton
Clerk Pro-Tem