

Little Flower Union Free School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 25, 2021
District Offices -Virtual – 4:00 p.m.

Charles Drexel, President
Joseph Delgado, Vice-President
Frank Caliguiri
Raymond Fell
Corinne Hammons
Nancy Hancock
Grace LoGrande
Bridgette Waite

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marilyn Adsitt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harold J. Dean, Superintendent
Robert Scappatore, Principal
Philip Kenter, School Business Administrator
Michael Gordon, Asst. Principal/Director of Special Ed.
Kathleen Nolan, District Clerk

ALSO PRESENT

1. President Drexel called the meeting to order at 4:01p.m. Superintendent Dean led with the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE:

2. President Drexel welcomed all.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

3. Superintendent Dean reported on the following items:

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- **District News –**

- Enrollment Update- District has had several new students start and more scheduled to start. M. Gordon will provide details in his report. Programing Update- Formal announcement of autism and day student approval is pending.
- Budget and Finance Update - \$300K Key Bank RAN paid 1/29/21. The Business Practices Handbook is under development. Bond counsel McLaughlin Law moved to Whiteman, Osterman, Hannah LLP, adoption in April with DASNY bond. FFCRA has expired, now covered under NYS COVID Leave.
- Programming Update – Day student capacity increase has been granted. ES BOCES LTG grant consortium year 3 funding \$5K for Chromebooks and tech/science development. Ineligible for FCEP grant due to graduation count data. New Work Based Learning Experience “coffee shop” underway R. Scappatore will

provide details in his report. School Medical Director, will be meeting with D. Gil, Rocky Pt. Medical Care. Dr. Gil served as WC office 2015-2017. Just Kids Diagnostic Center partnership formed in event testing is required.

- Board Considerations – Virtual meeting extended as per EO. Board policy committee second meeting completed review of level 1000 policies, level 2000 under review. Teaching Assistant, Paul Maggio, is recommended for tenure. Draft of 2021-2022 school year calendar for review and adoption.
- Foundation – Holiday event for residential, non-home students with Johnny Donovan was a success. Virtual fundraiser in development for spring will use an online auction format plus donation drive.

- **Regional Updates –**

- SCSSA , CSA, EE Cluster – Testing and vaccinations challenges from Cuomo and County due to scheduling limitations.
- Longwood Legislative Breakfast – scheduled for February 6, virtual space still available.

- **Statewide Updates –**

- NYS- Advocating Senate Bill S572 for establishment of Reserve Fund annually 1% total 4%. 2022 Fiscal Year budget book from Governor Cuomo's budget proposal. NYSBBA graphic detailing the allowable tax levy growth for schools in 2021-22 budgets.
- NYSED – Chancellor Lester Young appointed by Regents. No indication of June or August Regents or 3-8, advocacy for not attaching to graduation requirements, no APPR waiver yet. Drafting guidance for 2021-22 reopening underway. CRRSA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act)-memo detailing additional ESSER and GEER funding 2021-22. NYSED memo detailing ways districts can support graduating class of 2021.
- Coalition – Draft letter supporting Special Acts from Lower Hudson Superintendents Association.
- NYSSBA – Capital Conference virtual, February 3, 2021.
- NYSCOSS – still advocating for APPR waiver, 3-8 waiver if permitted, Regents exemptions.
- NYS DOH – Phase 1B includes school staff, however, appoint issues of limited availability. District can provide letters if board able to get appointments.

**PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT**

4. R. Scappatore provided a report on.
District is moving towards full-time. Our students especially benefit from full-time, need the structure we provide. Semester 2 – all high school will be full-time, Monday – Friday with a full 5 day schedule beginning 2/1/21. Life Skills – presents a Challenge with an alternate program for distance as too many 1:1's in classrooms. Lunches will still be in cottages, during which time classrooms will be cleaned.

DIRECTOR'S
REPORT

5. M. Gordon provided a report on.
37 packets received. December saw a loss of couple of students, however, January projects a gain of 8 new students to have 115 students enrolled with billable FTE's a bit less. February should see a start of 115 students. WBLE program has started a "coffee sale" with students helping to prep, take orders, and deliver. This program is designed to develop employment skills, with proceeds going to the Foundation. Peconic Bay Keeper visited and met with 13 students explaining the needs to pursue a career in this field and what a typical workday is like. For the first time several students will be taking the PSAT. Special thanks to our Guidance Counselor, Michelle Fuentes for bringing this about.
6. B. Waite moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the consent agenda
CONSENT AGENDA
- 6.1 B. Waite moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 8-0 to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday December 14, 2020. Minutes
- 6.2 Financials
- b.1 B. Waite moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2020. Treasurer's Report
- b.2 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the schedule of bills for the month of:
December 2020: WN-23, WN-24, WN-25
Schedule of Bills
- b.3 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Trial Balance Report for the month of December 2020. Trial Balance Report
- b.4 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Budget Status Report for the month of December 2020. Budget Status Report
- b.5 B. Waite moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Revenue Status Report for the month of December 2020. Revenue Status Report
- b.6 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Accounts Receivable Report for the month as of 12/31/20. Accounts Receivable Report
- b.7 B. Waite moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Claims Audit Report for the months of November & December 2020. Claims Audit Report

- b.8 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the following Budget Transfers
General Fund Budget Transfers for the month of December 2020:

Little Flower U.F.S.D. Budget Transfers - December 2020

<u>Ref.</u> <u>#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Transaction</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Approval</u> <u>Status</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Transfer</u>
94	From Tchg Asst/Aide Summer Salaries to Bldg. Ofc. Staff and Network/IT Salaries.	12/1/2020	Dr. Philip Kenter	\$ 8,845.67
95	Transfer from Teacher,Behavior and 1:1 Summer Salaries to Sub Tchr/Tchg Asst. Salaries	12/1/2020	Dr. Philip Kenter	\$ 58,996.08
96	Required to increase PO# 21137 by \$12,000. for Ann Romeo to perform Consulting Services.	12/22/2020	Dr. Philip Kenter	\$ 10,340.00
97	Transfer \$12,000. from 1:1 Aide Salaries to O&M Materials & Supplies due to COVID-19 addl. costs.	12/22/2020	Dr. Philip Kenter	\$ 12,000.00

Total:

\$ 90,181.75

- 6.3 B. Waite moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the following recommendations of the committee:

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#10288

CSE
Recommendations

- 6.4 B. Waite moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

- a. Paul Maggio, Teaching Assistant, Tenure effective 01/01/21 (Probationary Appointment 01/01/17 to 12/31/20).
- b. FMLA
Jeanne Mallon, Teacher Special Education, for a 4-week period starting January 4, 2021 (use of sick leave allocation).

Tenure Appointments

Employees Leaving
District F/T Temporary

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 C. Hammons moved, R. Fell seconded, carried 8-0 to adopt the 2021-2022 School Calendar.

School Calendar
2021-2022

8. 5:05 p.m. N. Hancock moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 8-0 to enter Executive Session to discuss negotiations and legal matters. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- R. Scappatore, M. Gordon, K. Nolan, and P. Kenter left meeting.
- 6:09 p.m. B. Waite moved, F. Caliguiri seconded, carried 8-0 to end Executive Session.
9. NEW BUSINESS
- 9.1 J. Delgado moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the extension of the 2020-21 consultant agreement for an additional 20 days for completion of annual fiscal reporting, reconciliation calculation, and budget closeout procedures. Consultant Agreement
10. At 6:13 p.m., N. Hancock moved, G. LoGrande seconded, carried 8-0 to adjourn. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Nolan
District Clerk

Approved: February 22, 2021