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BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2021

School Committee members present: Chair Carin Sychterz, Vice Chair Marwa Hassanien, Timothy Surrette, Clare Mundell, and Susan Sorg. Absent: Warren Caruso

A. 1. & 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Sychterz, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

C. Public Comments:

Maayan Freedberg, student of Bangor High School, questioned the lack of support for transitioning students. She also expressed concerns on the dress code discrepancy. Maayan would like to know the rights to be able to use bathroom of gender identity.

Landon Michaud, student of Bangor High School, expressed similar concerns as Myah. He would like to know who he can speak to about his concerns.

D. 1. a. Superintendent Tager recommended the first reading of the Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

By roll call vote, VOTED 5-0 to approval the first reading of the Comprehensive Emergency Plan as presented.

D. 2. a. Business Director, Jerry Hayman, updated the committee on the Capital Improvement projects.

D. 2. b. Superintendent Tager reported the following resignations.

Jeremy Dubois	(.25) IEP Coordinator	William S. Cohen School
Marissa Brown	Asst. Coach, Girls Swim	Bangor High School

D. 2. c. Superintendent Tager reported the following reassignment(s):

Angela Lundy from Special Education Teacher at (.5) Fairmount School and (.5) Mary Snow School to Special Education Teacher at Mary Snow School.

Jillian Cookson from Speech/Language Pathologist at Fairmount School to Speech/Language Pathologist at (.8) Fairmount School and (.2) Fourteenth Street School.

E. 1. a. 1. By roll call VOTED (4-0) to approved the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 Regular School Committee Meeting. Absent: Warren Caruso, Abstained: Chair Carin Sychterz.

E. 1. b. 1. Superintendent Tager recommended Committee approval of the following Extra-Duty Assignment(s) for the 2021-2022 school year:

Jeffrey Sander	Ram Page Advisor	Bangor High School
Nitisha Lankhorst	(.5) Key Club Advisor	Bangor High School
Misty Conrath	(.5) Key Club Advisor	Bangor High School
Karen Bagley	IEP Coordinator	William S. Cohen School

By roll call vote VOTED (5-0) to approve the nominations as presented.

E. 2. c. 1. Superintendent Tager recommended the first readings of Revised Policy GBD-7, Support Staff Compensation Guide.

By roll call vote, VOTED (5-0) to approve the policies as presented.

E. 2. d. Committee Member Tim Surette shared the following donations:

To Special Education from Garrett and Katie Guernsey, a used Leckey Mygo size 2 Stander, having a total dollar value of \$5,500.

To James F. Doughty School from Maine-iac Nutrition, 60 Nutritional Teas for Faculty and Staff, having a total dollar value of \$420.

To William S. Cohen School from Art and Beth Kotredes, a cash donation for student water bottles, having a total dollar value of \$150.

To Bangor High School from the Class of 2021-Project Graduation, an outside eating area for students, having a total dollar value of \$3,330.

By roll call vote, VOTED (5-0) to accept donations as presented.

E. 2. a 1. Superintendent Tager recommended the school committee accept the first reading of new and revised policies changes:

Revised Policy BCB – Committee Member Conflict of Interest

New Policy GBGB – Workplace Bullying

Revised Policy IGBAB – Child Find for Special Education and for Related Aids and Services

New Policy – KDA – Public Information Program

Revised Policy – KDB – Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Access

Revised Policy JHCD – Administering Medications to Students in Schools.

Revised Policy JGF – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion

By roll call VOTED (5-0) to accept the first reading of the new and revised policies changes as presented.

F. Comments and Questions from the Committee:

Member Hassanien sends her congratulations to Fruit Street School for being named Maine’s top public elementary school in a ranking of 225 schools across the state. Also, William S. Cohen School ranked as the third best middle school in Maine out of 123 schools across the state. She also asked about pool testing and NWEA Testing. Dan Chadbourne also shared information.

Member Mundell thanked students for attending. She asked Mr. Doyle to comment, 4 gender neutral bathrooms available, hygiene products in all bathrooms.

Member Surette expressed his willingness to select Student School Committee Members.

H. Chair Sychterz reviewed the important dates.

J. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James Tager
Superintendent of Schools