

MALONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MALONE, NEW YORK 12953
MINUTES

DATE: January 9, 2018

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

LOCATION: Transportation Facility, Huskie Lane, Malone

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlie Collins, Wayne Walbridge, Wayne Rogers, Penny Gardner, Philip Hans, Donna Kissane, Christine Crossman-Dumas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen J. Dupree, Edward Lockwood

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Griffin, Superintendent of Schools, Bryn Fefee, District Clerk, Mary Jane Latreille, Brandon Pelkey, Jim Knight, Dustin Relation, Chris Van Houten, Melissa Brown (MFT), and government students.

CALL TO ORDER: President Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Collins.

PRESENTATION-MALONE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Jim Knight, Principal at Malone Middle School spoke on behalf of the students. Mr. Knight stated he has viewed some of the drawings and layouts of a proposed outdoor building to be located in one of the corners on the football/track field across from the Middle School. The position of the building could also serve as an outdoor classroom. Currently, grade 8 (team 2) students are involved in the maple syrup production. Mr. Knight noted that the students tap the trees around Middle School and some students would bring sap from home. The boiling of the maple syrup has been completed outdoors. The groundwork for the building would be completed by the Heavy Equipment class at FEH BOCES. The building structure was going to be built off-site and brought to the field. The outdoor space would be able to be used around mid-May this year. The building could be used for the maple syrup project next year. Mr. Knight stated the students have been working with

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**PRESENTATION-MALONE
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS:**

local architect, Tim McCarthy. He stated he is proud of the students and staff involved in the project. He is also grateful for donations received for this project.

Board Member Crossman-Dumas noted that the Middle School students have an entrepreneur fair in the spring where the students sell their maple products.

**APPT. OF CLERK PRO-
TEM:**

President Collins appointed Jerry Griffin as Clerk Pro-Tem for the duration of Executive Session.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA
(AMENDED):**

Upon motion by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Philip Hans; the January 9, 2018 agenda was adopted with amendments.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES HELD
DECEMBER 12, 2017:**

Upon motion by Wayne Walbridge, seconded by Donna Kissane; the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 12, 2017 were approved. (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL
REPORTS FOR THE
PERIOD ENDING
NOVEMBER 30, 2017:**

Upon motion by Donna Kissane, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the financial reports for the period ending November 30, 2017 were approved as presented. (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF
TREASURER'S REPORTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
NOVEMBER 30, 2017:**

Upon motion by Christine Crossman-Dumas, seconded by Donna Kissane; the treasurer's reports for the period ending November 30, 2017 were approved as presented. (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

APPROVAL OF HSA/HRA:

Upon motion by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Wayne Walbridge; the creation of an HSA/HRA account of behalf of the employees and the district was approved as presented. (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

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APPROVAL OF HSA/HRA:

Since the inclusion of Simply Blue Health Insurance plan as an option to employees, the District needed to create and maintain HSA/HRA accounts on behalf of the employee and the district. Preferred Group will establish and maintain the accounts on behalf of the district as to comply with Federal regulations. Preferred will also be taking over and managing FSA (Flexible Spending Accounts) as of 10/1/18.

DONATIONS:

Upon motion by Philip Hans, seconded by Penny Gardner; the following donations were accepted “with thanks and gratitude”.

1. \$150.00 from an anonymous donor to support Rachel’s Challenge/Karen’s Hope Scholarship Fund.
2. \$500 on behalf of ALDI Smart Kids toward the purchase of materials needed to build and use an outdoor garden space on the Malone Middle School campus.
3. \$2,000 on behalf of the Adirondack Foundation to support the Malone Middle School Going Green Project.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

BOARD REPORTS:

Board Member Kissane noted that she and her granddaughter visited the Karen Bourdon Memorial Garden at St. Joseph’s this summer and it brought great joy to both of them every time they visited.

Board Member Rogers will be attending the annual legislative breakfast in February. Betty Little and Billy Jones will be the guest speakers. He said it is good opportunity to find out where things are headed in the future.

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Griffin will also be attending the Clinton Schools Board Meeting in Plattsburgh. Local personnel from other districts will be sharing what methods/practices work for their district.

Board Member Crossman-Dumas attended the Varsity Club dinner and presentation by Missy West recently. Ms. West talked about perseverance and about overcoming personal struggles to get what you want in life. She noted there will be a summer camp offered this summer with Ms. West.

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BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Rogers stated the Malone Telegram did a great job advertising for her presentation.

Board Member Walbridge noted that Ms. West was a very humble student athlete who has been recognized nationally for her accomplishments.

CSE ANNUAL REPORT:

Mary Jane Latreille presented the CSE annual report to the Board. Ms. Latreille gave an update on the number of students in all special education settings. There are a total of 387 CSE students in grades Kindergarten-12 with IEP's (Individualized Education Plan). There are 270 IEP students who receive services less than 60% of their school day (this is considered the least restrictive environment; which includes Transition IEP's, Related Services only, Consultant Teacher and/or Resource Room services). There are 117 IEP students who receive CSE services in a 12:1+1, 8:1+1, 6:1+1 or 12:1+3 classroom (this includes 5 students who attend CVES BOCES in Plattsburgh, 5 students who attend FEH BOCES in Chateaugay and 5 students who attend Residential Schools. There are 218 students in grades Kindergarten-12 with a 504 plan. There are currently 56 CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education) students and 29 of them are new referrals or new transfers from other districts. Ms. Latreille noted that the shortage of service providers at the CPSE level is quickly becoming a very major concern. Very recent legislation has loosened the evaluation restriction on school districts; which means that local districts will now be able to use their own evaluation teams to provide preschool evaluations. In the past, the county could only use approved evaluators. The approved evaluators are struggling to hire or keep therapists and psychologists to provide the evaluation services, so NYS is now allowing school districts to conduct those initial evaluations without applying for pre-approval. Districts "hold" the CPSE IEP's and are supposed to make sure that evaluation occur in a timely manner. The new legislation will force school districts into a position where the school-aged personnel will need to be use to provide evaluation when no other evaluation team is available.

Ms. Crossman-Dumas asked if Ms. Latreille felt it was beneficial for all students to be together (regular education and special education students). Ms. Latreille said having the special education students push in really gives more to the population. Ms. Kissane said she thinks it teaches other things

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CSE ANNUAL REPORT: besides reading, writing and arithmetic. It teaches kindness and compassion.

Mr. Rogers said her report was very informative. Board Member Hans thanked Ms. Latreille for all she does for the district. The Board echoed their sentiments.

CONSENT AGENDA-(PERSONNEL): Upon motion by Donna Kissane, seconded by Philip Hans; the Board approved the 'Consent Agenda' PERSONNEL items as follows:

- A) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement
- B) Tenure Appointment
- C) Support Staff Changes
- D) CSE/CPSE Recommendations

RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT: Carole Raymonda, Science Teacher, effective 1/12/18

TENURE APPOINTMENT: Jennifer Crossman, Teaching Assistant, effective 1/28/18 (pending successful completion of the probationary period)

RESIGNATIONS: Sarah Dufrane, Teaching Assistant, effective 1/3/18
Robert Oliver, Bus Driver, effective 1/1/18

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: The CSE/CPSE recommendations were approved as presented. (See supplemental file).

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Philip Hans; the Board entered Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. for the purpose of:

- 1) discussing personnel matters as they relate to specific individuals and contract matters, etc. (see Open Meetings Law brochure)

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Upon motion by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Philip Hans; the Board returned to regular session at 8:48 p.m.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

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**APPROVAL OF LEGAL
RESOLUTION:**

Upon motion by Philip Hans, seconded by Donna Kissane, the Board approved the Legal Resolution (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 6 ABSTAIN: 1, Wayne Walbridge
NAYES: 0, motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Philip Hans; the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

BMF:

Clerk Pro-Tem for
Executive Session

Bryn M. Fefee
District Clerk
Board of Education