**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD –August 25, 2020**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Hans called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at Franklin Academy High School, Husky Lane, Malone

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christine Crossman-Dumas, Penny Gardner, Philip Hans, Cathy Hollinshead, Donna Kissane, Terrence Maguire, David Merrick, Wayne Walbridge

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Wayne Rogers

**MEMBERS TARDY:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jerry Griffin, Superintendent of Schools, Chad Lawrence, Director of Facilities, Amanda Dishaw, (acting District Clerk), Aidan Pollard, Malone Telegram and other guests via livestream.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** President Hans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BUSINESS MATTERS:**

AGENDA for 8/25/20 was adopted as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENT: was made to Catherine Hollinshead.

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS;**

REOPENING DICUSSION: Mr. Griffin explained to the board his decision on delaying the reopening of school for in-person instruction until September 21, 2020. This information was also posted to our website on August 24th via video and letter from Mr. Griffin to our students, parents, staff and community members of Malone Central School District.

The board addressed their concerns to Mr. Griffin. Some of these areas were; continued daily planning and preparation, communication with administration, staff and parents, safety precautions, PPE (personal protective equipment) supplies and ordering, teacher obligations and needs, internet access for staff and students, staffing demands, special needs students, classroom set up pertaining to state guidelines, isolation rooms, school bus runs, chrome book delivery, class schedules, student meals and operating procedures throughout the school year. The board stated that a plan would need to be in place should the district continue with full remote instruction past the two-week delay.

All questions were answered properly with some support from our Director of Facilities and building Administrators. Mr. Griffin mentioned that he is very appreciative of the Department of Health for their continued communication and support. He also thanked the board, Malone CSD staff, and school improvement committee. Mr. Griffin stated that he wants parents to feel comfortable sending their kids back to school and would like to see more and more students back into the school building. Mr. Griffin’s overall goal is and has been to have students back in the building 100 percent on a regular schedule.

On behalf of the board, Mr. Walbridge thanked Mr. Griffin for doing his homework during this overwhelming process. Mr. Hans thanked teachers, staff, custodians, and all folks who worked on the reopening plan for their time and dedication. Mr. Hans expressly thanked Mark Dalton for all his dedicated work with remote learning. Ms. Kissane commended to say that everyone has done remarkable work.

Lastly, Mr. Griffin acknowledged that this process has been the largest committee effort that he has ever seen. Mr. Griffin will continue to be in touch with the board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:57 P.M.

Amanda M. Dishaw

Acting District Clerk/Board of Education

8/25/20