

MALONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MALONE, NEW YORK 12953
MINUTES

DATE: September 26, 2017

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

LOCATION: Transportation Facility, Huskie Lane, Malone

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlie Collins, Stephen J. Dupree, Wayne Walbridge, Donna Kissane, Wayne Rogers, Edward Lockwood, Penny Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Crossman-Dumas, Philip Hans

MEMBERS TARDY: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Griffin, Superintendent of Schools, Bryn Fefee, District Clerk, Brandon Pelkey, Lisa Dupree, Michelle Bailey, Brianne Iby (MFT), Nathaniel Hathaway (MFT), Ginger Rivers, Thomas and Patty Ventiquattro, Joshua Davis (Media) and several 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.

APPT. OF CLERK PRO-TEM: President Collins appointed Jerry Griffin as Clerk Pro-Tem for the duration of Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Donna Kissane; the Board entered Executive Session at 7:01 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

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

Upon motion by Edward Lockwood, seconded by Donna Kissane; the Board returned to regular session at 7:27 p.m.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (AMENDED):

Upon motion by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Edward Lockwood; the September 26, 2017 agenda was adopted as amended.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES HELD AUGUST 22, 2017:

Upon motion by Wayne Walbridge, seconded by Wayne Rogers; the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 22, 2017 were approved. (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 6 ABSTAIN: 1, Penny Gardner
NAYES: 0, motion carried

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS ENDING JULY 31, 2017:

Upon motion by Donna Kissane, seconded by Edward Lockwood; the financial reports for the period ending July 31, 2017 was accepted as presented. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT ENDING JULY 31, 2017:

Upon motion by Edward Lockwood, seconded by Donna Kissane; the treasurer's report for the period ending July 31, 2017 was accepted as presented. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

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AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

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DONATIONS:

Upon motion by Donna Kissane, seconded by Edward Lockwood; the following donations were accepted “with thanks and gratitude”.

1. \$500 from an anonymous donor to be used to support student in the Malone Central School District who are in need of school supplies, winter clothing, etc.
2. \$334 from the MFT (Malone Federation of Teachers) for use in funding the Project Warmth Program.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**EMPLOYER
REPRESENTATIVE FOR
FEH HEALTH
CONSORTIUM JOINT
GOVERNING BOARD:**

Upon motion by Wayne Walbridge, seconded by Donna Kissane; Jerry Griffin was appointed as the Employer Representative for FEH Health Consortium Joint Governing Board.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**FRANKLIN ACADEMY
OUTDOOR CLUB
PRESENTATION:**

Thomas Ventiquattro, a junior at FA and President of the Outdoor Club gave a presentation about clearing a trail in the pinnacle for mountain biking. He has been biking since he was 9 years old. The closest mountain biking trail is in Saranac (MTB trail system).

Thomas and the Outdoor Club are looking to clean the trail in the pinnacle for mountain biking. The partners working with the project are the town and village of Malone, FEH BOCES and Barkeater Trails Alliance (BETA) formerly the Adirondack Ski Touring Council. The timeline would be this fall or next spring. Ms. Kissane asked if he had looked into other agencies to help with the project. She extended kudos to Thomas and the Outdoor Club for taking on this task.

Mr. Griffin encouraged Thomas to speak to the Rotary Club about his ideas. Mr. Griffin said Thomas’ ability to speak in front of a large group is admirable and he should be applauded for his efforts.

Mr. Lockwood said he loves the idea of the trail system and he wants to ensure sustainability. Thomas said that BETA would help in maintaining the trails. Thomas was applauded for his presentation.

**STUDENT READING AND
MATH PERFORMANCE
PRESENTATION:**

Elementary Math Coordinator Ginger Rivers presented data based on the initial STAR Reading and Math assessment this fall. Darcy Stoutenger and Ginger created an assessment schedule for the year. Included in the schedule is Early

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PRESENTATION:**

Literacy (Grade 1), STAR Reading (Grades 2-12) and STAR Math (Grade K-8). Students are asked to write down questions from the test so that the teacher can address questions after the test is completed. The students have already completed the fall testing. It was noted that the percentages are typically lower in the fall because students are returning from summer vacation. It was also noted that percentages will be lower so that the growth can be measured throughout the school year. There are 4 levels of intervention, green, blue, yellow and red with red needing immediate intervention.

The following are some reports from STAR that teachers can use as resources:

A diagnostic report breaks down student performance.

The instructional planning report will help hone in on what students need to be working on.

Longitudinal reports will show growth over time. Natural fluctuations are normal but abnormal fluctuations are worth exploring. Some underlying factors could have happened when the student tested that day.

Mr. Rogers asked if Ms. Rivers could return mid-year for an update. Mr. Griffin said Ms. Rivers and the new ELA Coordinator will be providing the Board with an update in the spring on student progress.

Lisa Dupree said all students can feel successful when taking STAR. Once a student establishes a baseline, they can see the growth, which in turn makes them feel successful in their goal.

Ms. Kissane asked if all students are taking the test, then why are some students pulled out of more repeated testing. Ms. Rivers clarified that students who may have tested in the "red" in the fall may be pulled out of the "red" zone and monitored less frequently if student shows continued growth.

Ms. Gardner asked if there is a plan to get more students to participate in the state testing. Mr. Walbridge stated there should be more public awareness of the testing and more support of testing. Mr. Griffin stated he appreciated Ms. Gardner's question about testing and wants to look for more ways to share awareness. Mr. Griffin noted that Kelly Wight will be presenting at the November meeting to discuss how more students taking the state test will help remove the schools from need of improvement list.

Mr. Walbridge said what he sees happening in the district is encouraging. He commended Ms. Rivers and Commissioner Elia for leading us down the path to success.

Mr. Griffin said he plans to have a student achievement item on the monthly agenda which will include another presentation

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**STUDENT READING AND
MATH PERFORMANCE
PRESENTATION:**

discussing data at Middle School.

**NYSSBA RESOLUTION
DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Rogers spoke about the voters delegates guide. There are 20 individual districts voting on proposed bylaw amendments recommended by the resolution committee. Mr. Rogers stated the he feels this year's resolutions seem to be uncontroversial. Ms. Gardner will be the voting delegate and Mr. Rogers is the alternate delegate. Mr. Rogers commented that they will be shoulder to shoulder with over 200 people across the state. Ms. Gardner clarified with the Board that she is voting based on the guide. The Board was in agreement.

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Ms. Kissane asked if the district funding from Assemblyman Jones had been received yet. Mr. Griffin said \$25,000 was recently awarded and future discussions will be made with the Board about how the funds will be distributed.

Mr. Rogers commented about opening day presentations with Tom Cody from Top 20 Training. He said we have something very valuable with Tom Cody and Willow Sweeney. He applauds the district for keeping this initiative going to benefit students.

Mr. Rogers also noted that our present kindergarteners are the class of 2030. He noted that NYSSBA is in the process of organizing a program that can help prepare districts for upcoming changes projected between now and 2030.

Mr. Griffin shared an enrollment update. The current enrollment is steady. There has been a number of new enrollments but also a number of families moving in the area and moving out before the school year is complete. Class sizes will be shared at a future meeting.

Mr. Griffin was recently at a meeting with other superintendents in the BOCES region. The common core geometry exam was discussed. NYSED made midcourse corrections which resulted in some students receiving a failing grade on the exam before the corrections. When the corrections were made, the student's may have received a passing grade on the exam. This resulted in some student's taking geometry in summer school when they actually passed the exam.

Mr. Griffin also pointed out that NYSED will no longer be scoring the Regents on a 0-100 scale system. The new scoring system would be a level system of 1-5. A passing

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score would be a level 3, 4 or 5.

He encouraged Mr. Pelkey to start working with staff, (especially guidance counselors) and students now. Entrance requirements for college will be affected by the change.

Mr. Griffin noted that assessment calendars were delayed last year and districts are asked to plan early for 2018-2019. The calendar for 2018-2019 will be reviewed in October. The Regents exam schedule will dictate how the school calendar will be adopted. It is noted that due to religious observations in other districts, the last day of school in June of 2019 could be as late of June 28.

Mr. Griffin shared that Willow Sweeney from Top 20 Training will be holding retreats October 16-18 for students in grades 4-12.

**CONSENT AGENDA-
(PERSONNEL):**

Upon motion by Wayne Rogers, seconded by Edward Lockwood; the Board approved the 'Consent Agenda' PERSONNEL items as follows:

- A) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement
- B) Resignations
- C) Leave of Absence
- D) Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Appointments
- E) Additional Curriculum Network Appointment
- F) SAT Prep Teacher
- G) AIS Appointments
- H) Employee Transfer from CSEA to Managerial/Confidential
- I) IT Coordinator Appointment
- J) Yearbook Enrichment Teacher
- K) Coaching Appointments
- L) Additional Substitute Teachers/Teaching Assistants
- M) Support Staff Changes
- N) CSE/CPSE Recommendations
- O) Student Releases

**RESIGNATION FOR THE
PURPOSE OF
RETIREMENT:**

Mary Jane Latreille, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, effective July 4, 2018. Mr. Griffin acknowledged Ms. Latreille for her years of dedication as a leader and employee and wished her the best in retirement.

RESIGNATIONS:

Kimberly Reilly, Epsilon Advisor at Franklin Academy effective 9/1/17.

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RESIGNATIONS:	Steve Gordon, Drama Club Co-Advisor at Franklin Academy effective 9/20/17.
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	Brandy Vaincourt-Armstrong was granted a leave of absence until March 18, 2018.
EXTRA-CURRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS:	Vicky Biondo-Eddy, Senior Class Advisor Amanda Soulia, Freshman Class Advisor Steve Gordon, Drama Club Advisor (MS) and Assistant Drama Club Advisor (FA) Steffany Perham, Assistant Drama Club Advisor (MS) Eric Alan, Technology Club Advisor
ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM NETWORK APPOINTMENT:	Courtney Baker, was appointed as the PreK-5 ELA Coordinator.
SAT PREP TEACHER:	Danielle Keating was appointed as the SAT Prep Teacher for ELA & Math at \$1500 per semester
AIS APPOINTMENTS:	Jillian Senter, Global Studies Norman Pomainville, Geometry Melissa Smith, Algebra These positions are paid at \$35 per session for 2 days per week. These appointments are effective October 1, 2017 through January 26, 2018.
EMPLOYEE TRANSFER FROM CSEA TO MANAGERIAL/CONFIDENTIAL:	Cindy Gale will be transferred from the CSEA bargaining unit to Managerial/Confidential status. Her title will be changed from Payroll Clerk to Payroll Specialist.
IT BUILDING LEVEL ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT:	Denise St. Denis was appointed as the IT Building Level Assistant at Davis Elementary
YEARBOOK ENRICHMENT TEACHER:	Cynthia Sullivan-Bilow was appointed as the Yearbook Enrichment Teacher at St. Joseph's Elementary.
WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENTS:	Tim Lamay, Boys' Varsity Basketball, Step III Matt Tessier, Boys' Varsity Indoor Track, Step III Shelley Skelly, Girls' Varsity Basketball, Step III Ryan Childs, Boys' JV Basketball, Step III Michael Botto, Varsity Wrestling, Step II (4)

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ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/TEACHING ASSISTANTS: Corey Picaro (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Home Tutor), James Martin (Teacher), Jacqueline LaRocque (Teacher), Rachel Guerin (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Aide), Toryn Avery (Teacher), Mary White (Home Tutor), Hope Allen (Teacher), Bethany Berkman (Nurse)

SUBSTITUTES: Bus Drivers: Jason Martin, Robert Oliver, Jeffery Lord, Robert Rundall, Dale Dufrane, Bryan McGibbon
Custodian/Cleaner: Alice LaPlant
Cleaners” Daniel Bombard, Emily Sansone, Ann-Marie LaPree, Dylon LaClair, Cynthia Adams

ADJUSTMENTS: Bus Drivers: Stacey Otis, Daniel LaRock
Bus Monitor: Susan Rogers

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS: Kevin McManus, Bus Driver, effective 10/2/17
Della Coombe, Attendance Assistant, effective 9/27/17
Brianna Metzler, Teacher Aide, effective 9/27/17
Richard Reilly, Teacher Aide, effective 9/27/17

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Marie Pearson, Teaching Assistant, Flanders Elementary, effective 9/27/17-9/26/21

RESIGNATIONS: Lisa Bailey, Teacher Aide, Davis Elementary, effective 8/31/17
Christopher Gagne, Teaching Assistant, Flanders Elementary, effective 8/29/17
Della Coombe, Teaching Assistant, Middle School, effective 9/26/17
Chelsi Rondo, Home School Coordinator, Flanders/St. Joseph’s, effective 10/20/17

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

STUDENT RELEASES: Gianna and Madelyn DePaul and George and Piper Webb, Brushton-Moira Central School District

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Donna Kissane, seconded by Edward Lockwood; the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0, motion carried

BMF:

Clerk Pro-Tem for
Executive Session

Bryn M. Fefee
District Clerk
Board of Education