

**MALONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MALONE, NEW YORK 12953**  
**MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 14, 2017

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular Meeting

**LOCATION:** Transportation Facility, Huskie Lane, Malone

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wayne Rogers, Arlie Collins, Stephen J. Dupree, Christine Crossman-Dumas, Wayne Walbridge, Philip Hans

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Donna Kissane, Edward Lockwood, Penny Gardner

**MEMBERS TARDY:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jerry Griffin, Superintendent of Schools, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, Bryn Fefee, District Clerk, Brandon Pelkey, Eli Conzola (Media) and government students.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

**APPT. OF CLERK PRO-TEM:** President Rogers appointed Timothy P. Whipple as Clerk Pro-Tem for the duration of Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the Board entered Executive Session at 7:04 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: 6                      NAYES: 0, motion carried

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**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Philip Hans; the Board returned to regular session at 7:25 p.m.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Philip Hans, the February 14, 2017 agenda was adopted with a revision.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 10, 2017 were approved. (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**FINANCIAL REPORTS ENDING 12/31/16:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Wayne Walbridge, financial reports for the period ending December 31, 2016 were accepted as presented. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**TREASURER'S REPORTS ENDING 12/31/16:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Wayne Walbridge; treasurer's reports for the period ending December 31, 2016 were accepted as presented. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**CAPITAL PROJECT-ALLOWANCE DISBURSEMENT NO. 01-007-TJ FIACCO CONSTRUCTION, LLC.:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Wayne Walbridge; the Board approved the Capital Project-Allowance Disbursement No. 01-007-TJ Fiacco Construction, LLC.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF 2017 SPRING HUSKIES SWIMMING CLUB:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Philip Hans; the Board approved the 2017 Spring Huskies Swimming Club. President Rogers stated he holds Ms. Kilcoyne in high regard not only as a teacher but for her dedication to this program.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

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**APPROVAL OF FORENSICS STATE COMPETITION TRIP TO UNIONDALE, NY:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Philip Hans; the Board approved the overnight trip to attend the State Competition in Uniondale, NY on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with a travel day of Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. (See supplemental file for copy of the details)

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Philip Hans; the Board approved surplus property items. (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**DONATIONS:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Philip Hans; the following donation was accepted "with thanks and gratitude".

- 1) \$7,555.96 for an anonymous donor to support the Music and Art Programs.
- 2) \$500.00 from Mountain Mart #104 and through Exxon Mobil Education Alliance to be used to support the study of Math and Science.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Whipple and Mr. Griffin presented the preliminary 2017-2018 budget to the Board. Overall expenditures are estimated to increase by \$445,937, or .88%. This increase is due to salary increases, benefits and contractual expenses. The increase is also due to a significant amount of students attending special education programs through BOCES.

Revenues are projected to be \$50,153,287, with a projected tax levy of \$13,335,101 (2.215%) and use of fund balance of \$1,000,000 making total revenues of \$51,153,287. The total maximum tax levy increase per the tax cap formula calculation for 2017-18 is 2.219%. Total state aid is projected to be \$35,233,427 million.

Mr. Griffin reviewed additional programs and new staff requests that were submitted by administrators. Specifically, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher at Davis and a Family & Consumer Science Teacher at Middle School/Franklin Academy.

Mr. Griffin and Mr. Collins thanked Mr. Whipple for a phenomenal job in developing this budget.

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**SIX-MONTH CLAIMS  
AUDIT REPORT (7/1/16-  
12/31/16)**

President Rogers reported that the six-month claims audit report was a positive account of the disbursement process. Mr. Rogers is appreciative of Mrs. Plante's hard work and diligence as the internal claims auditor.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

President Rogers spoke about the National School Board Association Priorities for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Mr. Rogers is concerned about Title I, Title IIA and IDEA funding. This funding, maximizes the investments in special education, grants for disadvantaged students, and related education programs that our students need for a strong future.

Mr. Collins stated he is discouraged and disillusioned to the recent Department of Education nominee, Betsy DeVos.

Mr. Walbridge also stated he is disheartened by her lack of knowledge with the education system.

Mr. Rogers felt the best response to her nomination is to continue to do the best for the students during these challenging times.

Mr. Griffin shared recent graduation rates. There has been an increase of 1%. 79% of those who entered in 2012 graduated in 2016. Of those who have not graduated are: 16 students who remain in school this year, 15 students who have dropped out and 8 are high special education needs students. Although applauded for their efforts, Mr. Griffin feels more opportunities such as adding more electives would help raise the graduation rate. A more in-depth report of graduation rates will be shared at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Griffin stated that the March 28 Board meeting will be held at BOCES (NFEC). There will be a building and program tour at that time.

**CONSENT AGENDA-  
(PERSONNEL):**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the Board approved the 'Consent Agenda' PERSONNEL items as follows:

- A) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement
- B) Spring Coaching Appointments
- C) Additional Substitute Teachers/Teaching Assistants
- D) Support Staff Changes
- E) CSE/CPSE Recommendations

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**RESIGNATIONS FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF  
RETIREMENT:**

were accepted from:

- Donna Lamica, Kindergarten Teacher at Davis Elementary effective July 1, 2017
- Pauline McGovern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Davis Elementary, effective July 2, 2017
- Christopher Stromer, Counselor at Flanders Elementary, effective July 2, 2017
- Susan Tillinghast, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Davis Elementary, effective October 16, 2017.

Mr. Rogers acknowledged their retirements and thanked them for their years of service (Donna Lamica – 31 years), (Pauline McGovern –33 years), (Christopher Stromer – 11 years) and (Susan Tillinghast – 18 years) to the district and wished them all the best in the future.

**SPRING COACHING  
APPOINTMENTS:**

Chris Kelley (Varsity Golf-Step III), Tim Lamay (Varsity Baseball-Step III), Greg Marshall (Varsity Softball-Step III), Terry Collins (JV Softball-Step III), Jackie McCarthy (Girls' Modified Track-Step II (5)), Scott Marlow (Girls' Varsity Spring Track Head Coach-Step III), Cory West (Girls' Varsity Spring Track Assistant Coach-Step III), \*Matt Tessier/Jim Heden (Boys' Varsity Spring Track Head Coach and Assistant Coach-Step III), Chad Lawrence (Spring Track-Volunteer). \*Matt Tessier and Jim Heden will be Co-Coaches of the Boys' Varsity Spring Track Team. The salary for the head coach and assistant coach will be combined and each will receive ½ of the total salary.

**ADDITIONAL  
SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS/TEACHING  
ASSISTANTS:**

Mandy Atkinson (Teacher/Teaching Assistant), Katie Chodat (Teacher/Teaching Assistant/Tutor), Scott Delair (Teacher), Saydie Eggleston (Teacher, Teaching Assistant), Kristopher Hyde (Teacher, Teaching Assistant), John Moore (Teacher/Teaching Assistant), Valerie Pelkey (Teacher/Teaching Assistant), John Picaro (Teacher/Teaching Assistant), Zachary Raymond (Teacher/Teaching Assistant), Harvey Smith (Teacher).

**SUPPORT STAFF  
SUBSTITUTES:**

Eileen Kilcullen (Bus Driver), Gerald Lord, Jr. (Bus Driver), Scott Richards (Bus Driver), David Riley (Bus Driver), Maria Roy (School Monitor), Lee Mandigo (School Monitor), Pamela Morse (Cleaner), Stephen Allen, Jr. (Messenger) effective 2/15/17.

**PERMANENT  
APPOINTMENTS:**

Cindy Shafer was approved as an LPN, effective 2/15/17.

Lauren Fountain was approved as an Attendance Assistant, effective 2/15/17.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Jerry Jock (Clerk) effective 1/18/17.

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**CSE/CPSE:  
RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**RETURN TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the Board entered Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. for the purpose of:

- 1) discussing litigation matters (see Open Meetings Law brochure)

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**RETURN TO REGULAR  
SESSION**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Philip Hans; the Board returned to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion by Philip Hans, seconded by Arlie Collins; the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0, motion carried

Bryn M. Fefee  
District Clerk  
Board of Education

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