

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

**DATE:** February 28, 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, Donna Kissane, Edward Lockwood, Penny Gardner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**MEMBERS TARDY:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jerry Griffin, Superintendent of Schools, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, Bryn Fefee, District Clerk, Wade Bush, Brianne Iby (MFT), Shelley Mulverhill (MFT), and government students.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 7:00 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: 9                      NAYES: 0, motion carried

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**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Edward Lockwood; the Board returned to regular session at 7:51 p.m.

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Philip Hans; the February 28, 2017 agenda was adopted with an amendment.

AYES: 9 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 February 14, 2017 were approved. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**FINANCIAL REPORTS ENDING 1/31/17:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; financial reports for the period ending January 31, 2017 were accepted as presented. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**TREASURER'S REPORTS ENDING 1/31/17:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; treasurer's reports for the period ending January 31, 2017 were accepted as presented. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR FEDERAL EDUCATION INVESTMENTS IN THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the Board passed the Resolution for Federal Education Investments in the 2017-2018 School Year.

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the Board passed the Resolution for Maximum Flexibility For Operation of Child Nutrition Program.

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

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**BOARD REPORTS:**

President Rogers met with the office of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik regarding the funds for Title I, IDEA and the school nutrition program. Positive responses were received and the representatives are sensitive about the concerns being brought forward. They appreciate any data/information the district wishes to share with them.

Board Member Kissane stated she would like committee meetings to be public and would like to be able to see the meeting minutes. She stated she felt out of the loop because she is not aware of when the meetings are being held unless it is a committee she serves on. Board Member Walbridge stated that if more than 5 Board Members attended a committee meeting, it would be a quorum (which is not needed at a committee meeting). Superintendent Griffin stated the Audit and Facilities Committees have minutes taken and those will be forwarded to the Board in the future.

Superintendent Griffin spoke about graduation rate data. The state average is 79.4%. Malone Central's graduation rate is 79%. Even though the district is consistent with the state average, Mr. Griffin would like the graduation rate to increase. Mr. Griffin stated that increasing the graduation rate should be considered an emergency situation on day 1 of a student starting high school. He strongly believes that every student counts. Mr. Griffin also discussed the diploma/credential requirements chart. The chart is intended to provide an overview of the requirements and identify the student populations that have access to each type of diploma and non-diploma high school exiting credential.

Mr. Griffin also noted that the FOCUS review is being conducted over the next 2 weeks at Davis Elementary and Middle School. Data from this review will be available in April.

Board Member Hans asked how the schools would stay off the FOCUS list once they are removed from the list. Mr. Griffin stated there would be stakeholder meetings to discuss what actions would be taken. He stated that the FOCUS review has not been a negative process, but an informative one.

**CONSENT AGENDA-  
(PERSONNEL):**

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

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- A) Spring Coaching Appointments
- B) Support Staff Changes
- C) CSE/CPSE Recommendations
- D) Student Release
- E) Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

**SPRING COACHING APPOINTMENTS:**

Shelley Skelly (Modified Softball-Step III)  
Emily Sharlow (Softball-Volunteer)

**SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTES:**

Kierstyn Miller (Teacher Aide), Ashlyn McCann (Lifeguard), Madalyn Saumier (Lifeguard) effective 3/1/17.

**CSE/CPSE: RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

**STUDENT RELEASE:**

Zayden Sclesky was approved for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year to attend Chateaugay Central School District.

**RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT:**

was accepted from Keely Dunshee, Principal at St. Joseph's Elementary, effective September 2, 2017.

President Rogers acknowledged Mrs. Dunshee on her retirement. She has given 21 years of service to the Malone Central School District and on behalf of the Board, Mr. Rogers wished her all the best in retirement.

AYES: 9                      NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Donna Kissane; the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

AYES: 9                      NAYES: 0, motion carried

Bryn M. Fefee  
District Clerk  
Board of Education