

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

**DATE:** April 11, 2017

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular Meeting

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wayne Rogers, Philip Hans, Edward Lockwood, Arlie Collins, Stephen J. Dupree, Christine Crossman-Dumas, Wayne Walbridge, Donna Kissane, Penny Gardner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**MEMBERS TARDY:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jerry Griffin, Superintendent of Schools, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, Bryn Fefee, District Clerk, Brandon Pelkey, Eileen Kilcullen 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 7:01 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:** 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 8:05 p.m.

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Donna Kissane; the April 11, 2017 agenda was adopted.

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Donna Kissane; the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 22, 2017 were approved. (See supplemental file for copy).

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING 2/28/17:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the financial report for the period ending February 28, 2017 was accepted as presented. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT ENDING 2/28/17:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 2017 was accepted as presented. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**2017-2018 SPORTS MERGER:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the Board approved the Sports Merger with Holy Family School for the 2017-2018 school year for modified, J.V. and Varsity sports. (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 BUDGET:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the Board approved the adoption of the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$51,849,855 (1.9% tax levy increase) which will be presented to District residents for approval on May 16, 2017.

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Mr. Whipple explained that the foundation aid increase for 2017-2018 was estimated to be \$750,000. Also noteworthy was that the foundation aid formula itself was to remain intact, which was contrary to Governor Cuomo's original proposal to change the formula significantly. Malone's phase-in amount for foundation aid is estimated to be \$3,000,000 in future years so the continuation of the formula is important for our district.

Mr. Griffin noted the following items will be added to the base budget:

- Special Education Teacher
- Effective Teacher Training for all first and second year teachers
- After School STEM Program for students
- Additional expenses for athletic department (addition of FA girls' hockey team). Ms. Kilcullen spoke about St. Lawrence Central possibly dropping their girls' hockey program due to low numbers on the team. Malone Central has enough girls for a team and would be able to accept students from neighboring schools through a merger. The Board was supportive of a girls' hockey team and proud of the efforts to make a team possible.
- Technology equipment for students which includes Chromebooks for every student in grades 4-12 in the year 2019

COLLINS-voting-AYE  
CROSSMAN-DUMAS-voting-AYE  
DUPREE-voting-AYE  
GARDNER-voting-AYE  
HANS-voting-ABSTAIN  
KISSANE-voting-AYE  
LOCKWOOD-voting-AYE  
ROGERS-voting-AYE  
WALBRIDGE-voting-AYE

The 2017-2018 budget was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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**APPROVAL OF  
FORENSICS NATIONAL  
COMPETITION TRIP:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the Board approved the Forensics Trip to the Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky on May 27 & May 28, 2017. Adults in attendance on the trip are either employees of the district or are volunteers who have been approved to work with our Forensics Team. (See supplemental file for proposal and itinerary).

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

Joshua Oshiro, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Franklin Academy and a member of forensics spoke on behalf of the team. Joshua stated this trip is a great opportunity to showcase the strengths and weaknesses of the team. He stated he finds this opportunity to be riveting and said it is a pleasure to be recognized nationally. He noted that just like playing a sport is a team effort, so is forensics.

Superintendent Griffin said he was proud of Joshua and his team and the Board congratulated the team on their success and wished them the best of luck in Kentucky.

**APPROVAL OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Wayne Walbridge; the Board approved the Adirondack Youth Lodge transportation contract (See supplemental file for copy.)

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**BOARD REPORTS:**

President Rogers discussed some information from NYSSBA (New York State School Board Association) that he received. He discussed the importance of talking, interacting and reading to your children at the young ages between 0-3 years. Studies show that children whose parents talk to them frequently have better language and vocabulary skills than those who seldom talk to them. Studies have also found that the vocabulary of toddlers whose parents are talkative are measurably larger than those who offer less language stimulation.

Mr. Griffin also noted 2 Speech Therapists are in the early planning stages of working with families of children ages 0-3. More information will be forthcoming as the plan progresses.

Ms. Kissane stated she looked into having open (public) meetings for committee meetings such as the Facilities and Audit Committee. She stated that these meetings can be public and the Board can attend if they wish. Mr. Griffin stated

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he is planning to start a calendar which would list the meetings. Ms. Kissane stated she appreciates Mr. Griffin looking into having open meetings.

Ms. Kissane stated the arrangement of the room at the Board meetings has been difficult. The overall feeling of the Board is that it is challenging to see and hear one another with the current seating arrangement. Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Fefee will be working on changing the layout for the next meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA-(PERSONNEL):**

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

- A) SAT Prep Teacher
- B) Coaching Appointment
- C) Support Staff Changes
- D) CSE/CPSE Recommendations

**SAT PREP TEACHER:**

Danielle Keating was approved as the SAT Prep Teacher for ELA & Math at a rate of \$1500 per semester.

**COACHING APPOINTMENT:**

Ashley Marshall-Lamica (Softball-Volunteer).

**SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTES:**

Magdalene Nichols (Lifeguard), Derick Heredia (Cleaner), Shelby Sansone (Cleaner) effective April 12, 2017.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Ashley Legacy (Teacher Aide), effective 4/7/17.  
Cindy Wemette (Teaching Assistant), effective 4/5/17.

**CSE/CPSE: RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion by Arlie Collins, seconded by Christine Crossman-Dumas; the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

AYES: 9 NAYES: 0, motion carried

Bryn M. Fefee  
District Clerk  
Board of Education

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Clerk Pro-Tem for  
Executive Session