Boquet Valley CSD Public Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM Mountain View Campus - Elizabethtown

Unofficial Minutes

1. Call to Order At: 6:03 PM By: Heather Reynolds

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

[X]Tom Broderick [X]Evan George [X]Darlene Hooper [X]Sarah Kullman [X]Heather Reynolds [X]Suzanne Russell [X]Debra Spaulding

4. Attendees

Present:

Joshua Meyer, Superintendent Hayden Riedy, Business Manager Bridget Belzile, Deputy District Clerk Lee Kyler, Lake View Principal

Visitors:

Paul Hooper Heather Olson
Julie Bisselle Jason Welch
Mary Lou Morgan Lucinda Adams
Brooke Beaton Sam Sherman
Donald Beaton Derinda Sherman

5. Public Budget Hearing on the Proposed 2025-2026 Spending Plan

- a. Presentation on the proposed \$16,466,120 spending plan for the 2025-2026 school year. See attached.
- b. Question and feedback session.

Jim Jackson: Inquired what the Public Information budget line is used for, noted the reduction in funds.

Response: Funds are allocated for our CoSer, website, sizable print jobs, or newsletters.

6. We Are Instrumental Presentation

a. Presented by Executive Director Evan Mack - see attached.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. Approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Regular Meeting and April 29, 2025 Special Meeting as presented.

Motion: Sarah Kullman Second: Tom Broderick Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

8. Public Comment (15 minutes)

a. Our agenda offers two Public Comment sections, one at the beginning of the meeting and one at the end of the meeting. At this time, we have set aside a 15 minute period giving anyone in the audience time to share their thoughts with us. Please raise your hand and be acknowledged by the Board President. When called upon, please identify yourself and give your address, limiting your comments to three minutes. Opinions, ideas and concerns that are offered by the public will be considered and taken under advisement.

Ray Rice: Expresses concerns about the dissemination of a flyer for a PRIDE event located outside of the district. He does not feel the school should be advertising events such as this.

9. Executive Session

Specifically, the Board anticipates entering into Executive Session for the following reason:

a. (#6) to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or persons.

In: 6:51 PM Motion: Darlene Hooper Second: Sarah Kullman Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept Out: 7:24 PM Motion: Dalene Hooper Second: Evan George Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

Motion to return to regular session at: 7:24 PM

Motion: Sarah Kullman Second: Evan George Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

10. Financials

- a. Approve the following financial reports:
 - i. Warrant #1 dated 04/01/2025
 - ii. Warrant #2 January March 2025
 - iii. Warrant #3 dated 04/16/2025
 - iv. General Fund Budget Status Report
 - v. Treasurer's Report April 2025

Motion: Deb Spaulding Second: Tom Broderick Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

11. CSE Recommendations

- a. Accept and approve the following CSE recommendations school year 2024-2025 for student #12413, 12568, 1321, 12461, 12501, 12465, 12647, 12415, 2742, 12378, 12485, 12615, 12685
- b. Accept and approve the following CSE recommendations school year 2025-2026 for student #8792, 1128, 1015, 2867,1320, 1310, 2654, 2846, 12413, 1142, 2905, 1249, 1105, 1012, 12428, 12475, 12619, 12584, 2927,12663, 12568, 12595,1396, 12618, 1299

Motion: Sarah Kullman Second: Sue Russell Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

- a. Accept the grant received from Adirondack Foundation in the amount of \$10,000.
- b. Approve the 2025 Preventive Maintenance Agreement for the standby generator from Brook Field Service as presented.
- c. Approve the closure of the extracurricular account of Class of 2024 and transfer the remaining balance to the BVCS Student Council
- d. Approve the closure of the extracurricular account of Class of 2023 and donation of the remaining balance to be distributed to the voted upon organizations.

Motion: Deb Spaulding Second: Darlene Hooper Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

13. Personnel - Consent Agenda

- a. Rescind the appointment of Olivia Montville as full-time (10-month) civil service position of Teacher Aide, previously approved April 10, 2025.
- b. Approve the appointment of Olivia Montville as substitute (non-certified) Teacher & (non-certified) Teacher Assistant.
- c. Accept and approve the letter of resignation as submitted by Ethan Graham from the position of Full-Time Bus Aide, effective May 12, 2025.
- d. Approve the appointment of Ethan Graham as substitute Bus Aide at the rate per the Board approved substitute salary pay chart, effective May 13, 2025.
- e. Extend and approve the daily rate increase for Building Substitute, Darcy Hudson from \$135 to \$175 May 1, 2025 through May 16, 2025 while covering an extended leave.
- f. Accept and approve the letter of intent to retire as submitted by Mike Mitchell from his position as Head Maintenance Mechanic, effective on or before December 31, 2025 pending final eligibility verification.
- g. Approve the appointment of Lori McCallister as substitute Clerical, effective April 17, 2025 at the hourly rate of \$20.00.
- h. Approve the appointment of Karen Reynolds to serve as a tutor at the hourly rate of \$52.00 for the 2024-2025 school year
- i. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the *Juul* agreement for MaryBeth Sayre to extend her probationary period for one year (June 30, 2025 August 31, 2026)
- j. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Joseph Stites McDaniel, who holds professional certification in Students with Disabilities, is hereby granted tenure in the Special Education tenure area effective September 1, 2025.
- k. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Peggy Staats, who holds initial certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), is hereby granted tenure in the Elementary Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2025.
- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Lily Whalen, who holds initial certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), is hereby granted tenure in the Elementary Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2025.
- m. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Adele Jesmer, who holds professional certification in Physical Education, is hereby granted tenure in the Physical Education tenure area effective September 1, 2025.
- n. Approve the appointment of Paul Buehler to the extra-curricular position of Senior Class Chaperone for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$200.00.
- o. Approve the following extracurricular appointments for the 2025-2026 school year:

- i. Casey Jon King Boys Modified Baseball Volunteer Assistant (no stipend)
- ii. Emily French Girls Modified Softball Volunteer Assistant (no stipend)
- p. Approve the appointment of Melisa Lucia as District Treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year.
- q. Approve the appointment of Karin Mulligan as Purchasing Agent for the 2024-2025 school year.
- r. Approve the appointment of Sydney Bisselle as OASIS Program Assistant at the hourly rate of \$15.50 paid through the Extended School Day Grant effective May 20, 2025.
- s. Approve the appointment of the following employees to serve as OASIS Credit Recovery, Enrichment, and Summer Power Program teachers, teacher assistants, and/or teacher aides for the period July 7 through August 8, 2025, paid at their hourly rate through the Extended School Day Grant:
 - i. Julie Bisselle (enrichment & academics)
 - ii. Brad Shumway (enrichment)
 - iii. Zoe Brugger-Lobdell (enrichment & academics)
 - iv. Lily Whalen (academics)
 - v. Travis Mauro (enrichment & academics)
 - vi. Paul Buehler (enrichment)
 - vii. Heather Olson (enrichment)
 - viii. Harry Caldwell (enrichment)
 - ix. Samantha Meachem-Hughes (enrichment & academics)
 - x. Eric Schultz (enrichment & academics)
 - xi. Erica Loher (enrichment & academics)
 - xii. Deb Olsen (nurse)
 - xiii. Brad Egglefield (teacher aide)
 - xiv. Theresa McAuley (teacher aide)
 - xv. Bradley Schrauf (credit recovery)
 - xvi. Jay Fiegl (enrichment)

Motion: Tom Broderick Second: Sue Russell Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: Accept

t. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Bradley Shumway, who holds initial certification in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), is hereby granted tenure in the Elementary Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2025.

Motion: Sue Russell Second: Evan George Yes: 5 No: 2 Abstain: 0 Accept

14. Policy

 Second Reading - policy #3311 Notification of Disclosure of Employee Disciplinary Records

15. Monthly Administrative Report - Lee Kyler, Principal, Lake View Campus

Details a successful "Walk & Roll" event with high attendance. Plans to continue the event on a more regular basis next school year are in development. Excited about receiving a new grant that will allow the district to place books are area businesses to encourage reading.

16. Superintendent's Update - see attached.

- a. Superintendent's Report
 - Regular Meeting Thursday, June 12, 2025 reschedule discussion due to Essex County Senior Honor Night
 - ii. District Grants Update: ESSA, ESD, 611/619, Title I/II/IV, UPK

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Sue Russell: states that it has been an honor to serve the community and district as a member of the school board.

Heather Reynolds: expresses gratitude toward Evan George for filling the vacant board member position.

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In: 7:48 PM Motion: Darlene Hooper Second: Sue Russell Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept Out: 8:50 PM Motion: Evan George Second: Sue Russell Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

No Action Taken.

19. Next Meeting

- a. Annual Budget Vote & Election Tuesday, May 20, 2025 12:00 PM 8:00 PM Lake View Campus
- b. Regular Meeting Thursday, June 12, 2025 6:00 PM rescheduled date TBD
- c. Reorganization & Regular Meeting July 10, 2025 Lake View Campus

20. Adjournment

Time: 8:51 Motion: Evan George Second: Sue Russell Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept