

Board of Education
Starpoint Central School District
Board of Education Conference Room
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jeffrey Duncan, at 6:00 pm with the following members attending in-person: Gregory Brehm, Jeffrey Duncan, Michelle Leuer, Jason Madden, Beth Pyskaty, Shawn Riester, Chad Shepherd, Kelley Swann.

Absent: Michael Zimmerman.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Sean Croft, Superintendent of Schools; Maureen Braunscheidel, Assistant Superintendent, Gretchen Cercone, Director of Human Resources; Dorothy Szpaicher, District Clerk; 12 in-person and 8 virtual attendees. Absent: Jonathan Andrews, Director of Administrative Services.

Motion S. RIESTER, second M. LEUER, unanimously carried that the board enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular individual.

Motion J. MADDEN, second G. BREHM, unanimously carried that the board exit executive session.

The Board took a brief recess. President, Jeffrey Duncan, led the Board and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:20pm.

The following additions and amendments were made to the agenda:

- Add - Item K3 – Appointments – Probationary Appointment – Marjorie Strobel – Accountant/District Treasurer – effective 10/17/2022 to 10/17/2023
- Add – Item K-13 – Approval of Electric Bid to the Energy Coop. of America for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Superintendent of Schools presented his Superintendent's Report.

A Special Presentation was given by Ms. Diane Martineau, District Claims Auditor. The presentation was in regards to her job duties and responsibilities and also to meet the newly appointed Board of Education members.

An Administrative Presentation was given by HS Assistant Principal, Joseph DiMaria and HS Teaching Assistant, Marisa Sparacino. The presentation was spoke of the benefits of the newly implemented 9th Grade At-Risk/RTI Program.

A public hearing on video conferencing under special circumstances was held.

A public forum was held.

Motion K. SWANN, second J. MADDEN, unanimously carried, that the board approves the following consensus agenda items:

- Minutes for the regular meeting on August 15, 2022
- Treasurers Reports for June 2022
- Budget Status and Revenue Status Reports for June 2022
- Transfers:

FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT:
A.2330.490.84.0000	A.2610.490.87.0000	\$ 1,438.02
A.2010.400.87.6300	A.2010.490.87.0000	\$ 996.16
A.2010.450.87.0000	A.2010.490.87.0000	\$13,583.14
A.2070.160.87.0000	A.2010.490.87.0000	\$ 2,000.00
A.2110.400.87.0000	A.2010.490.87.0000	\$ 580.70
A.2110.120.10.0000	A.1680.490.89.0000	\$34,036.87
A.2855.400.20.0000	A.2855.400.20.6300	\$ 157.72
A.2855.400.20.0000	A.2855.450.20.0000	\$ 2,629.92
A.2010.400.87.0000	A.2010.450.87.0000	\$ 2,890.40
A.2070.150.87.0000	A.2010.450.87.0000	\$ 3,783.39
A.9050.850.89.0000	A.2855.400.20.0000	\$ 5,928.36
- Bills for the month of June 2022
- Recommendations for 2022-2023 of the Committee on Special Education & Committee on Preschool Special Education:
CPSE 22-23: 900464664, 900464584, 900464579, 900464349, 900464100, 900464362, 900464402, 900464360, 900464352
CSE 22-23: 900464622, 092050001, 900460740, 900464526, 900468728, 900462858, 900463000, 900464565, 900464655, *00464656, 900464660, 900463644, 900463953, 900461081, 900461081, 900464662, 101130012, 900463906, 900464649, 900462709, 900462869, 900463502

There was no correspondence received by the Board.

Motion M. LEUER, second S. RIESTER, unanimously carried that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the board accepts the following resignations:

- Charity Burlingame - School Counselor - Resignation - effective 9/19/22
- Chris Gerhard - Building Maintenance Mechanic - Resignation - effective 8/25/22
- Mikenna Pelloth - Rescind Appoint - Field Hockey (Girls) Modified Head Coach - To Accept Field Hockey (Girls) JV Head Coach - effective 9/1/22
- Kimberly Riestter - Mentor - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23
- Kristina Tomei - Mentor - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23

Motion K. SWANN, second G. BREHM, unanimously carried that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the board approves the following unpaid leave of absence:

- Cristina Logal - Foreign Language Teacher - Unpaid Leave of Absence - effective 8/29/22 to 9/26/22

Motion C. SHEPHERD, second J. MADDEN, unanimously carried, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the board approves the following appointments:

Probationary

- Devin Eick - Probationary Appointment - Technology Teacher - effective 10/13/22 to 10/13/26 - \$42,063 (prorated) (Step 2 of Bachelors Salary Schedule)

Resolved that Devin Eick be appointed to a tenure area of Technology Teacher beginning on October 13, 2022 and ending October 13, 2026. The probationary expiration date is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible for and considered for tenure, Mr. Eick must meet all requirements of the education law and corresponding regulations. Mr. Eick has his initial certification in the following areas: Technology Education.

- Paul Karre - Probationary Appointment - Teaching Assistant - effective 8/29/22 to 8/29/26 - \$36,709 (Step 2 of Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule)

Resolved that Paul Karre be appointed to a tenure area of Teaching Assistant beginning on August 29, 2022 and ending August 29, 2026. The probationary expiration date is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible for and considered for tenure, Mr. Karre must meet all requirements of the education law and corresponding regulations. Mr. Karre has his professional certification in the following areas: English Language Arts 7-12.

- Alex P. Keller - Probationary Appointment - English Language Arts Teacher - effective 10/13/22 to 10/13/26 - \$42,063 (prorated) (Step 2 of Bachelors Salary Schedule)

Resolved that Alex P. Keller be appointed to a tenure area of English Language Arts Teacher beginning on October 13, 2022 and ending October 13, 2026. The probationary expiration date is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible for and considered for tenure, Mr. Keller must meet all requirements of the education law and corresponding regulations. Mr. Keller has his initial certification in the following areas: English Language Arts 7-12.

Motion S. RIESTER, second J. MADDEN, unanimously carried, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the board approves the following appointments:

Instructional

- Meaghan Buono - Long Term Substitute - Elementary Education Teacher - effective 8/29/22 to 6/30/23 - \$41,400 (Step 1 Bachelors Salary Schedule plus 24 credit hours)
- Emily Corieri - Long Term Substitute - MS Teaching Assistant - effective 8/29/22 to 6/30/23 - (Step 1 Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule)
- Melissa Hugar - Mentor - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - \$3,500
- Michele Isaac - Mentor - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - \$3,500
- Kamilla Marschner - Long Term Substitute - HS Science Teacher - effective 8/29/22 to 6/30/23 - \$46,225 (Step 1 Masters Salary Schedule plus 15 credit hours)
- Tara Wasilewski - Mentor - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - \$3,500
- Instructional Substitutes - Ragina Battaglia, Allison Brunner, Elizabeth Butera, Emily Collins, Gabriella Colton, Jonathan Elston, Ryan Gilbert, Mark Hughes, Nina Ligammari, Laura Link, Claire Mullane, Alex Myers, Gloria Seiler, Kara Stevens, Donna Swiech, Austen Winquist

Non-Instructional

- Christine Bancroft - Permanent Appointment - Personnel Records Clerk - effective 9/27/22
- Leigha Chmielewski - Probationary Appointment - Teacher Aide - effective 8/29/22 to 6/30/23 - \$17.48/hr.
- Amy Jagow - Probationary Appointment - Personal Care Aide - effective 8/29/22 to 6/30/23 - \$18.11/hr.
- Glenn Kane - Probationary Appointment - Teacher Aide - effective 8/29/22 to 6/30/23 - \$17.48/hr.
- Marjorie Strobel - Probationary Appointment - Accountant/District Treasurer - effective 10/17/2022 to 10/17/2023 - \$72,000 (prorated)
- Non-Instructional Substitutes - Laura Erias, Mary Reynolds, Shavaughn White

Extra-Curricular

- Kayla Boedner - Elementary Chorus Director - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - \$1,909
- Amanda Breier - MS Musical Pit Co-Director - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - 820
- Justin Carere - Elementary Band Director 2.0 - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - \$3,818
- Julie Cordani - MS Musical Vocal Director - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - \$1,639
- Karen Fish - Elementary Band Director 2.0 - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - \$3,818
- Alanna Steffen - MS Musical Pit Co-Director - effective 7/01/22 to 6/30/23 - \$820

Coaching

- Joseph Carlson - Football - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Madeline Carroll - Field Hockey (Girls) Modified Co-Head Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23

- \$1,436
- Vincent CuvIELLO - Golf - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Jessica Haskill - Cheerleading - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Ross Karipidis - Soccer (Boys) Modified Head Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 - \$2,871
- Shawn Latini - Football - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Griffin Mack - Football - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Jacob Manns - Football - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Carson Marcus - Football - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Justin Mott - Football - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Mikenna Pelloth - Field Hockey (Girls) JV Head Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 - \$4,020
- Kyle Schreuder - Football - Unpaid Assistant Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23
- Alanna Steffen - Field Hockey (Girls) Modified Co-Head Coach - effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 - \$820

Motion J. MADDEN, second M. LEUER, unanimously carried, that the board held the second reading and adoption of Board of Education Policy #7410 – Extracurricular Activities.

Motion K. SWANN, second S. RIESTER, unanimously carried, that the board held the second reading and adoption of Board of Education Policy #7420 – Sports and the Athletic Program.

Motion G. BREHM, second K. SWANN, unanimously carried, that the board held the second reading and adoption of Board of Education Policy #1530 – Minutes.

Motion S. RIESTER, second C. SHEPHERD, unanimously carried, that the board approves student teacher: Hayley Coakley.

Motion G. BREHM, second J. MADDEN, unanimously carried, that the board approves a resolution to allow member attendance by video conferencing under extraordinary circumstances.

WHEREAS, by passing Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 (Chapter 56”), the New York State Legislature amended Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 56 adds Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, permitting the Starpoint Central School District to authorize its members to attend meetings by videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(a) requires Starpoint Central School District to adopt a resolution following a public hearing authorizing the limited use of videoconferencing under such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2) allows for hybrid meetings by requiring “that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the public body’s quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend”; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)© requires that members be physically present at any such meeting “unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances...including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member’s physical attendance at such meeting”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 103-a(2)(d), any members attending by videoconferencing must, except during executive session, be “heard, seen and identified, while the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon”; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a (2)(g) requires that any meeting where a member attends by videoconference be recorded, posted to the Starpoint Central School District webpage within five business days, and transcribed upon request; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(h) requires that members of the public be permitted to attend and participate, if authorized, in any meeting by videoconference when a member attends by videoconference.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Starpoint Central School District authorizes its members who experience an extraordinary circumstance, as described above and further defined by any rules or written procedures later adopted, to attend meetings by videoconferencing: (i) as long as a quorum of the members attend in-person at one of more locations open to the public; (ii) as long as the member can be seen, heard, and identified whole the open portion of the meeting is being conducted; and (iii) as otherwise permitted under Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Starpoint Central School District shall create written procedures further governing its use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

The board held the first reading of Board of Education Policy #1510 - Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure).

Motion S. RIESTER, second J. MADDEN, unanimously carried, that the board approves the resolution as follows declaring the findings of the School District with respect to the proposals received for the financing of the Energy Performance Contract:

RESOLUTION OF STARPOINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, DECLARING THE FINDINGS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE FINANCING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT’S ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH WENDEL ENERGY SERVICES, LLC AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STARPOINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by a majority vote of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Following the solicitation of proposals, the Board of Education of Starpoint Central School District (the "School District") received proposals from various firms to provide financing for the cost of the energy conservation measures to be implemented under the Energy Performance Contract that the School District has heretofore entered into with Wendel Energy Services, LLC (the "Agreement").

Section 2. Following a discussion of the Board of Education of the School District, and based upon the written recommendation received from Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., the School District's Municipal Advisor, it is hereby determined that the proposal received from Cogent Leasing & Financing, Inc., or one of its affiliates (the "Lessor") is hereby accepted subject to the negotiation of one or more lease purchase agreements approved by counsel.

Section 3. The President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the Director of Administrative Services and/or District Treasurer (collectively the "Authorized Representatives" and individually, the "Authorized Representative"), acting on behalf of the School District and with the advice of counsel, are hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more lease purchase agreements (the "Equipment Lease") with the Lessor. The Authorized Representatives are hereby further authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements), as the Authorized Representatives deem necessary and appropriate with the advice of counsel. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Lease are hereby authorized, and such documents shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk and made available for public inspection.

Section 4. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Lease shall not exceed \$1,518,851 and shall bear interest and mature as set forth in the Equipment Lease.

Section 5. The School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Board of Education of the School District as set forth in the Equipment Lease and the School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall not constitute a general obligation of the School District or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State of New York.

Section 6. The proceeds of the Equipment Lease may be applied to reimburse the School District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said proceeds are authorized, or on or prior to such date in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 7. The Authorized Representatives are hereby authorized to take any and all other actions necessary in connection with the Agreement, the Equipment Lease, and all matters related thereto.

Section 8. Upon execution of the Equipment Lease and accompanying Escrow Agreement, the School District designates Webster Bank, as a depository of School District funds for purposes of the Equipment Lease.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion G. BREHM, second S. RIESTER, unanimously carried, that the board approves the 2022-2023 Starpoint CSD Professional Development Plan.

Motion S. RIESTER, second J. MADDEN, unanimously carried, that the board declares the following items and surplus and approves of their disposal: three pianos in the possession of the High School Music Department.

Motion J. MADDEN, second M. LEUER, unanimously carried, that the board approves the award for the purchase of electricity to Energy Coop. of America at the indexed adder rate of SC3P @ 0.01460 and SCI @ 0.01460 per kwh used for the 2022-2023 school year.

Public remarks and comments were held.

The Board Members held an open discussion.

Motion K. SWANN, second J. MADDEN, unanimously carried, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Szpaicher
District Clerk