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Beaver River Central School serves as a center for education in dynamic partnership with students, staff, parents, and community to provide each student the opportunity to achieve maximum potential in all areas of life and learning now and in the future.

Todd Green
Superintendent of Schools

Kimberly Lyman-Wright
Elementary School Principal

Daniel Rains
Middle/High School Principal

Troy Hebert
Middle/High School Assistant Principal

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BEAVER RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Location in Choral Room

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1. The regular monthly meeting of the Beaver River Central School District Board of Education was called to order by President, J. Beller at 5:58 p.m. in the Choral Room.

CALL TO
ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Beller, T. Lighthall, H. Aucter, S. Greaud, J. Pate,
J. Zehr, E. Dickinson

ATTEND.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Z. Zehr

STAFF PRESENT:

T. Green, D. Bush, K. Lyman-Wright, T. Hebert, D. Rains

VISITORS PRESENT:

G. Anderson, Z. Lehman, Abby, B. DeLong, R. Roggie, V. Getman,
M. Bush, E. Boliver, C. Widrick, K. Widrick, M. Kogut, T. Thompson,
M. Rice, S. Rice, A. Farney, S. Rice, M. Rice, S. Rice, K. Beller,
C. Ward, K. Roggie, J. Grunert, K. Ridner, D. Campeau

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

- A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the proposed agenda for the October 10, 2023 meeting.

PROPOSED
AGENDA

First: SG Second: JZ Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the October 10, 2023 meeting.

CONSENT
AGENDA

1. Minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting.
2. CSE, CPSE and 504 Recommendations
3. September Extra Classroom and Overtime Reports
4. September Financial Reports

First: TL Second: SG Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Kindergarten Transition Camp, Elementary Staff:

The elementary staff (Susie Rice, Amy Farney, Michaela Rice & Shauna R. Rice) presented about the Kindergarten Transition Camp that took place for 3 weeks over the summer (July 10-27). This program was for incoming Kindergarteners. There were 30 students that signed up and the average daily attendance was 22 students. Prior to Pre-K, a Building Bridges program was held each spring for incoming Kindergarteners. Parents would bring their child once a week in the evening for 4 weeks. Parents would attend this program with their child while children engaged in hands-on activities. This program was stopped when the Pre-K program began at Beaver River in 2013. The Kindergarten Transition Camp was very well attended, but was not mandatory, children could attend when they were available. The teachers did 3 different themes for the 3-week program so that each child could interact with all kids and adults. The students did several activities throughout the morning which included: free time, calendar time, lessons involving ELA and Math activities that revolved around the weekly themes, center time with hands on centers, dramatic play areas where students could role play, art projects and the day ended with snack time and outdoor play. The goal of having this summer transition camp was for kindergarteners to have a routine when entering kindergarten. The teachers formed relationships with the students which was beneficial for the first week of school. Seeing a familiar face when coming to school for the first time was very beneficial for many of the students. Also this program was beneficial for the teachers. They were able to meet these students and learn some strategies to utilize throughout the day and made them more aware of the needs of the incoming kindergarteners that did not attend Pre-K or Head Start.

B. Eliza Boliver, CSE Chairperson & Carolyn Widrick, Special Education Teacher:

Carolyn Widrick, Special Education teacher presented on Disability Awareness Month. Something to consider when getting our students Real World Ready. She talked about the bulletin board in the hallway about "If all you see is a disability, you will miss"... This bulletin board shows puzzle pieces of what you would miss if all you see is a disability. For instance, talented, exceptional, hard working students that are all in our classrooms and hallways everyday trying to be accepted by all of our students. Mrs. Widrick emailed a video to the staff last year and also presented the same video to the Board. This video sparked some interest in one ELA class and this teacher had one of her classes become pen pals to Mrs. Widrick's students. Mrs. Widrick had done weekly informational announcements and also various posters to increase awareness to disabilities. Mrs. Widrick would like to hold spirit weeks in March for different disability days. To get all students and staff involved with the 13 students she has in her class this year. Elena Dickinson, BOE Student Representative stated that this would be a good thing for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters group here at Beaver River.

Eliza Boliver, CSE Chair presented on the trend in Special Education. Preschool Special Education numbers compared to the last few years have increased some with a total of 18 students so far this year. Section 504 has increased to a 7.45% compared to last year 7.00% with a total of 65 students with a 504 plan. Special Education number have increased to 171 students with an IEP plan. We also have homeschool and River Valley students who also received special education services. With that being said we have approximately 254 students out of 872 total (Pre-K through 12th grade) students receiving some form of special education services in the district. The initial/triennial evaluations which include, testing, scoring, interpretation, collaboration, report writing and meetings would take 10 hours per evaluation. We are noticing a increase in needs beginning in preschool. Also the lack of space has become a factor with special programs that are full with waiting lists. We are out of space in our building to adapt to the increase in needs.

C. Kimberly Lyman-Wright, Elementary Principal

Dr. Lyman-Wright presented on RTI & DI which is Response to intervention and differentiated instruction. The process for Beaver River is to give instruction to all through guided reading and universal testing. Academic Intervention Services and Special Education Services are to supplement to those students who need the extra support. The total referrals for special education or 504 plans has increased tremendously in the PreK-5th grade classes since the 2019-2020 school year. The elementary academic goal is to provide learning opportunities for all students to enjoy reading, receive applicable support and explicit instruction. Our elementary objectives are to implement explicit instruction in all academic areas, develop a multi-tiered system of support model (MTSS) and to decrease the number of CSE referrals in grades K-2. So what is MTSS (multi-tiered systems of support) this is a term used to describe a framework that "houses" triangular intervention service delivery modes. These intervention service delivery models seek to remediate maladaptive learning, behavioral, or social-emotional deficits before they lead to disability placement, office discipline referrals, significant social-emotional concerns, or even

criminal conduct. MTSS is utilized to promote uniformity across schools, provide early intervention to students, abide by state guidelines, and recognize that academic, behavioral and social-emotional difficulties tend to be interconnected and often do not operate independently of one another. Four critical elements of MTSS are 1. varying levels of preventative evidence-based supports and instructional practices 2. universal screening 3. progress monitoring 4 data-based decision making Our next steps are data will help the team of teachers who are attending the MTSS training create an implementation plan for the 2024-2025 school year. We will be able to monitor how the PreK programs are identifying students early before coming to kindergarten for early intervention. We can know if this years CSE referrals from K-2 are lower, the same or higher than the years prior to this year. Kim will provide follow up data at the March meeting with IST referrals for the 2023-2024 school year and then at the June meeting have the MTSS plan for the 2024-2025 school year and final IST referrals for the 2023-2024 school year.

D. Troy Hebert, Middle & High School Assistant Principal

Mr. Hebert presented on our McKinney-Vento an ELL programs. These are both federal programs that fall under ESSA. McKinney-Vento is part of Title I and ELL is covered under Title III. Currently, we have 4 English Language Learner(ELL) students enrolled in the district. All of the current students are enrolled in the elementary. This number is up from last year and we suspect that the number of ELL students will continue to rise in the coming months and years. Upon enrollment, students who are identified as ELL are assessed through a NYSITELL test to determine their level of English language proficiency. Students then receive additional instruction based on their NYSITELL score. This instruction is either 1 ½ or 3 hours per week of ELL instruction to help these students master the language. Currently, we provide extra assistance using our own staff and tutors provided through the Regional Bilingual Network as we have not yet been able to hire an English teacher as a new Language Teacher. McKinney-Vento is designed to help homeless students. This act states that children and youth who lack “a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence” will be considered homeless. We have around 10 students currently experiencing homelessness in one form or another. McKinney-Vento eligible students have the right to: enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents for enrollment; continue attending the school of origin; receive transportation; receive educational services according to their needs and receive free school meals. Students are normally identified as homeless when families complete the registration paperwork, but sometimes the guidance office informs us of housing changes. One of the greatest challenges we face is the transportation. This makes it difficult getting students to and from school when they live 20, 30 or more miles away.

E. Daniel Rains, Middle & High School Principal

Mr. Rains presented on the total number of students enrolled at the Howard G. Sackett Technical Center. We have a total of 38 juniors who attend the PM classes and a total of 41 senior students who attend the AM class. This enrollment would be roughly 60% of our junior and senior students attend the BOCES programs. Over the last few years, our percentages have increased. We had 37% of the class of 2021, 51% class of 2022 and 46% class of 2023 who have attended the BOCES programs.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Partial Settlement of Vaping Litigation. As Attached.

First: TL Second: SG Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

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VAPING
LITIGAT

- B. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements for the 2022-2023 school year.

First: SG Second: JP Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

APPROVE
22-23
AUDITED
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

- C. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) 75th Annual Conference for Jennifer Wright from November 17-19, 2023 in

APPROVE
OVERNIGHT
J. WRIGHT

Albany, NY at an estimated cost of \$768.88. As Attached.

NYSATA
CONFERENCE

First: JZ Second: JP Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- D. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the School Facilities Management Conference & Expo Conference for Lloyd Richardson from October 8-11, 2023 in Saratoga Springs, NY at no cost to the district. (recent scholarship)
As Attached.

APPROVE
L. RICHARDSON
OVERNIGHT
FACILITIES
CONFERENCE

First: SG Second: JP Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- E. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the NYSCATE Conference for Amy Baker and Jaime Gates from November 18-20, 2023 in Rochester, NY at an estimated cost of \$1200.00. As Attached.

APPROVE
NYSCATE
A.BAKER &
J. GATES

First: TL Second: JP Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- F. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the Policies listed below.

APPROVE
POLICIES

1. **New/Revised Policies**

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>
5105	Narcan Policy
5105.1	NYSDOH Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program
5105.2	Narcan (Naloxone) Usage Report
8500	Special Education Programs and Services

First: TL Second: JP Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- G. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the addition of a Beaver River Bowling Team with Caree Turck as the Head Coach.

APPROVE
BOWLING
TEAM

First: HA Second: TL Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- H. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the Beaver River FFA to attend Camp Oswegatchie and various Ag businesses from November 17-18, 2023 at no cost to the District. As Attached.

APPROVE
OVERNIGHT
FFA

First: JP Second: HA Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 1

7. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

- A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to approve the Personnel Report below:

PERSONNEL
REPORT

1. **Miscellaneous Personnel Items**

A. **Retirements/Resignations**

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
i.	Brown, Renee'	Food Service Worker	Retirement	6.30.2024
ii.	Puddington, Stephen	Social Studies Teacher	Retirement	6.30.2024

B. Appointments

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>FINGERPRINTED</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>	<u>PROBATIO START DATE</u>	<u>PROBATION END DATE</u>	<u>TENURE AREA</u>
i.	Todd, Emily	7-12 Social Studies Teacher	\$47,560; Step 1; BS	Yes	10.2.2023	10.10.2023	10.09.2027	7-12 Social Studies
ii.	Tooker, Tiffany	Teacher Aide	\$15.50 per hour	Yes	10.10.2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
iv.	Lane, Melissa	Teacher Aide	\$15.50 per hour	Yes	10.10.2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
v.	Getman, Valerie	Teacher Aide	\$15.50 per hour	Yes	10.10.2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
vi.	Graves, Shyla	Teacher Aide	\$15.50 per hour	Yes	10.10.2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
v.	Dunckel, Leann	Psychologist	\$400.00 per diem	Yes	10.10.2023	N/A	N/A	N/A

C. Extra-Curricular Appointments*

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FINGERPRINTED</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
i.	Moser, Donald	Intramural Girls Basketball	Yes	9.28.2023
ii.	Halko, Ginger	Class of 2024 Co-Advisor	Yes	10.10.2023
iii.	Campeau, Darci	Volunteer Elementary Yearbook Advisor	N/A	10.10.2023
iv.	Freed, Timothy	Fall Weight Room Advisor	Yes	10.10.2023
v.	Freed, Timothy	Winter I Weight Room Advisor	Yes	10.10.2023
vi.	Lyndaker, Matthew	Winter II Weight Room Advisor	Yes	10.10.2023
vii.	Buckingham, Lynsey	Ski Club Co-Advisor	Yes	10.10.2023
viii.	Freed, Timothy	Ski Club Co-Advisor	Yes	10.10.2023
ix.	Roggie, Christopher	Indoor Track & Field Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
x.	Lehman, Zachary	Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xi.	Russell, Kenneth	JV Boys Basketball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xii.	Moser, Donald	Modified Boys Basketball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xiii.	Adams, Tracy	Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xiv.	Buell, Brenda	JV Girls Basketball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xv.	Boliver, Traci	Modified Girls Basketball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xvi.	Roggie, Shane	Varsity Boys Wrestling Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023

C. Extra-Curricular Appointments Cont'd

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FINGERPRINTED</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
xvii.	Houppert, Cody	Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach & JV Wrestling Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xviii.	Widrick, Tyler	Modified Wrestling Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xix.	Sundberg, Eugene	Varsity Girls Volleyball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xx.	Cardinal, Emalee	Modified Girls 7 th grade Volleyball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xxii.	Marriott, Melanie	Modified Girls 8 th grade Volleyball Head Coach	Yes	10.10.2023
xxiii.	Monnat, Erin	Middle School Yearbook Co-Advisor	Yes	9.1.2023

*Stipends stipulated pursuant to the teacher contract

D. Substitutes

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>FINGERPRINTED</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
i.	Branagan, Eliza	Substitute Teacher, TA, Aide, Monitor	N/A	Pending Clearance
ii.	Simpson, Richard	Substitute Cleaner	Yes	10.10.2023
iii.	Bach, Christine	Retired Substitute Certified Teacher, TA, Aide	Yes	10.10.2023
iv.	Stratham, Emily	Substitute Teacher, TA, Aide, Monitor	N/A	Pending Clearance
v.	MacCue, Alison	Substitute Teacher, TA, Aide, Monitor	Yes	10.10.2023
vi.	Widrick, Glendon	Retired Substitute Certified Teacher	Yes	10.10.2023

E. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

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| 1. | CSE and 504 Committees: | |
| | <u>CSE Committee</u> | <u>504 Committee:</u> |
| | Alesa Bernat | Alesa Bernat |
| | Brooke Boldt | Brooke Boldt |
| | Renee Vanderlan | Renee Vanderlan |
| | Christine Lee | Christine Lee |
| | Caryl Petrus | Caryl Petrus |
| | Daniel Mayer | Kathryn Olmstead |
| | Delaney VanNest | |
| | Jonna Kloster | |

F. PERSONNEL NOTES

1. Maternity Leaves:
 - a. Britney McHugh, Elementary AIS Teacher (10/26/2023 – 1/1/2024)

First: TL Second: JP Yes:6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

8. **BOARD OF EDUCATION, COMMITTEE REPORTS & SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

1. Board President – Jonathan Beller

- a. Committee Reports – finance/audit committee update
- b. Board Docs presentation October 23, 2023.

2. Elena Dickinson – Student Representative

Presented about homecoming week and all of the festivities taking place. Also regarding theater club and their fundraising for their activities.

3. Superintendent - Todd Green

- a. Athletic Participation – discussion with Athletic Director about the participation in athletics
- b. NYCOS Conference Report – Mr. Green attended
- c. Electric Bus Update – discussion about electric buses and the entire fleet to be electric by the year of 2035.
- d. Enrollment Study - discussion on the enrollment study with housing
- e. Stimulus Position Update – discussion around the 4 year stimulus funding

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – If Needed**

- A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to enter executive session at 8:33 p.m.

ENTER
EXEC

First: JP Second: SG Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- B. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to leave executive session at 9:15 p.m.

LEAVE
EXEC

First: TL Second: JZ Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Green, the Board made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURN

First: HA Second: JP Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

The next regular meeting of the Beaver River Central School Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choral Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Bush,
District Clerk