

MINUTES

<p>President Salisbury called the meeting of the Unatego Central School District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in room 93 at the Unatego Middle/Senior High School.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Clapper, Downey, McDermott, O'Hara and Salisbury answered roll call.</p>	<p>Roll Call</p>
<p>Absent: McMichael and Treffeisen.</p>	
<p>Administrative members present: Supt. Dr. David S. Richards, Patricia Loker, Business Manager and Clerk French.</p>	
<p>Visitors/Staff: 2</p>	
<p>President Salisbury led the Flag Salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p>Motion by Downey, seconded by McDermott, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2018 as presented. Yes-5 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>1-8-18 Reg Brd Mtg Min</p>
<p>Motion by Downey, seconded by McDermott, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Yes-7 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Adopt Agenda</p>
<p><u>Public Comment:</u> None.</p>	
<p><u>Presentations</u></p>	
<p>Business Manager's Report - Patricia Loker</p>	<p>P. Loker</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained Unit Cost Methodology. • Discussed encumbered salaries. • Discussed the Governor's budget proposal. 	
<p>Superintendent's Report - Dr. David S. Richards</p>	<p>Dr. D. Richards</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained Board action 4.6 and 4.7. • Award of RFP (4.9) for Radon Testing was discussed. It was decided to table the award until next meeting when there is a full Board. • 10 RFPs were received for architectural services. The Building and Grounds Committee will review the proposals on February 15th. The committee will recommend three or four companies to the Board of Education. The Board will meet with each company at a Special Board Meeting. • The heating system at Unatego Elementary School was discussed. 	
<p><u>Administrative Action</u></p>	
<p>Motion by McDermott, seconded by O'Hara, to table 4.9 until the next Board Meeting. Yes-5 No-0. Carried.</p>	<p>Table 4.9</p>
<p>Motion by McDermott, seconded by Downey, to approve the following resolutions as presented: Yes-5 No-0. Carried.</p>	

<p>Warrants and Budget Status Reports were given to the Board for information only.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve the Treasurer’s Reports for December for all funds as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve budget transfers as presented.</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve Unit Cost Methodology as presented (2018-19 BOCES Services).</p> <p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve to retain:</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Unatego Central School is a member of NY44 Health Benefits Plan Trust, having joined as of July 1, 2014; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, unfortunate disagreements have arisen between the BOCES/District and the trust; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the BOCES/District has retained Costello, Cooney and Fearon, PLLC, to represent its interests regarding its membership in the Trust; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it may be necessary to commence litigation against the Trust to resolve the outstanding issues;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education:</p> <p>(1) ratifies the Engagement Letter retaining Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, as counsel to DCMO BOCES/Unatego Central School District for matters related to its membership in the NY44 Health Benefits Plan Trust; and</p> <p>(2) approves the commencement of litigation against the Health Benefits Plan Trust and any other parties necessary to such litigation; and</p> <p>(3) authorizes Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, as counsel to the Board and BOCES, to take all necessary action to protect the BOCES’ interests regarding its membership in the NY44 Health Benefits Plan Trust, including, but not limited to, the prosecution of litigation.</p> <p>DATED: January 22, 2018</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Joan M. French, Clerk of the Board</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>Treasurer’s Reports</p> <p>Budget Transfers</p> <p>Unit Cost Methodology</p> <p>Retain Services Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC</p>
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<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve agreement:</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Unatego Central School District is a member of the NY 44 Health Benefits Plan Trust, having joined as of July 1, 2014; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, unfortunate disagreements have arisen between the District and the Trust, between the DCMO BOCES and the Trust, and between other school districts and the Trust, all of a similar nature and under sufficiently similar circumstances so as to create a common basis for legal action; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the District has retained Costello, Cooney and Fearon, PLLC, to represent its interests regarding its membership in the Trust, as have the BOCES and other school districts; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it may be necessary for the districts an DCMO BOCES to take certain legal actions against the Trust to resolve the outstanding issues, and that it would be in the best interests of the DCMO BOCES and districts to collaborate; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board has been informed that the Greater Southern Tier BOCES, and a number of other school districts are similarly collaborating with each other and using the same Costello, Cooney and Fearon, PLLC firm the same matters;</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education:</p> <p>(1) Authorizes, approves, and ratifies the Inter-Municipal Agreement among this district, DCMO BOCES and other named participating school districts to share the fees and costs of Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC, as counsel to all participating, for matters related to membership in the NY 44 Health Benefits Plan Trust; and</p> <p>(2) Approves division of the legal fees and costs among all parties on a pro rata basis calculated in accordance with the number of subscribers each participant has for NY 44 Trust health insurance benefits as of January 16, 2018; and</p> <p>(3) Authorizes the payment of the District's share of the bills for legal fees and costs for the prosecution of the claim/litigation as calculated by the DCMO BOCES in accordance with the provisions of the Inter-Municipal Agreement; and</p> <p>(4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.</p> <p>DATED: January 22, 2018</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Joan M. French, Clerk of the Board</p>	<p>Approve Inter-Municipal Agreement For Legal Service Collaboration</p>
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<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby approve William Donnelly, teller, for the Special District Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at a rate of \$100 (replaces Marjorie McMorris).</p>	<p>W. Donnelly Teller</p>
<p>RESOLVED; upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that this Board does hereby appoint Vincent Buttice returning substitute teacher for the 2017-18 school year.</p>	<p>V. Buttice Sub Teacher</p>
<p><u>Public Comment</u> - None.</p>	
<p><u>Round Table Discussion</u></p>	
<p>D. Downey - Hall of Distinction recipients, Karen Moore Barbour and Dr. Peter Prendergast, were present on Friday, January 19th, to meet with students and staff. There was a reception at 5:00 p.m. to meet and greet. They were recognized between the JV and Varsity Girls basketball that evening.</p>	
<p>Two educational facilities are interested in the Otego Elementary School. The Repurposing committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. Friday in the Board room.</p>	
<p>J. McDermott - concerned about students who have opted out testing in the elementary and middle school. Will they be ready to take the regents exams in high school? Regents are mandatory.</p>	
<p>Reminder of the workshop on Thursday evening at SUCO.</p>	
<p>Motion by McDermott, seconded by O'Hara, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Yes-5 No-0. Carried.</p>	
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<p>Adjournment</p>	