

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education (Monday, May 22, 2023)**  
**Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi**  
**High School Library Media Center**  
**2 Sheldon Drive, Delhi, NY 13753**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Tammy Neumann, Lucy Kelly, Seth Haight (Executive Session only), Sean Leddy (Executive Session only), Kimberly Shephard, James Tucker, Jr., Lauren Raba and Tyler Branigan

**Others Present:** Kelly M. Zimmerman, Superintendent, Lisa A. Kulaski, District Clerk, Carey Shultz, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel, Deborah Liddle, Middle School Principal and Director of Special Education, Brian Rolfe and Ro Avila.

**Opening of Meeting**

**Call to Order**

President, Tammy Neumann called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:01 p.m.

**Enter an Executive Session**

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Sean Leddy, the Board of Education entered Executive Session to discuss matters regarding personnel and the terms of a contract with the district with no action to be taken, at 5:02 p.m.

**Leave Executive Session**

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Sean Leddy, the Board of Education left Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

**Opening of Meeting**

**Call to Order**

President, Tammy Neumann called the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:15 p.m.

Trustee Haight, Trustee Leddy and Trustee Shephard were not present at the Open Session of the Regular Meeting.

**Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**Public Comments**

President, Tammy Neumann, opened the floor to public comments.

There were no public comments.

**Routine Matters**

**A. Approve Minutes of the Budget Workshop held on April 10, 2023**

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Budget Workshop held on April 10, 2023. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

**B. Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 17, 2023**

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 17, 2023. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

**C. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 24, 2023**

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 17, 2023. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

**D. Personnel Recommendations**

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approved the personnel recommendations as submitted, and upon fingerprint clearance:

#### RESIGNATIONS

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
Scheie, Rose	Elementary Teacher	Personal	August 31, 2023

#### RETIREMENTS

Name	Position	Effective
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*No retirements for May 22, 2023.*

#### UNCLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS - 4 Year Probationary Appointments

Name	Position/Dept.	Appointment	Effective	Tenure	Area	Certification	Salary
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*No unclassified appointments - 4 year probationary appointments for May 22, 2023.*

\*Effective date noted as above unless extended in accordance with the law. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by applicable provisions of Section 30123 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher/administrator must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher/administrator receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher/administrator shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

*Note: Employment is contingent upon clearance from the State Education Department to comply with the fingerprinting provisions of Project Save.*

#### UNCLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS - 3 Year Probationary Appointment

Name	Position/Dept.	Appointment	Effective	Tenure	Area	Certification	Salary
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*No unclassified appointments - 3 year probationary appointments for May 22, 2023.*

\*Effective date noted as above unless extended in accordance with the law. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by applicable provisions of Section 30123 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher/administrator must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least two (2) of the three (3) preceding years, and if the teacher/administrator receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher/administrator shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

*Note: Employment is contingent upon clearance from the State Education Department to comply with the fingerprinting provisions of Project Save.*

MENTOR	Employee Name	Position	School year new hire is to be mentored
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*No mentor appointments for May 22, 2023.*

**MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Croop, Robert	Permanent	Custodial Worker	6/14/2023	\$14.20/hour as per working conditions under CSEA Contract
Daly, Mackenzie	Permanent	Custodial Worker	6/14/2023	\$14.20/hour as per working conditions under CSEA Contract
Hilson-Schneider, Hans	Temporary	Non-Certified Substitute Aide	Retroactive to 5/22/2023 to 6/30/2023	\$99.40/day

*Note: Employment is contingent upon clearance from the State Education Department to comply with the fingerprinting provisions of Project Save.*

**TENURE APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure Area</b>	<b>Certification</b>	<b>Effective</b>
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*No tenure appointments for May 22, 2023.*

**ATHLETIC APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>DAFA Step</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
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*No athletic appointments for May 22, 2023.*

**EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>DAFA Step</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
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*No extracurricular appointments for May 22, 2023.*

**CHANGE IN POSITION**

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>New Status</b>	<b>Effective</b>
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*No changes in position for May 22, 2023.*

**CHANGE IN CIVIL SERVICE STATUS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Effective</b>
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*No change in civil service status for May 22, 2023.*

**LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Janiszewski, Melissa	Elementary Teacher	Personal (paid)	On or around June 13, 2023

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

## **E. Financial Reports**

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Lucy Kelly, the Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports from the Treasurer for March 30, 2023, as submitted. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

## **F. CSE Recommendations**

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education accepted the Special Education Report from the Director of Special Education for March 31, 2023, as submitted. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Trustee, Kimberly Shephard, arrived to the Open Session of the Regular Meeting at 6:21 p.m.

## **Reports**

### **A. Principal's Monthly Reports**

Ms. Deborah Liddle, Middle School Principal, reported for the Elementary, Middle School and High School:

#### **For Student Enrollment**

- ES
  - 4 new enrollments: 1-1st grade from Idaho, 1-2nd grade from NYC, 1-3rd grade from Idaho, 1-4th grade from Stamford Central School
- MS
  - 1 enrollment- 6th grade student from Stamford Central School
- HS
  - 2 enrollments - 11th grade student from Canton Central School and 10th grade student from Unatego Central School

#### **Student Successes**

- ES
  - 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade attended the Young People's concert on Apr 28, 2023 in the HS auditorium
  - 1st grade attended a field trip to the planetarium and the SUCO science center
  - 4th and 5th grade attended a music field trip
  - 4th grade had an in-house visit from the Hanford Mills museum
  - iReady testing for the end of the year has started
- MS
  - Completed the 3rd session of Building Better Futures. The focus was on working together to solve a community and problem solving. Students filled out a pre-survey (before the 1st session) and will now be filling out a post survey. Teachers will also fill out feedback forms. The district will then work with BBF to look at the next steps to continue the work into next school year.
    - 4 middle school students had the opportunity to attend the NYS FFA State Convention in Buffalo, NY, Thursday, May 18 - Saturday, May 20.
    - Wednesday May 24th is our NJHS induction ceremony. We will be inducting 13 new members from 7th and 8th grades.
    - The 5th graders visited the 6th grade POD on 5/17, 18, and 19. The students got a tour of the MS and then spent time with a 6th grade buddy in the MS classes.
- HS
  - FFA members attended the NY State Convention in Buffalo this past week/weekend
    - Elianna Tarrants was elected as the 2023-2024 New York State FFA Reporter
  - 6 seniors completed mentee training through DCMO BOCES' mentoring program each earning a \$250 gift card for their participation.
    - Mentees selected a mentor from an identified list and met with them over the span of a month to discuss areas of career preparation and development
  - National Honor Society inducted 16 new members
  - We had 10 high ranking students that took the National German exam with:
    - 2 Silver achievements (top 10%)
    - 1 Bronze achievement (top 25%)

- Students departed on the 18th for the Spain trip.
- Scholar Recognition Dinner honored Tyler Branigan and his mentor of choice, Mrs. Ainsworth.
- Athletics
  - Varsity Softball completed their season with a 14-7 Overall record. Qualifying them for Sectionals for the first time in 21 years. The team was led by Alli Ferrara who posted an above .500% Batting Average and threw 219 Strikeouts from the pitcher's mound this year.
  - Varsity baseball also has completed their season by qualifying for Sectionals with a 9-9 overall record. Both teams were eliminated in the opening round.
  - Tennis capped an undefeated 12-0 season under the lights against Sidney. Tabor and Risdon Reed competed very well in the postseason finishing in 4th Place at the State Qualifiers. Section 4 Team Championships are tonight and Tuesday where our team will compete for a chance to go to the State Championships.
  - Track and Field has set numerous school records. They will be headed off to Class Championships and State Qualifiers in the coming week

#### Faculty & Staff

- ES
  - Julie attended the School Based Health Center dinner and meeting
  - Completed ELA and Math testing
  - Will complete Grade 5 math field test on 5/24/23
- MS
  - The three building principals attended the Rural Schools Association of NYS forum on May 11, 2023 with David Little, Executive Director of the Rural Schools Association of NYS, facilitating.
  - Danielle Beach and Jackie Darling attended the Educational Benefit IEP Reflection: Strategies for improving Education Programs and Decision Making at the Committee on Special Education on May 16, 2023 at SUNY Oneonta.
  - Completed NYS ELA and Math along with Field testing in ELA 8.
  - Upcoming- NYS Science 8 Performance (5/23) and Written Exam (6/5).
- HS
  - Completed NYS Field testing in US History and Earth Science
  - Amanda Kane and Ms. Trask attended a Seal of Civic Readiness professional development and will be gathering a committee to begin developing the graduation pathway option at DA.

#### Events

- ES
  - April 2nd, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade will be attending a play at the Foothills Theater in Oneonta. 4th grade will be attending a field trip at the Historical Society. All four grade levels will be having a picnic type lunch before returning to the building.
  - 1st grade students will be taking a field trip to the Cannon Free Library (3 different dates in June)
  - June 9, Safety Patrol will be taking an all-day field trip to Great Escape. The regular bus trip to Washington DC was canceled again this year. It is still very difficult to get large groups of people into places to eat or visit.
  - June 12, Pre-K Ceremony
  - June 14, Elementary Concert 7:00 pm in the HS Auditorium
  - June 15, Ron Boerner Field Days
  - June 16, Kindergarten Concert 1:00 pm
- MS
  - May 23, Grade 8 State Test - Sci. Performance
  - May 24, 8th Grade BOCES visit
  - May 24, NJHS Induction Ceremony 2PM
  - May 26, High Note Festival, MS Orchestra & Band (Lake George)
    - June 2, FFA Banquet
    - June 5, Grade 8 State Test - Sci. Written Exam
  - June 6, MS Spring Concert 7PM
  - June 12, Athletic Awards Night 6 PM

- June 13, MS Awards Assembly 1PM
- HS
  - June 2, FFA Banquet
  - June 8, HS Concert 7PM
  - June 9, High Note Festival, HS Orchestra & Band (Lake George) and Tractor Day
  - June 12, Athletic Awards

The Board thanked Ms. Liddle for her reports.

## **B. Departmental Reports**

Mr. Carey Shultz, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel, reported the following:

- For Food Services, they have not received any feedback on the free and reduced meals program. At this point they are awaiting approval.
- For Building and Grounds, they are continuing with maintenance and mowing and preparing the school for graduation.
  - They are looking at the summer schedule and plan to hire 4 or 5 student cleaners.
  - The High School gym floor is scheduled to be re-sanded and refinished starting June 13. It will be unavailable for two weeks. If it is not done now then it will not be able to be done until October. There will be a night crew working on it so most of the work will be done when there are no students in the building.
  - The Middle School gym floor was refinished last year. The crew will come back late July or Early August to do a quick sanding and a retouch.
- For the Business Office, Mr. Shultz thanked the public for voting.
  - Budget sheets will be sent out shortly.
  - There is a tentative audit schedule set. Auditors will be coming into the district in mid-June.
  - There is an ESSR audit that is due electronically at the beginning of June. They will review that data and then be in the district on July 20.
  - The stair project will be started after graduation. There will be granite treads with integrated lighting.
  - The transition to One Digital is starting for the A.L. Kellogg funds with a full transition by mid-June.

The Board thanked Mr. Shultz for his report.

## **C. Superintendent Monthly Report**

Superintendent, Kelly Zimmerman, said she had the opportunity to attend the FFA State Convention in Buffalo. She mentioned that Ellie Tarrants was newly elected as the New York State Reporter for the 2023-2024 school year and in addition she placed third in the extemporaneous speaking category in the entire state. This is huge and very impressive.

Mrs. Zimmerman then read a letter from the New York State School Boards Association and presented an award on behalf of NYSSBA to President, Tammy Neumann.

The Board thanked Mrs. Zimmerman for her report.

## **D. Board Committee Reports**

### **A.L. Kellogg Committee**

The committee did not meet in May, 2023.

### **Athletic Committee**

The committee did not meet in May, 2023.

### **Board Liaison Committee**

The committee did not meet in May, 2023.

### **Capital Project Committee**

The committee did not meet in May, 2023.

## **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

The committee did not meet in May, 2023.

## **Finance Committee**

The committee did meet in May, 2023. All of the items that they spoke about at the meeting were previously addressed by Mr. Carey Shultz in his board update.

## **Policy Review Committee**

The committee did not meet in May, 2023.

## **Technology Committee**

The committee did not meet in May, 2023.

## **Policy Review / Adoption**

### **A. First Reading of Policy #46 Disposal of District Property**

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of Policy #46 Disposal of District Property. A second reading would be held at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Trustee, Kimberly Shephard, asked if this was an existing policy. Yes, this is an existing policy.

Trustee, Lucy Kelly, suggested that any changes to the policy be tracked so that they could more easily follow what changes were made. Superintendent Zimmerman stated she would do that moving forward.

## **10. Old Business**

### **A. Continued Discussion on the Capital Project with no action to be taken**

Further discussion was held on Capital Project. They went over the timeline of the project. They also discussed the scope. The scope does not require board action. The first board action would occur when the results of the SEQRA come in.

## **11. New Business**

### **A. Permission to Destroy Ballots from 2022 Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections**

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education approved the following resolution to give permission to destroy ballots from the 2022 Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections: WHEREAS, Pursuant to Education Law 2034(6)(b) six months or more have elapsed since the May 2022 Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections; and WHEREAS, upon the information and belief of the Board of Education, there have been no challenges or proceedings commenced; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi does and hereby authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the wooden ballot boxes and destroy the official ballots contained therein, together with the unused ballots, if any. There were no question, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

### **B. Certification of 2023 Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections**

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education accepted the Certification of Results of the 2023 Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections as follows:

Vote Propositions: Budget: 468 yes votes, 99 no votes, Proposition #1: Proposition to Establish a Capital Equipment Reserve Fund, 475 yes votes, 92 no votes; Proposition #2: Proposition to Purchase Van, 508 yes votes, 57 no votes. There were two seats up for three-year terms with the results as follows: Nathaniel McCarthy received 159 votes, Ro Avila received 396 votes, Kimberly Shephard received 279 votes and James Tucker, Jr. received 254 votes. BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 2502 of the Education Law, that candidates, Ro Avila and Kimberly Shephard are hereby elected to three-year terms, commencing on July 1, 2023 (expiring June 30, 2026) as declared by the Board of Education. WHEREAS, the Board of Education has examined and tabulated such statements and determined the number of votes cast for the 2023 School District Budget; IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, that the 2023 School District Budget passed with 468 votes in favor and 99 votes against. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

### **C. Resolution to Authorize Participation in Cooperative Purchasing for 2023-2024**

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education approved the following resolution to allow the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi to participate in the Cooperative Purchasing Service with the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES for the school year 2023-2024: WHEREAS, The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and WHEREAS, The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and WHEREAS, The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s). There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **D. Resolution to Authorize Participation in Joint Bidding for Generic Products for 2023-2024**

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education approved the following resolution to allow the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi to participate in the joint bidding for generic items; equipment; supplies and contract items with the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES: WHEREAS, It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and WHEREAS, The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and WHEREAS, The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s). There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **E. Resolution to Authorize Participation in Joint Bidding for Food and Cafeteria Supplies for 2023-2024**

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Lucy Kelly, the Board of Education approved the following resolution to allow the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi to participate in joint bidding for Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items with the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES: WHEREAS, It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items, and WHEREAS, The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and WHEREAS, The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and awarding bids and reporting the

results to the schools; therefore; BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) that it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s). There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **F. Resolution to Deny Transportation Request**

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education denied a request to provide transportation of a student residing in the Delaware Academy school district who will be attending the Otsego Christian Academy in Otego, New York for the 2023-2024 school year. Transportation was requested from the student's home on 384 Sweet Pea Drive, Delhi, NY, to the Otsego Christian Academy, 353 Main Street, Otego, New York. The Education Law requires that school districts provide transportation to nonpublic school students with the same mileage limits established for resident students attending public schools (NYS Education Law Section 3635); and transportation shall be provided for each such child up to a distance of fifteen miles, the distances in each case being measured by the nearest available route from home to school (NYS Education Law Section 3635(1(a))). The distance from the student's home located at 384 Sweet Pea Drive, Delhi, NY, to the Otsego Christian Academy, 353 Main Street, Otego, New York is greater than 15 miles. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **G. Approve Donations for Backpack Program**

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education accepted donations in the amount of \$115.00 and \$96.00 from St. John's Episcopal Church for use in the backpack program. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### **12. Public Comments**

President, Tammy Neumann, opened the floor to public comments.

There were no public comments.

#### **13. Other Discussion**

##### **A. Board Comments**

Trustee, Lucy Kelly welcomed Mrs. Kimberly Shephard for another term on the Board of Education as well as Ms. Ro Avila to her newly elected position. She thanked Mr. James Tucker, Jr. for his service and will miss having him on the Board.

Trustee, James Tucker, Jr., congratulated both Tyler Branigan and Isabella Tucker for being the top of their class.

Student Board Member, Carter Tarrants, had no comment.

Trustee, Kimberly Shephard had no comments.

Trustee, Lauren Raba had some comments regarding the Rural Schools Association forum that was held at Delaware Academy.

#### **Close Meeting:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library Media Center.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Lauren Raba., the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kulaski  
District Clerk

BOE Approved: 6/12/2023