

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education (Monday, April 24, 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, Sean Leddy, 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, Crystal Trask, High School Principal, June Barriger, Brian Rolfe, Ro Avila, Nathaniel McCarthy and Will Outsen.

Opening of Meeting

Call to Order

President, Tammy Neumann called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:03 p.m.

Enter an Executive Session

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., 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 5:04 p.m.

Leave Executive Session

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education left Executive Session at 5:58 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 6:03 p.m.

Presentations

A. Presentation by Ukulele Club

Mrs. Jackie Gibson, Ukulele Club advisor, began the presentation by discussing the Uke Fest to be held at the Ashokan Center in Olivebridge, NY from May 26 to May 29. She said students attended the first year of the festival in 2019. The festival was not held in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID. Students attended the second year of the festival last year.

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education approved the Ukulele Club trip request to the Uke Fest, as presented. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

The Board thanked Mrs. Gibson and the students for their presentation.

B. Presentation by Delaware Academy Cross Country Team

Nelson Van Maaren, Ellie Lees and Gretel Hilson-Schneider gave a brief presentation regarding the Cross-Country team attending a summer training camp at Camp Hilltop, Hancock, New York from August 22, 2023 to August 24, 2023; the Paul Short Invitational, Bethlehem, PA on September 29, 2023; and the Manhattan Invitational/Six Flags Great Adventure on October 7, 2023 to October 8, 2023. They included itineraries for all the trips.

Trustee, Kimberly Shephard, asked if all of the Cross-Country team members went on the trips. They answered that yes, no one is denied from being able to attend if they cannot afford to go.

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education approved three (3) requests from the Delaware Academy Cross Country team to travel to Camp Hilltop, Hancock, NY from August 22, 2023 to August 24, 2023; to attend the Paul Short Invitational, Bethlehem, PA on September 29, 2023; and attend the Manhattan

Invitational/Six Flags Great Adventure on October 7, 2023 to October 8, 2023, as presented. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

The Board thanked the students for their presentation.

Public Comments

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

There were no public comments.

Routine Matters

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2023

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Lucy Kelly, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2023. There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

B. Personnel Recommendations

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Lucy Kelly, 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
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No resignations for April 24, 2023.

RETIREMENTS

Name	Position	Effective
Wake, John	Physical Education Teacher	7/1/2023

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 April 24, 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 April 24, 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 April 24, 2023.

MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS

Name	Appointment	Position	Effective	Compensation
Andrews, Jennifer	Temporary	Non-Instructional Substitute Aide	4/25/2023 to 6/30/2023	\$99.40/day
Dones, Marcos	Temporary	Non-Instructional Substitute Aide	4/25/2023 to 6/30/2023	\$99.40/day
Towsley, William	Student Teacher (SUNY Oswego)	Student Teacher with Michelle Somers	5/15/2023 to 6/2/2023	N/A

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

TENURE APPOINTMENTS

Name	Tenure Area	Certification	Effective
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No tenure appointments for April 24, 2023.

ATHLETIC APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position	Season	DAFA Step	Years of Service	Stipend
Pringle, Ellen	Basketball Clock Worker (retroactive to 12/3/2022)	Winter	n/a	n/a	\$20.00/game

EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

Name	Position	Years of Service	DAFA Step	Stipend
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No extracurricular appointments for April 24, 2023.

CHANGE IN POSITION

Employee	Title	Dept.	Current Status	New Status	Effective
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No changes in position for April 24, 2023.

CHANGE IN CIVIL SERVICE STATUS

Name	Dept.	Position	Appointment	Effective
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No change in civil service status for April 24, 2023.

LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Name	Position	Reason	Effective
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No leave of absences for April 24, 2023.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

E. Financial Reports

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports as submitted by the Treasurer for February 28, 2023, as submitted. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

F. CSE Recommendations

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, 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 7-0.

Reports

A. Principal's Monthly Reports

Ms. Crystal Trask, High School Principal, reported for the Elementary, Middle School and High School:

Student Enrollment

- There were no changes in student enrollment.
- For student successes,
 - The NYS ELA assessments were administered to the 4th and 5th grades. 3rd grade will start testing 4/25/23 and 4/26/23. The NYS Math assessments are scheduled for May 2-9th. They had 1-3rd grade student, 0-4th grade students, 7-5th grade students refuse the assessments.
 - Building Better Futures held its 2nd session with 6th to 8th grades. The 3rd session is scheduled for April 27, 2023. Jennifer Bashant, Colleen Lester, and Kiley Lamoreaux were the facilitators. There were 80-minute sessions with each grade level with the focus on self-regulation (goal of self-awareness and the ability to adjust the reaction level based on the environment).
 - The Middle School Dance on April 21 was well attended. All students enjoyed a chance to socialize and dance with their friends and fellow classmates.
 - The NYS ELA assessments have been administered to the 6th and 7th grades. 8th grade will start testing 4/25 and 4/26. The NYS Math assessments are scheduled for May 2-9th.
 - 10 students in grades 10 -12 attended the final session of CASSC (Catskill Area School Study Council) Leadership Conference for the year. Two juniors were nominated as student directors for next year which help organize and plan the events
 - The HS Senate hosted a blood drive last week. We exceeded our collection goal.
 - All 10th grade students and interested 11th grade students attended the College Fair at SUNY Delhi on April 12

- Faculty & Staff

- After 39 years of dedicated service to the students of Delaware Academy, Mr. John Wake will be retiring. John has been a caring, fun, and professional member of the DA family. He will be very missed by students and staff alike. We wish him all the best in his retirement. He has earned it.
- 2nd Session of De-escalation Professional Development was held on 3/30 with Gretchen Jones from the Southeast Regional Partnership Center (Behavioral Specialist). We had 19 teachers in attendance from all three buildings.
- On April 26th from 3-4 in the MS Library, Val Sobers from the Southeast Regional Partnership Center will be providing a PD (district SPED teachers). The focus will be on the Present Level of Educational Performance (PLEP's) within the IEP.
- Amanda Kane and Crystal Trask attended a Seal of Civic Readiness training in Norwich. The next steps will be developing a committee and begin planning for our application to NYSED. The seal allows students an additional pathway for graduation.
- The Counseling Department hosted Junior Parent night last week and provided graduation information. A representative from Hartwick spoke about the Hartland Program and provided college application tips. Mr. Rolfe shared important information for looking ahead at senior year planning and expenses.
- The Counseling Department has partnered with Career Destinations and our Brilliant Pathways program to plan our first annual College and Career Fair for students in grades 8-12 this Thursday. There are 20 businesses signed up to present in the classrooms and a combination of colleges, military, and other post-graduation organizations set up in the gymnasium.
- On April 28, 2023 the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will attend the Young People's Concert in the HS Auditorium.
- 9th & 10th grade parent night is this Wednesday from 6-7 in the auditorium. Counselors will be discussing graduation requirements and a representative from BOCES will be here to share about Career and Technical Education opportunities through DCMO to help students start thinking about their futures
- AP Exams begin next week and run through May 9, 2023.
- Prom is May 6 at the Bluestone Grill
- May 7 is the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

The Board thanked Ms. Trask for her reports.

B. Departmental Reports

Mr. Jeffrey Ferrara, Athletic Coordinator, gave a brief update on Athletic matters. He wanted to share that he had a conversation with Melissa Emilio about how the merger was going with the Track and Field team. She said to him that the Downsview Track and Field athletes work hard, are enjoyable to be around and they really mesh well with our Track team. He has had the opportunity to see the baseball teams compete a few times. He sees that athletes are now playing at age-appropriate levels. He does not see athletes being misplaced anymore because we lack a JV team and they are not ready for Varsity competition. He thinks that our spring sports teams are more successful at this point in the season than they have been in a few years due to the addition of the Downsview athletes and the increase in the number of teams that we have been able to field.

The Board thanked Mr. Ferrara for his report.

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

- Gave an overview on the DCMO-BOCES Unit Methodology and DCMO-BOCES Transportation contracts that the Board would be voting on. The transportation contracts need to go to NYSED for approval. He stated that BOCES likes to get all of the contracts completed with the component districts at one time to send to NYSED for the approval. He said in the eight years he has been with the district we have never used BOCES for transportation. However, if they are used then it is aid-able.
- Gave a reserve summary on the types of reserves that the school district has established.
 - He listed the following reserves: worker's compensation, unemployment, retirement contribution, repair, TRS reserve, liability, employee benefits, and debt service.
 - The debt service reserve is the one consistently funded year after year. The other reserves are pretty well funded and you would not want to add to them annually to the point where they become overfunded.
 - The district would like to establish a capital equipment reserve.

- This action must be approved by the voters in the district and would be set forth in a proposition in the upcoming budget vote.
- The capital equipment reserve would be strictly for technology and specifically to apply to equipment and machinery and those types of thing to support STEAM instruction.

Trustee, Kimberly Shephard, asked when people vote in the Budget Vote in May if they will see a line that says anything with the word “capital” that they will think they are going to be voting for the next capital project?

Superintendent, Kelly Zimmerman, stated that they anticipated that. She said that in the District Budget newsletter that would be going out there is included an explanation of each proposition that will appear on the ballot. They are hopeful that the word “equipment” as well as the description will set forth an explanation of what it is for.

Trustee Shephard then asked if there were people who did not read about this ahead of time, would there be any explanation when people come to the vote. Superintendent Zimmerman said copies of the budget newsletter would be provided at the vote. In addition, herself and Mr. Shultz would be present to educate voters on any questions they may have.

Trustee, James Tucker, Jr., asked why both TRS reserve and retirement contribution? Mr. Shultz explained the state said that we could do a TRS reserve, so they separated each one.

Mr. Shultz further explained that all funding is always approved by the board. If there is extra money we come to the board and explain that they would like to put the extra money into a certain reserve. The board then makes the decision.

- Mr. Shultz provided a breakdown of the four A.L. Kellogg sub funds.
- Provided an update on the front steps repair which will happen following graduation.
- Provided some information regarding Child Nutrition for free and reduced meals. There is an initiative at both state and federal levels to fund school lunch programs.

Mrs. Christine Miller, Food Service Director, stated that a lot of our surround schools qualify for a Community Eligibility Provision because they are considered low-income districts. Delaware Academy received a letter that the district does qualify for this program. She thinks that we have a good chance because of our increased participation.

The Board thanked Mr. Shultz for his report.

C. Superintendent Monthly Report

Superintendent, Kelly Zimmerman, mentioned that Mr. Ferrara spoke earlier about the successes from the student perspective on the spring pilot merger with Downsville. She has been fielding a number of telephone calls from parents relating to concerns that has caused her to do some additional investigation. Concerns included students having practices and games in Downsville to a greater degree than what had been communicated initially and anticipated. At this point there is a request from Downsville to engage in potentially another pilot merger. A feedback meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 in the High School Library from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Zimmerman said that Delaware Academy has been identified by the New York State Rural Schools Association of New York State to host a NYS Rural Issues Forum Series for the region on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. It is an honor to have been identified to host this. The executive director of RSA is traveling across the state to discuss all items of legislative advocacy as it pertains to rural schools.

The Board thanked Mrs. Zimmerman for her report.

D. Board Committee Reports

A.L. Kellogg Committee

The committee did not meet in April, 2023.

Athletic Committee

The committee did meet in April, 2023. They spoke about the sports merger with Downsville school.

Board Liaison Committee

The committee did not meet in April, 2023.

Capital Project Committee

The committee did meet in April, 2023. They met with Jared Yando of Schoolhouse Construction who spoke about how the capital project would work. They talked about debt coming on and off as well as doing a walk around and getting the final project wrapped up.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The committee did not meet in April, 2023.

Finance Committee

The committee did meet in April, 2023. They spoke about the front step project and how it may come in less than what they had initially projected. The project will start after Graduation and be completed sometime in August. They also talked about the Legion fields and some options for repairs. Another item was the language for the Capital Equipment Reserve and specifically how the proposition would be worded on the ballot.

Policy Review Committee

The committee did meet in April, 2023. They took a look at the policy on surplus equipment. They would work on it further at the next meeting and bring it to the Board for a first reading at that time.

Technology Committee

The committee did not meet in April, 2023.

Policy Review / Adoption

There was no policy review or adoption for April 24, 2023.

10. Old Business

A. Discussion on plans for the Capital Project feedback with no action to be taken.

Superintendent, Kelly Zimmerman, opened a discussion on feedback from the Capital Project forum that was held on April 17, 2023. She encouraged the Board to think about approval on the scope of the project. Board trustees then each commented on their thoughts with regard to the forum and the timeline.

11. New Business

A. Resolution to Vote on DCMO BOCES Administrative Budget

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi Board of Education approved the proposed Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$2,836,035.

A roll call vote was called with the following results:

Seth Haight VOTING Yes.

Lucy Kelly VOTING Yes.

Sean Leddy VOTING Yes.

Lauren Raba VOTING Yes.

Kimberly Shephard VOTING Yes.

James Tucker, Jr., VOTING Yes.

Tammy Neumann VOTING Yes.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

B. Resolution to Vote for DCMO BOCES Board of Education Candidates

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, that there are three (3) vacancies on the DCMO BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services; and WHEREAS, The Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi may vote for each vacancy to be filled, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education casts one vote for each vacancy to be filled from the following DCMO Candidates for Board of Education: Yvonne LaViola, Greene Central School and Melissa Stagnaro, Oxford Academy & Central School. The third seat remains vacant.

There were no further questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

C. Approve Unit Cost Methodology - 2023-2024 BOCES Services

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by Seth Haight, the Board of Education approved the following resolution to participate the Unit Cost Methodology from Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego (DCMO) BOCES:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received the Unit Cost Methodology from Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego (DCMO) BOCES used to prorate the cost of each service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has had time to review the Unit Cost Methodology submitted by the DCMO BOCES for 2023-2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Unit Cost Methodology for 2023-2024 BOCES Services as submitted.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

D. Approve DCMO BOCES Transportation Contracts for 2023-2024

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education approved a Summer Transportation Contract between the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES and Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi for transportation services for the period of July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023, not to exceed the amount of \$4,765.00; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved a Transportation Contract between the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES and Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi for the period of September 6, 2023 through June 30, 2024, not to exceed the amount of \$4,765.00 as submitted. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

E. Adopt Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Seth Haight, the Board of Education adopted the budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$21,547,548.00 to put before voters on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 for current obligations, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property or said school district and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said school district will be issued.

A roll call vote was called with the following results:

Seth Haight VOTING Yes.

Lucy Kelly VOTING Yes.

Sean Leddy VOTING Yes.

Lauren Raba VOTING Yes.

Kimberly Shephard VOTING Yes.

James Tucker, Jr., VOTING Yes.

Tammy Neumann VOTING Yes.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

F. Resolution regarding Construction Manager Request for Proposal (RFP)

On a motion made by Lauren Raba, seconded by Seth Haight, the Board of Education approved the following resolution for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for construction management services: WHEREAS, at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, January 30, 2023, the Board was given presentations from three (3) companies for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for construction management services with respect to upcoming Capital Project;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed each request for proposal;

WHEREAS, a mutual agreement has been reached between the Board of Education and Schoolhouse Construction Services, LLC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi hereby approves a contract with Schoolhouse Construction Services, LLC to provide construction management services to Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi for a period April 25, 2023 through June 2027, in the amount of 3.96% based on the approved referendum not to exceed \$555,000.00 based on a \$14,000,000.00 project, as decided upon by the Superintendent and Board of Education, authorizes payment thereunder, and authorizes Superintendent Kelly M. Zimmerman to execute said contract on behalf of the School District.

A roll call vote was called with the following results:

Seth Haight VOTING Yes.

Lucy Kelly VOTING Yes.

Sean Leddy VOTING Yes.

Lauren Raba VOTING Yes.

Kimberly Shephard VOTING Yes.

James Tucker, Jr., VOTING Yes.

Tammy Neumann VOTING Yes.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

G. Resolution regarding A.L. Kellogg Request for Proposal (RFP)

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education approved the following resolution for fiscal management of the A.L. Kellogg fund:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is seeking fiscal management of the A.L. Kellogg fund; and WHEREAS, on October 20, 2022 the Finance Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Education, met and briefly discussed the A.L. Kellogg Request for Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2022 the Board of Education, heard a presentation from BKS Partners, a third-party investment advisory firm, who presented an analysis of proposals from three investment firms, offered recommendations and responded to questions from the Board members; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2023, the Finance Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Education, met regarding inviting two (2) firms to present to the Board; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2023, at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, the members of the Finance Committee reported that during their January, 2023 meeting they received an update on the A.L. Kellogg numbers as well as the A.L. Kellogg RFP; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2023, at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, the Board received presentations from two (2) firms, Key Bank and One Digital for a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the fiscal management of the A.L. Kellogg funds; and directed the Finance Committee to re-review the recommendation of BKS Partners and explore outstanding questions; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2023, the Finance Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Education, met and held a Zoom Meeting with BKS Partners to re-review proposals and to seek additional clarification and advisement from BKS Partners regarding the fee structures of each RFP; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed each request for proposal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education awards a contract to perform fiscal management services to Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi to One Digital.

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education entered Executive Session to discuss the terms of a contract with the district with no action to be taken, at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Lauren Raba, the Board of Education left Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

A roll call vote was called with the following results:

Seth Haight VOTING Yes.

Lucy Kelly VOTING Yes.

Sean Leddy VOTING Yes.

Lauren Raba VOTING Yes.

Kimberly Shephard VOTING Yes.

James Tucker, Jr., VOTING Yes.

Tammy Neumann VOTING Yes.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

H. Request to Alter Previously Adopted Academic Calendar for 2022-2023

On a motion made by Sean Leddy, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education approved the following resolution to alter the previously adopted academic calendar:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education adopted the academic calendar for the school year 2022-2023 on March 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education reapproved the academic calendar for the school year 2022-2023 on December 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that two emergency days built into the 2022-2023 academic calendar will not be used; and

WHEREAS, the District is contractually obligated to return unused emergency days;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the previously adopted academic calendar be changed to designate Friday, May 26, 2023 and Tuesday, May 30, 2023, as unused emergency days, and dates the District will be closed. Should the District experience a need for an emergency closure that requires the use of an emergency day, they may be rescinded as needed at the discretion of the Superintendent.

There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

I. Resolution to Adopt the Revised Academic Calendar for 2023-2024

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Lucy Kelly, the Board of Education adopted the revised 2023-2024 Academic Calendar as submitted/amended. There were no questions, comments or discussion, and the motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

12. Public Comments

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

Nathaniel McCarthy had comments regarding construction and noted how important it was to keep to a timetable.

The Board thanked Mr. McCarthy for his comments.

13. Other Discussion

A. Board Comments

Trustee, Lucy Kelly stated that Mr. Wake will be a hard person to replace. He is an icon of the Physical Education Department. She mentioned that there was a basketball tournament held at Delaware Academy this past weekend and overwhelmingly all of the contestants commented what a lovely facility we had and they were awed at how each project kept the integrity of what we try to preserve.

Trustee, James Tucker, Jr. commented about bullying happening at other school districts similar to what was happening here.

Superintendent, Kelly Zimmerman commented that we have a collective responsibility as a society, as families and as schools to address these issues. She stated that this has been the focus of our board this year and the anti-bullying and cyber-bullying has been the focus of many of our professional developments for staff. Also, our speaker series sponsored by the A.L. Kellogg fund has targeted these areas.

Trustee, Sean Leddy wanted to mention in taking with people about the Capital Project and the forum that was held. He did not speak out at the forum because he felt that was an opportunity for the public to speak so he stepped back and let them have their say. He thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their opinions at the forum.

Student Board Member, Tyler Branigan expressed thank you to the Board for the student board member seat. He also thanked them for supporting student activities, such as the Ukulele Club and Cross-Country team. The continued support and sponsorship of these clubs and activities means a lot to the students. He also thanked them for letting the students voice their opinions. The word he has heard a lot of regarding the turf subject this time around is transparency and he thinks that we have to continue to keep that in mind as we move forward.

Trustee, Kimberly Shephard had no comments.

Trustee, Seth Haight congratulated Mr. John Wake on his retirement. He also thanked Mr. Carey Shultz for his presentation on all of the budget numbers. It is so clear and provides everyone a great snapshot in a way that it is easy to keep us informed.

Trustee, Lauren Raba thanked both James Tucker, Jr. and Kimberly Shephard on their service to the board.

President, Tammy Neumann gave her congratulations to Mr. Wake. He does leave a legacy.

Close Meeting:

There will be a Meet the Candidates forum, hosted by the Speech and Debate Club from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023 followed by Budget Hearing in the High School Auditorium.

The Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the middle school building, first floor, between the gym and the agriculture class from noon to 8:00 p.m. Signs will be posted to guide the public to the voting location.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Library Media Center.

Enter an Executive Session

On a motion made by Lucy Kelly, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., 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 8:30 p.m.

Leave Executive Session:

On a motion made by Seth Haight, seconded by Kimberly Shephard, the Board of Education left Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting:

On a motion made by Kimberly Shephard, seconded by James Tucker, Jr., the Board of Education left Executive Session at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Kulaski
District Clerk

BOE Approved: 5/22/2023