

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Jeff Black, Matthew Kahm, Dr. Diana Maguire, Dr. Mathanakaran, Maggie Nuss, Brandi Porcello

Absent: Devine Leacock, Karen Loucks, Michele Spring, Tatymin Lindell (Student Board Member), Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk

Others Present: 2 visitors

1) Call to Order

Call to Order

2) Pledge to Flag

Pledge

3) Changes to Agenda-Add Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

Changes to Agenda

4) Public Comment- *The Public Comment section is a time set aside for the community to speak directly to the Board of Education. As per policy 1510, each speaker is given three minutes, with the total allotted time to last no more than 30 minutes. When called, please stand up and state your name and address. Please be respectful in your comments and do not divulge any personal or confidential information. Please demonstrate respect by speaking to the issues, sharing ideas and opinions, but not engaging in personal attacks. Board members, the superintendent and administrators will not answer specific questions or engage in dialogue. The information shared will be carefully considered and the appropriate person will contact you. Rest assured, we are listening carefully, and take seriously what you have to say. The Board appreciates your willingness to share your concerns/celebrations.*

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Nuss Second by Porcello
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the May 20, 2025, Board of Education Meeting.

Motion-To Adopt
BOE Agenda

6 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

Congrats/
Celebrations

a) Congratulations to our Girls on the Run team, coaches and volunteers who participated and finished their practice 5k on May 13th! They will be completing their final 5k at University of Buffalo on June 8th! Best of luck to our team!! Coaches: Katie Schlosser, Kelly Jo Nitsche, Lexie Stover

Students: Lila Billings, Julianna Carter, Julianne Cummins, LilyMae DePew, Madalyn Faulkner, Lenci Hogan, Elle Marvin, Alivia Monroe, Aria Pettengill, Madison Rettger, Ella Schram

- b) On Friday, May 16th, students and staff from Mrs. Nitsche's 12:1:1 class participated in the Exceptional Track and Field Day held in Olean. Students participated in many fun activities, such as racing, the high jump, the parachute, arts & crafts, and face painting! They also spent a lot of time playing baseball and soccer. The students attending were Raider Baire, Gabe Keech, Okey Taylor, Blaise Crawford, Elias Leamon, and Noah-Allen Hale. Staff attending were Kelly Jo Nitsche, Jacob Hannahs, Becca Sawicki, Damon Bouge, and Dan Straub. Good job Gators and thank you!
- c) Congratulations to the following students for the April Character Trait Award of Fairness! Great job, Gators! These students were 6th - Elleigh Brink, 7th - Davion Rollins, 8th - Anton Marais, 9th - Leora Dreher, 10th - Noah Bleier, 11th - Carley Barrey, 12th - Kael Matasich
- d) The ALCS faculty/staff teamed up against local law enforcement in the first-ever Faculty vs. Law Enforcement basketball game to support the Class of 2026 senior trip. The junior class hosted a fun evening of raffles, musical chairs, a half-court shot contest, and more. Thank you to everyone who coordinated this event and came out to support the junior class!
- e) Our annual 8th grade Washington DC Trip went off without a hitch! All had a great time! Thanks to all of the advisors, chaperones and coordinators.
- f) CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP 10 students of the class of 2025: Valedictorian Ipshita Patra, Salutatorian Stephanie Kopec, Addison Fisher, Tatum Lindell, Abigail Peck, Isabel Rodgers, Lauryn Ball, Addison Gabler, Caitlin Kellogg, and Alivia Grader. They were all surprised by the announcement and to see their families in school to celebrate with them. After the ceremony, they were treated to lunch at Hometown. Way to go, Gators!
- g) Art Club put on its annual print sale and silent auction. It was a great opportunity to showcase the students' artwork and for community members to see and bid on their creative designs. Thank you to Ms. Rinamon and all of the students for coordinating this event.

7) Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Kahm
To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of
Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on May 6, 2025 and the Budget Hearing Meeting on May 6, 2025.
- b) Action Items – Personnel

Substitute Teacher
Sarah Flanders

School Volunteers
Kelsea Tomczak
Nicole Van Sky
Joseph Schimp
Shannon Hover

Connor Ellison
Molly Foster

UPB Student Placements

Michael Gow with Chris Austin at ALES (75 hours)
Kayla Carlson with Stephanie Cottillion at ALES (75 hours)

SBU Student Teachers

Katherine Austin with Jen Giardini at ALES 10/20/25-12/12/25
Emma Laverdi with Lexie Stover at ALES 10/20/25-12/12/25

Removal of Substitute Bus Drivers

Jeremy Guthrie
Jeremy Crowley

Removal of Bus Monitor

Abbey Carlson

c) Action Items – Business

Constitutions

Connect Life
Leo Club
Art Club
Book Club
Nvest Nus Club
Spanish Club

Disposal of Broken Item

Oil tank asset tag #A00538820

To approve the overnight Natural Helpers trip in Allegany State Park
from March 11, 2026-March 13, 2026

d) CSE Minutes-May 1, 2025, May 6, 2025, and May 13, 2025
504 Minutes-May 6, 2025

6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Presentation

Presentation

- a) Proposed Art Club Thailand Trip-Lynzie Rinamon

9) Discussion

Discussion

- a) First Reading New Policy 5685- Maximum Temperature for School Buildings
and Indoor Facilities
b) First Reading Revised Policy 7521-Students with Life-Threatening Health
c) Conditions and/or Anaphylaxis

10) Superintendent's Report-

- a) Budget vote
- b) SuperEval-Superintendent's evaluation has been submitted.
- c) Capital Project-next spring would be the hope to break ground.

**Superintendent
Report**

11) President's Report-

- a) SuperEval-Deadline June 10 to submit-the sooner the better; June 17 meeting to have it complete.
- b) Budget Vote and Board Election
- c) Teacher Retirement Dinner

President's Report

12) Student Board Member Report-

- a) Gym classes outside with the nicer weather
- b) Regents prep taking place
- c) Seniors that are eligible to vote came out to cast their votes for the Budget and Board Election
- d) Arts Festival
- e) Wrapping up end of the school year

13) Committee Reports-None

14) Correspondence-None

15) Action Item – Personnel

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Kahm
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Wendy Winterhalter** from the position of English Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

**Motion-To Accept
Resignation**

6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- b) Motion by Porcello Second by Black
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Pamela Zimbardi** from the position of Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2025.

**Motion-To Accept
Resignation**

6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- c) Motion by Nuss Second by Black
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Shelly Howard** to the 10-month, full-time probationary position of Teacher Aide, per ALESPA Agreement. The probation period will begin August 27, 2025, and end August 27, 2026.

**Motion-Approval of
Appointment**

6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- d) Motion by Porcello Second by Mathanakaran

Motion-Approval of Hire

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") of the Allegany-Limestone Central School District (the "District") has hired **Dan Brown** to fill the position of School Security Guard; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications and requirements for the School Security Guard position set out by Cattaraugus County Civil Service include that he must have had five (5) years of full-time experience in law enforcement, as well as a New York State pistol permit and complete prescribed training as mandated; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy # 3411 and Policy # 7360 allow for exceptions to the general prohibitions on the possession of weapons in schools and on school district property for law enforcement officers and for individuals who have the written authorization of the Allegany-Limestone Central School District Board of Education or its designee.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes School Security Guard **Dan Brown**, to carry a firearm on school property while carrying out the duties of their position of School Security Guard in accordance with the School Security Guard qualifications and requirements set out by Cattaraugus County Civil Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute any and all written authorizations required by law as related to the School Security Guard position and is directed to ensure that all requirements of law for the position are adhered to with respect to the possession of a firearm by the School Security Guard on school property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee is further authorized to take any and all other actions as may reasonably be required in furtherance of this resolution.

6 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

- e) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Kahm

Motion-Approval of Hire

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") of the Allegany-Limestone Central School District (the "District") has hired **Jason Hlasnick** to fill the position of School Security Guard; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications and requirements for the School Security Guard position set out by Cattaraugus County Civil Service include that he must have had five (5) years of full-time experience in law enforcement, as well as a New York State pistol permit and complete prescribed training as mandated; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy # 3411 and Policy # 7360 allow for exceptions to the general prohibitions on the possession of weapons in schools and on school district property for law enforcement officers and for individuals who have the written authorization of the Allegany-Limestone Central School District Board of Education or its designee.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes School Security Guard **Jason Hlasnick**, to carry a firearm on school property while carrying out the duties of their position of School Security Guard in accordance with the School Security Guard qualifications and requirements set out by Cattaraugus County Civil Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute any and all written authorizations required by law as related to the School Security Guard position and is directed to ensure that all requirements of law for the position are adhered to with respect to the possession of a firearm by the School Security Guard on school property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee is further authorized to take any and all other actions as may reasonably be required in furtherance of this resolution.

6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

16) New Business-None

- 17) Motion by Nuss Second by Porcello
To enter Executive Session at 8:08 pm to discuss possible litigation.

**Motion-To Enter
Executive Session**

6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- 18) Motion by Nuss Second by Porcello
To re-enter Regular Session at 8:19 p.m.

**Motion-To Re-enter
Regular Session**

6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- 19) Adjournment
Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran
To adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Motion-To Adjourn

6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 5/20/25