

ALDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transcription of the
Board of Education Meeting
June 18, 2020

For the purpose of this transcription, the following people spoke at this meeting:

- Board of Education: Jill Hopcia, President; Michael Bennett; Vice President; Richard Karalus, Michael Karpie, Tanya Lords-Quinn; Ken Stoldt and James Yoerg.
- Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools
- Paul Karpik, School Business Administrator
- Anita Trautwein, Food Service Director
- Debbie Hoffman, Transportation Supervisor

At 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hopcia: I'd like to call the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag.

Collectively: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mrs. Hopcia: All right. Welcome back to meeting together everyone. Before we begin, because we are back in our old format, we're going to just start with a quick roll call so we can identify ourselves for the people that are following us on zoom.

The District Clerk asked for a roll call.

Mr. Karpie: here; Mrs. Lords-Quinn: here; Mrs. Hopcia: here; Mr. Bennett: here; Mr. Stoldt: here; Mr. Yoerg: here; Mr. Karalus: here.

Mrs. Hopcia: All right, and also with us this evening we have Mr. Paul Roll, who is joining us on July, 1, but he is coming to follow the format of our meeting, so thanks for coming Paul and congratulations on joining us.

Mrs. Hopcia: Yes, I'm going to do that. Before we begin the meeting, I'd like to take a moment for a moment of silence. We did recently lose one of our employees, Mr. Jerry Eckert, who was a music teacher at the middle school back in March, so let's take a moment for him.

Thank you. All right, moving on to business. A motion is needed to reopen, um nope. Excuse me, a motion is needed to approve the Board of Education minutes from the regular meeting held on June 4 2020.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to receive warrant and budget status reports for the period ending May 31, 2020.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to receive the Treasurer's Report for the period of May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020.

Mr. Yoerg: So moved.

Mr. Karalus: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to receive the extra classroom activity funds central Treasurer's Report as presented.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. The revenue flowchart and trial balance report are included in your packets. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to approve a leave of absence or Tracy, Tracy Rogers from civil service title of clerk typist effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.

Mr. Stoldt: So moved.

Mr. Karalus: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed, on the recommendation of the superintendent, to appoint the following as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the amended employment agreement, effective July 1 2020. to the contract of employment dated June 18 2015, by and between the Board of Education of the Alden Central School District and Adam Stoltman, superintendent of schools.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following resolution, be it resolved that the Board of Education at the Alden Central School District hereby approves a memorandum of agreement between Alden Central Schools and the Alden Central School Related Personnel Association as presented and authorized Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute the same.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following resolution, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Alden Central School District hereby approves a memorandum of agreement between Alden Central Schools and the Alden Central School Employees Association as presented and authorize Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute the same.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following resolution, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Alden Central School District hereby approves a memorandum of agreement between Alden Central Schools and the Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) as presented and authorize Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute the same.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following resolution, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Alden Central School District hereby approves a memorandum of agreement between Alden Central Schools and the Civil Service Employees Association as presented, and to authorize Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute the same.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following resolution, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Alden Central School District hereby approves memorandum of agreements between Alden Central Schools and the following lunch monitors as presented and to authorize Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools to sign and execute the same as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to approve the following resolution, be resolved the Board of Education of the Alden Central School District hereby agreed to enter into a contract with Erie 1 BOCES for a three year contract commencing on June 24, 2020 authorizing the Western New York Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the district pursuant to Education Law 1950(4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed, \$140,518.80 and authorizes 36 monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$2,903.30 per month. Be it further resolved that the Board of Education of the Alden Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the district clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the district.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to accept the following resolution, be it resolved that the Board of Education on the Alden Central School District has reviewed and accepted the recommendations of the committee on special education from the meetings held on May 13th, 19th, 20th, 28th, June 1st 2020, and also the CSC amendment agreements dated June 8th 2020.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to accept the following resolution, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Central School District had reviewed and accepted the recommendations of the committee on preschool special education (CPSE) from the meetings held on May 28th 2020.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve following budget transfer: budget transfer #29.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve transportation requests for the 2020-2021 school year as follows, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to declare the following items as surplus and with no further use to the district, and to improve the sale through Board approved Auctions International as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the terms and conditions of the following contracts as presented and authorize Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools and or the school board president to sign the same: Young and Wright Architectural, Supplemental Healthcare, Maxim Healthcare Services, Management Advisory Group, Management Advisory Group, AVEANNA Healthcare, VIA, Lumsden and McCormick, Summit Educational Resources, ESI Group, Johnson Controls Company and Pro-Flex Administrators.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to accept the voting results of the 2020-2021 school budget and election of two Board of Education members as presented.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions, comments?

Mr. Karpie: Congratulations.

Mrs. Hopcia: And thank you to the community for your continued support, anything else? Alright. All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. Alright on to my report. Well of course I need to start with saying goodbye to my friend, Ken. Well, not really saying goodbye because you're still my friend and I'm still going to see you. But it's going to be very odd being on this board without you. And I will miss your words of wisdom, and your guidance and everything, as we came in together and it's going to be different, but congratulations to you and everything new that will come your way. That is all I have to say. So moving on to Board comments, Mike Karpie, anything you'd like to say?

Mr. Karpie: Just one thing Jill. If we decide, Adam, to show some recognition for the pool, in the future, I want to make sure Ken's included. He's been part of the process, (*unintelligible*).

Mr. Stoltman: Absolutely. We already have in the works, and once it's completed, a plaque entitled Vision 20/20. And we'll be sure to include all of the board members who were involved in the process.

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright, he shall not be forgotten. Thanks Mike.

Mr. Karpie: Also, I will not be here for the re-organization meeting, I already told you that. I will not be here for the picture, so you can take a picture of the chair here. But first of all, but even if you all got together for a picture, feel free to Photoshop me or leave me out.

Mrs. Hopcia: We're going to Photoshop you. Because that's what technology can do today. Alright. Thanks, Mike.

Mr. Karpie: And the other thing, my recommendation to think about it is something we had talked about the executive session. During our last Zoom meeting, my thinking is making a decision on that tonight because he's here process is smooth process. He knows the background he knows the history. And I just think it's more fair, (*unintelligible*). My last thought is, wasn't that much easier, instead of going around and saying our names? How many times did you say my name? This is much smoother. We're back to normal Tracy.

Mrs. Hopcia: Thank you sir. Tanya?

Mrs. Lords-Quinn: I went to the senior parade, and I thought that was pretty cool. It worked out great and, and I think the community enjoyed it. Being part of it. I saw pictures when my daughter walked the

halls on her graduation, but it was nice to actually see all the kids and their parents and the grandparents, too.

Mrs. Hopcia: It was really nice, I liked it a lot. Mike?

Mr. Bennett: Yeah, I also enjoyed the parade. It was really nice to know the kids when they were driving by, we waved and they waved back, so I mean it really was really touching because like, this is the only time a lot of people are gonna see these kids that you know because of the way the graduation is gonna be, and all that stuff. But, yeah, it was just so nice to see those, all of them drive by and they had such nice smiles, happy to be out there again, you know, and being, you know, just being kids again, it was, I thought it was really nice and really cool. It's been such a crazy year for them, hopefully make this normal as possible for them. And let them know that people are thinking about them. not just the kids and stuff. I also had, the eighth graders, they had a parade today where the groups of teachers came to houses, and I was home at this time also. And it was really cool. Teachers honking their horns, driving up, came up the driveway and gave my daughter a bag full of, like, rewards, there were some real treats and stuff in there, their memory book, and all that stuff so it's really nice to just to see them out there and you know the teachers were all smiling and happy, and stuff it just, it was just such a nice way to try to wrap up the 8th grade year for all the kids. I mean, it just is such a crazy end to the year for all the grades, and it was just really appreciated as dad. See that, but also get the njhs ceremony, and it was so nice. You know, we sat there it was on a zoom. You know, our daughter, we sat in on the whole thing with her and he did such a great job with that. They had some girls from the high school speak and everything and it was just, I was shocked at how smooth it went. I was like oh it's gonna be kind of crazy baby but it was so nice to just, like, where they're coming up with the ideas to wrap all this together so that, like I said before that the kids aren't forgotten. And then after that, the 8th graders, they put together the teacher somehow an awards show, it's on YouTube or whatever. So watch that, then after the njhs ceremony with my daughter then we sat down and watched that, and just, you know, it was just a nice way to wrap up that night, you know. And, and just also with the budget I'd like to thank the community and how they're behind the school district and they support the district. Just with everything going on and it's really appreciated. We're trying to do good things here, moving forward so I just, it was just a nice week this week with all this stuff going on, just made you feel good again. And thank you Ken, for everything. One more thing, and I really appreciate because I remember talking to him we were at my brother's house and when I first thought about joining the board, Ken talked to me about it. And I still remember that conversation, and I really appreciate it. You know I respected when you had an opinion because this is your livelihood, you have that experience, and I really appreciate when you give me your background information on things I really, it was appreciated and I know if I had questions, you would give me the right answer. I appreciate it. I will miss you also.

Mr. Stoldt: And you can probable skip me, Mike said everything I wanted to talk about. It was great, you know, seeing the seniors around town and stuff. It's one thing you know, if you run into them in value, (*unintelligible*) but you know seeing them at the parade, all together and he's right they were

smiling, and they were laughing and it was, you know, one of the final times of that group is going to be together. So that was, that was really nice to see (*unintelligible*). So you know I appreciated the teachers and staff and the time that they put in as well, you know, to make sure that you know that we give our kids some type of send off. And well-deserved. And my wife drove around in the parade today to eighth grade and she said things went really well with that, as well so it's good to see some smiles and some laughs again at this time. And lastly, I know, last week you guys all thanked me and I appreciate it. And I just want to say thank you to all of you. Because it has been a great 10 years, I can't believe that I'm sitting here right now saying that it's been 10 years. And I know that you know when I started things were a little, a little rocky in the district at times and, you know, where we are now, I'm just really glad, really proud to say that I was part of that, because the leadership that we get, is good as you're gonna find. Honestly, I mean I you know I deal with a lot of people in Western New York and I hope our community knows that, you know, how fortunate they are to have this guy, you know, running our district. And the time and effort that this group puts in, and we've had some tough decisions to make over the last 10 years, and you know we've had to really do some negotiating amongst ourselves to come up with the right decision. And really, for the most part I think things have always worked out in our favor, and it's just, I work with a lot of different segments. This group has been very professional, and I just can't say enough about how collaborative we've been and what we've been able to accomplish. So, thank you. It's been an honor to serve with each and every one of you.

Mr. Yoerg: I too was at the parade. It was fantastic. You know it was not only great to see the seniors but, I ran in to Kevin Ryan and Bill MacCowan, and the teachers that were there, with their banners and cheering the kids on absolutely amazing, it was a great thing. There's gonna be expectations, this is going to probably happen next year and year after year after. Who knows. What a great way to do this. (*unintelligible*). Excellent job. A couple of shout outs, I just wanted to mention this, I don't know how many weeks ago it was that Tracy did our first zoom meeting. I remember the conversation, we weren't sure how things were gonna go. That lady over there has done an amazing, amazing job for putting all of this together. And certainly, we would be lost without her as well so. Absolutely. Thank you. Thank you. And lastly, You know I've grown so much as a board member, It's been 12, years from now, almost. Almost 10 of them sitting next to Ken, and the things you've taught me and showed me over time have made me a better board member. So, I'm gonna miss you, I'm gonna miss you.

Mrs. Hopcia: Rich?

Mr. Karalus: I'll start off with thank you, Ken. You know, he's been on the board since as long as I have been, three or four years, I'm just tracking how long I've been here already, but he's always been Mr. slow and steady, quiet when, when he offers an opinion, you listen to it because he's always got good things to say. I've kind of watched him and learned from him over time and I'm gonna miss you. Hopefully I will see you at the Blackwater when we go there.

Mr. Stoldt: You'll see me on the other side now.

Mr. Karalus: And Paul, congratulations on joining the board and look forward to working with you and *(unintelligible)*, good things together. As a board and as individuals. So, I didn't get to go to the parade, but I was, I actually logged on the Envision, envision the future and I was on it the whole day I was really impressed with what all the kids did, they were professional and a few Zoom issues with technology but I got through them. It was amazing hearing all the projects. The students are so creative and everything on what they do. I know they had bigger plans that pandemic kind of put a little bit of a squeeze on but they did a really good job. I sat outside on my computer and watched every single one of them. It was a great thing to see. I wanted to mention that we may be seeing a motion to add more support dogs to the school for our teachers. That was one of the proposals that I saw, so I did call on that person to let them know a board member was listening and *(unintelligible)* to the board. The 8th grade, actually, today we heard horns in our neighborhood, or my wife did I was at work but she was running outside. *(unintelligible)*. So now I know it was the 8th grade. Relieved I know what it was. Also very relieved our budget passed. I didn't know what to expect. You know, with the mail, the mail-in ballots. I wasn't sure whether you know we were going to get the same type of representation or, or if it would fail and how we would go forward in a short time so I'm just really happy that that community, kind of supports us sees what we're doing and, you know, recognizes that we can work together, and very happy and I want to thank the community for that. Also Special thanks again to Tracy because I know she did a lot of work on getting that election on board from tracking down every, all of our voters to sending out the ballots collecting the ballots and thank you, Tracy, I know that you went above what you, what you needed to do and did an excellent job. So thank you everybody. That's all I have.

Mr. Karpie: Jill, quick question. *(unintelligible)*.

Mrs. Hopcia: Absolutely.

Mr. Karpie: We're at an odd time right now.

Mrs. Hopcia: We are at an odd time.

(Unintelligible)

Mrs. Hopcia: Sure, absolutely. We will definitely work that into the thing. I know I had a conversation with them on what to expect and, but, I mean, any one of us we could get together, obviously you'll have meetings with BOCES that you'll be going to and learning from and, also, I think, maybe it's time for another business retreat, you know, we can look into that and see if that is something that we can afford this year. Just maybe bring someone in and talk to us about board things. I don't know, we'll see what we got.

Mr. Karpie: We're good. We can do it at you're house. Sounds great.

Mrs. Hopcia: Well, it doesn't have to be that kind. It doesn't have to be a social retreat. It can be a business retreat. (*unintelligible*) It is spacious outside.

Mr. Bennett: Paul, I'll be your mentor. I'll give you my number or something, we can talk things through, like I did it with Tanya, just explained things like how the, this is all going to work, you're gonna get all those contracts and all that stuff. You know what, what's going on and if you have any questions, I'll uh, just give me a shout anytime. I sometimes like to talk maybe too much. But, I don't mind it. So yeah we, I'll be your contact, but if that's okay with everyone.

Mr. Karpie: For the next meeting, you can talk about all the committee stuff, and talk about Executive Session how that works.

Mr. Bennett: Maybe, yeah, just get together. Meet up, wherever, to go through some stuff, not a problem. I think we met up in high school and so wherever, we'll figure it out by next like next week and breaks it down and go through some stuff.

Mrs. Hopcia: And have you, Tracy, given him his welcome packet.

Mr. Stoltman: And Board Member Handbook

Mrs. Hopcia: Yea, because we have that too. So much reading you're gonna love it. Alright. Thanks guys. A motion is needed to approve the second reading and adoption of policy 5676 as presented and outlined in the Erie 1 BOCES suggested policy revisions 2020.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to amend the 2019-2020 instructional calendar as per the resolution dated April 2 2020 as presented.

Mr. Karalus: So moved:

Mr. Joerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to approve the athletic handbook as presented.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following 2020-2021 school breakfast, lunch, and a la carte prices as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions?

Mr. Yoerg: I have a question. So, 3.09 is the federal price correct?

Mr. Karpik: Yes. That's the federal price.

Mr. Yoerg: So that's the federal, so if we do the free lunch we're only really getting reimbursed at the rate that we're charging up here. Is that correct? How does that work?

Mr. Karpik: No, we get more than that.

Mr. Yoerg: We do. Okay. And eventually, they want us to get to that federal price.

Mr. Karpik: They want us to get there. Honestly, we're never going to get there. Because it was \$3 last year. And now this year is 3.09 so we're going up five cents. So we've actually lost four cents on getting close to that dollar amount.

Mr. Yoerg: Right. And with the increase in the minimum wage going up, that's going to negatively affect us as well.

Mr. Karpik: Yes.

Mr. Yoerg: So are we going to be okay going forward, is it seems like it's a pretty big offset, the wages and that.

Mr. Karpik: You're right, it's a little bit, typically labor hours per meal is about 14 meals per hour. So, you know, if you increase lunch price by five cents I'm actually breaking even, that's going to cover that cost. (*unintelligible*). That's roughly how that works.

Mr. Yoerg: Okay, so going forward, I'm assuming we're gonna have to look at this again in future years. Could there be a one-time adjustment for a larger increase?

Mr. Karpik: It's entirely possible, yes.

(*Unintelligible*)

Mr. Stoltman: We don't want to price it out. And that's the dilemma Anita has. Which is why I think if you take a look incrementally over the course of the last five or six years. It's been a nickle increase here. Correct.

Mr. Karpik: Right. It's been a nickel almost every year.

Mr. Yoerg: And I think we're, from what I saw on the information we're fairly competitive with other districts.

Mr. Karpik: Yeah, we're either right in the middle or just a little below average of price so right. We're better than average on price, maybe a little less. So yeah, we're doing good in that spot. But the five cents hasn't, isn't basically covering minimum wage increases.

Mr. Karpie: Paul, with less restrictions that have come down from lunches and what we consider will that help in the cost?

Mr. Karpik: It won't help the costs, but it may help in participation of less restrictions may mean more participation to get the kids back. We see some better going out of the primary school, hopeful that continues to move toward this as kids move up through the intermediate and middle schools. I think we've done some damage to the middle school and the high school kids (*unintelligible*)

Mr. Karpie: With the lunches, as we are giving out lunches, through the, has that gone up or down or has it stayed the same?

Mr. Stoltman: The actual participation? Over the course of the last week, they actually dipped. Like throughout the three and a half months, every week they were growing. We have noticed a significant drop I mean, I believe maybe 50 meals that people didn't come to pick up, unfortunately they didn't call. So the meals were prepared. So, those, those meals are not going to be used. I think actually, I think what she did she actually used them the following day, if she had meals on Monday, she was able to use that for Thursday, and she, she ended up making phone calls to people that didn't come and they'd say yeah we're good, we're moving forward.

Mrs. Hopcia: I think a lot of people just assumed school was over and so was lunch distribution. So it was the same at Sweet Home.

Mr. Stoltman: You had similar?

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright. Any other comments? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to adopt the Alden Central School District code of conduct for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. Over to you sir.

Mr. Stoltman: Okay, we've got a textbook review although it's not really a textbook it's more of a resource binder. Making Meaning. If somebody would like to take a look at it and provide feedback, we will have to adopt it to our literacy program. So I thought that someone would like to review it before recommendation comes

Mrs. Hopcia: It's in my line of work.

Mr. Stoltman: Okay, if you don't mind, I'll go right into my updates. Where to start, so Paul welcome, Mr. Roll. I can take that off. Mr. Karpie's always three steps ahead of me. I had mentor on there, so that we can take off the list. Tracy will get you a new board member handbook to take a look along with the listing of the courses that are offered through BOCES for you to take a look at and begin signing up for.

So welcome aboard. And Tracy, if we can also get him a copy of the board calendar for next year that we adopted. I'm glad to hear the folks that took a look at all the virtual experiences we've had for for children our students I'm glad you enjoyed them. Hats really go off to all those organizing those whether your club advisors, or administrators, teachers. I ask that you not get used to it. I hope it's not a common theme moving forward. As great as it was we want to get back. We want to get back to our kids, our kids want to be back with us and I believe the parents want the kids back with us. But thank you for for tuning into that I know that kids are appreciate seeing your face. As due the principals and teachers. I too want to express my gratitude to the community for the support in the recent budget and didn't know what to think. I think collectively as a group of superintendents, not only in the region, but across the state. we're incredibly humbled by not only the turnout, but also the results. I don't know if anybody would have predicted the success rate given the manner in which we voted this year and I too have mentioned it in an email when revealed the budget results. Tracy was an absolute Rockstar through this whole process. The, from day one, we found out we needed to do it, she was on the phone with people getting things organized, answering questions. She then transitioned when the vote was delayed. And it was it was it was obvious to me, then but it was even more obvious to me when we went downtown at 7:45 for what we thought it was going to be a quick 20 minutes or half an hour scanning results, scanning our ballots, getting out of there, turned into that we pulled back into the parking lot here, the high school about 12:15, because not all districts, and they will remain nameless, read the fine print and used the right paper. So there were significant paper jams in the ballot counter. We were not one of them once we got in we zipped through quite quickly. So, Tracy Thank you. Lastly, Mr. Stoldt, Ken, thank you for the 10 years and you've committed to the Alden Central School District. Not surprised your entire career as an educator you've always given back to the kids. It seems like only yesterday that you were out in Warsaw, and coaching football out there and all sorts of sports begrudgingly I think, left things that you accomplished out there to move on to Akron, where you continue to give back to kids in the community coaching variety of sports at the modified levels, because you so enjoy teaching kids, to all of your football experience. And then giving back to Section six football and the region and getting involved in USA football helping out across the country. I could go on and on. The things that you've done, they're going to be realized for kids for years to come. I appreciate what you've given the sport of education which you give in the community, it's you know, it's gonna be big shoes to fill Paul. I know you'll be able to do it, but Ken you've been great. You've been a rock, and I appreciate that. I was unaware of when rich said, you know, he appreciated your slow and steadiness that you brought I thought made you were referring to him on (*unintelligible*). Thank you.

Mr. Stoldt: Thank you. I really appreciate that, especially coming from you. Paul you are in great hands believe me. You're gonna step right in.

Mr. Stoltman: Okay, you have in your packets, or in your electronic packet, a really nice presentation by our two athletic directors I hope you had time to to review that. They are available they're on zoom right now. If we could pipe them in or unmute if anybody has any questions for them. Any comments

for them. They did make sure that they came in. Tracy, do we have speaker or is it your computer speaker.

District Clerk: My computer speaker.

Mr. Stoltman: Sandy, Ken, are you with us?

Mrs. Gauthier: Yep. We're here.

Mr. Stoltman: Okay. Thank you for the incredible job that you did in your presentation and your end of the year report, it was informational, it was thorough. I think it really painted a good picture of where we were at this year, including the participation and our partnerships with with Depew. I will open it up to any questions or comments that the group has.

Mr. Yoerg: I just have a quick comment. You know, I think, the way our system is set up new, as far as with the two of them being our athletic directors, the exposure that we have the amount of time and effort both of you have put into athletics here. Always participating always being visible, always being there for not just students, parents and the school, it's been incredible. I know there's gonna be challenges coming forward for the fall, or it's gonna look like from an athletic standpoint and I know you guys are on top of it as, as the district is, and a lot of us are going to work hard this summer, from, hopefully we can get back and try and get some of the kids ready for some of the sports just in case we move forward in the fall, but I wanted to thank both of you. Excellent job, absolutely fantastic. Thank you.

Mr. Partell: Thank you.

Mrs. Gauthier: Thanks. Thank you.

Mr. Bennett: Yeah, I would just second like Jim said, I mean you can't go to an athletic event and not see one of them there and it's like, you wonder how their spouses are going, like where are they, you know, they're not around again. But it is nice to see and to see the support that they do give it to the kids and everything. Like I said, You can't go to one event, that they're not there. It is appreciated.

Mr. Stoldt: I know a lot of districts use split ADs, and people helping out in different capacities and you would think it would be much easier if there were two people, well that's not always the case. Now you got to work well together. You got to be able to manage who's going to be where and who's gonna accommodate who and so forth and you guys do a great job and I know that from not only what I see here every day, but from working with different schools around the league, they are always talking to me about how I got into school and I'm waiting on this I'm waiting on that, but never waiting at all on you, you guys are on top of things and it's very much appreciated.

Mr. Partell: Thank you.

Mr. Stoltman: Thanks guys appreciate everything.

Mrs. Gauthier: Thank you. Thanks for all your support.

Mr. Stoltman: You also have information from Anita Trautwein in her annual report. If you have any questions for Anita. Is Anita on with us? She is, okay perfect, we can unmute Anita. And while we're unmuting her I think I'd be remiss if I didn't publicly announce acknowledge the things that Anita, and her staff have done over the last three and a half months. The undertaking of feeding our community was an incredibly large task and Anita's folks and our teacher aides that helped out, and our bus drivers that helped out. They did it every Monday and Thursday and they did it with a smile on their face, to make sure their families were fed and I appreciate all Anita's leadership in that area. Any questions for Anita.

Mr. Karalus: No, but I also want to echo the sentiments and I saw all the lunches that you guys prepared and, you know, very different than what you expected to be doing and you guys just came through with flying colors so thank you very much, you know, we appreciate it, it makes the district look good the district people appreciated that families appreciate it and thank you very much for taking the initiative and doing an excellent job.

Mrs. Trautwein: Thank you.

Mr. Stoltman: Thank you, Anita.

Mrs. Trautwein: Thank you.

Mr. Stoltman: Okay. That's all I have, just the upcoming events.

Mrs. Hopcia: The upcoming events. We have graduation, on the 26th rain day's the 27th, so that's going to be hopefully on our field. It's one session or two sessions?

Mr. Stoltman: Two sessions, so graduation is as you just eluded to the date. So, hopefully there's no rain, and the date is the exact same day, it was on the district calendar. There are two sessions to abide by the regulations that have been booked for us. The group were, they decided to just split alphabetically right down the middle. So there were no questions asked, hopefully no hurt feelings, A through, I believe L, somewhere in there then the rest of the alphabet in the second ceremony. They communicated that to the families, the kids. And they'll be, they walked this morning with. Those grounds folks came up with plans for restroom use in the event somebody has to they hope to keep things between 45

minutes and an hour, so hopefully not too many people running to the restroom. Included in that plan is a, an isolated area for parents to be able to come down and take a picture while maintaining social distancing, there will be a photographer there taking pictures of the Graduates however parents wanting to. Ticket distribution, everything. I think they've done a really nice job and Kevin and his group. Graduation group, including many students. I think they've done a fantastic job since day one I asked them, I said plan for five or six different scenarios because we don't know. We don't know what restrictions are going to be on graduation day, and they did. They planned for a virtual celebration, they planned for a drive thru celebration, they planned for, you know, an in person and this is what we ended up with to everybody's surprise. And they talk this morning. They're also prepared. If the governor all of a sudden next couple days says you can have them all.

Mrs. Hopcia: Everybody?

Mr. Stoltman: He might. We're prepared to have them all. You know, the only drawback is every graduate has two tickets. It's the only way we can do this.

Mrs. Hopcia: Is there a camera version?

Mr. Stoltman: Right, they can bring up the, Mr. Rizzo's in the back right now live stream he was out there testing the live stream today. So family members..

Mr. Rizzo: In the press box (*unintelligible*).

Mr. Stoltman: So it's going to be live stream. It's going to be taped. It's going to be then broadcast or shared with people which will include the commencement speaker, the commencement speaker can't physically be here. However, he's recorded a message. We don't have a jumbo tron to play his message on, it's going to be embedded into the video that will be shared with the public and the students. Thank you for clarifying the light livestream.

Mrs. Hopcia: And so that, will that be published on the website so that we can go right there and see.

Mr. Stoltman: Sure.

Mr. Rizzo: All the content will be on the website.

Mrs. Hopcia: Thank you sir.

Mr. Stoltman: Including the live stream right? So if I grand parents.

Mr. Rizzo: Live stream will probably be up tomorrow, so I'm actually going to be on there running some tests, just to be on the safe side. When you look at our press box you'll see like the front of it there's this little white patch. It's actually our Wi Fi antenna. And (*unintelligible*) the entire field in the bleachers. So even the students wanted to actually hop on the Wi Fi with their devices (*unintelligible*).

Mrs. Hopcia: All right, wonderful.

Mr. Karalus: I have a question can we as board members attend it or should we..

Mr. Stoltman: Well I was gonna ask I know, typically have the president pass out diplomas. So, Mr. Bennett will be in attendance.

Mrs. Hopcia: I'm out of town.

Mr. Stoltman: Jill's out of town. We're flirting with it, the numbers.

Mr. Karalus: Yeah, if it comes to the family's attending then you know.

Mr. Karpie: Well it's 150, right?

Mr. Stoltman: It's 150.

Mr. Karpie: Well, if you do the math, 2 parents a kid. That's 150.

Mrs. Hopcia: It is 150. You might wanna watch this one at home. And Mike, thank you for representing.

Mr. Bennett: I think it's just important to know that the students took a vote, and they wanted to graduate on their home field or home turf. And I just think that, you know, it goes back to maybe that's for them also some closure. That this is ours, you know like, this is what we did 12 years basically 13. You know, I just think it's nice and they did, they voted as saying for them that they can't all at once but at least they're back home call it home and you can say goodbye here.

Mr. Stoltman: So when the governor released those, or relaxed those restrictions I should say, Mr. Ryan and his team of graduate Planning Committee, put it, aloud, gave the two options, a drive in that they've been working on and Mr Rizzo actually went out to the drive-in to test the Wi Fi and take a look at things and then having it here in our stadium. So they gave the students both choices, knowing that it would be multiple ceremonies in the stadium as opposed to one ceremony, out at the drive in, the one ceremony in the drive in people were restricted to their cars. Right. So they shared everything he said it's not up to them. Let's leave it to the class of 2020 and they they voted, they decided

Mr. Karalus: That's what I'm saying, it's on the nice new field that they kind of inaugurated.

(Unintelligible)

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright, any further discussion? I do need a motion to go into Executive Session for the employment of a particular person.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you for coming this evening. Thanks, Paul. You can go home and do your thing and then the next time we're together, you'll be up here with us.

Mrs. Hopcia: A motion is needed to come out of executive session.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Stoldt: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor?

Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. And Ken, what a way to go out. Thanks everyone.