

ALDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Transcription of the
Board of Education Meeting
July 2, 2020

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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

- Board of Education: Michael Bennett, Jill Hopcia, Richard Karalus, Michael Karpie, Tanya Lords-Quinn; Paul Roll, Jr. and James Yoerg.
- Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools
- Paul Karpik, School Business Administrator

Mrs. Hopcia and Mr. Yoerg attended the meeting from their residences via Zoom.

At 7:00 p.m.

District Clerk: 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.

District Clerk: Okay, at this time, reelected board member, Jill Hopcia, will take the oath.

Mrs. Hopcia: Did you want to say that I have it in front of me? I, Jill Hopcia, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York. And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Board of Education member, according to the best of my ability.

Okay. And the next time I see you, you can sign the oath book. And now newly elected board member, Paul Roll will take the oath of office.

Mr. Roll: I, Paul Roll, Jr., do suddenly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York. And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Board of Education member, according to the best of my ability.

District Clerk: I respectfully ask the Board of Education to acknowledge that the oath of office was administered to Adam Stoltman, Superintendent of Schools, on July 1 2020.

Mr. Bennett: So acknowledged.

District Clerk: Thank you. Now, the floor is open for nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Karalus: I nominate Jill Hopcia.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

District Clerk: Any other nominations? Okay, the floor is closed for nominations. A motion is needed to close the nominations and elect Jill Hopcia as President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

District Clerk: All in favor?

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

District Clerk: Opposed? Motion carries. Now Jill will take over the meeting.

Mrs. Hopcia: Do I have to read the oath?

District Clerk: Yes, you will.

Mrs. Hopcia: I, Jill Hopcia, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York. And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of school board president, according to the best of my ability.

District Clerk: Thank you. And again, I'll have you sign the oath book the next time I see you.

Mrs. Hopcia: Now I take over, sorry guys. Sorry, trying to keep up, keep up. All right, calling for nominations for the vice president of the board.

Mr. Karalus: I nominate Mike Bennett.

Mr. Yoerg: I Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor. Aye, opposed. Motion carries. A motion is needed.

District Clerk: I need to administer the oath.

Mrs. Hopcia: My bad. Administer the oath.

Mr. Yoerg: Um, just, do we need to call for other nominations?

Mrs. Hopcia: Oh, thank you Jim. Do we have a call for any other nominations for vice president. Okay. The motion. First you need to do, do I do the closing the nominations then first and then you do the thing Tracy?

District Clerk: Make a motion to accept him as vice president

Mrs. Hopcia: A motion is needed to close the nominations and elect Mike Bennett as vice president of the board.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor.

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

Mrs. Hopcia: All right, opposed. Motion carries.

Mr. Bennett: I, Michael Bennett, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York. And I will faithfully discharge the duties of school board vice president, according to the best of my ability.

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright, moving on to the appointment of officers. A motion is needed to appoint the following officers for the 2020-21 school year, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, and salaries based on contract or budget allocations as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions? All in favor?

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

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed?

Mr. Stoltman: Tracy, you need to be able to acknowledge to everybody here. They moved and they approve you probably want to call them individually so that it's on record.

District Clerk: Okay, I'll call on Jill and Jim individually.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay.

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Motion carries. All right. Motion is needed to approve the following appointments and stipends for the 2020-2021 school year, upon the recommendation of the superintendent as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor. Aye.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Motion carries. A motion is needed to make the following special education appointments for the 20 2021 school year, upon the recommendation of the superintendent as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. A motion is needed to authorize the following designees for the 2020-2021 school year, upon the recommendation of the superintendent as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve and authorize the following for the 2020-2021 school year, upon the recommendation of the superintendent as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following actions, upon the recommendation of the superintendent as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. A motion is needed to appoint the following representatives for the 2020-2021 school year.

District Clerk: We need to do the discussion first.

Mrs. Hopcia: We need a motion.

Mr. Yoerg: We need to put people in place first.

Mr. Bennett: Who did them last year, do we know?

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright, we have for delegate assembly Rich and Ken. So the question is Paul, are you interested in being on the delegate assembly. Maybe Rich you could talk about what you do so that Paul knows what he's getting himself into

Mr. Karalus: Actually, it's a pretty easy one because the delegate assembly meets on Thursdays so since we meet on Thursdays, we don't attend assemblies.

Mr. Stoltman: So Rich is telling you to join that one. We had some earlier meetings this year, we've met on Tuesdays.

Mrs. Hopcia: We did.

District Clerk: So is Rich taking that or Paul?

Mrs. Hopcia: No changes?

District Clerk: Paul, you're the alternate?

Mr. Roll: Yes.

Mrs. Hopcia: Is that okay.

District Clerk: Yes.

Mrs. Hopcia: All right, moving on to the legislative committee, I have Mike Bennett alternate Ken Stoldt. Paul, would you like to be an alternate for this one as well. Mike Bennett did you want to discuss?

Mr. Bennett: Okay, they'll send out something sometimes legislators will get together.

Mr. Roll: Where do they meet?

Mr. Bennett: Usually at BOCES. it's not very often, they are on Thursday nights as well.

Mr. Roll: I'll accept the alternate position.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay. So who do we have.

Mr. Bennett: Mike and Paul.

Mrs. Hopcia: Mike and Paul. Okay, moving on to budget and finance team, we have Jim Yoerg as representative and like Mike Karpie as the alternate, I don't believe Mike Karpie asked for any changes.

Mr. Yoerg: I'm good.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay. Thanks, Jim. Moving on to delegate to the annual business meeting, I am the representative Rich You are my alternate does that work for you.

Mr. Karalus: I'm good

Mrs. Hopcia: I'm good with that as well. Um, representative for impartial hearings is me, I can keep that. What's that?

Mr. Stoltman: Tracy, I think you need to take the action item on the first three, and then, correct?

District Clerk: Yes.

Mrs. Hopcia: All right, Tracy, feel free to interrupt me at any time. It's all, I'm doing this on three different screens people so bear with me. So now I can say a motion is needed to appoint the following representatives for the 2021 school year.

Mr. Yoerg: So moved.

Mr. Karalus: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor.

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

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Oh, you didn't ask for us Tracy.

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. Alright next page. Now this is what I already talked about A motion is needed to appoint the following representatives for the 2020-2021 school year delegate to the annual business meeting in the form of Jill Hopcia and Rich Karalus.

Mr. Bennett: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Motion carries. Okay, now we will move on to the public content. Representative for impartial hearings, we have me as a representative I am fine with that. The board ATA liaison committee, I have as representatives Mike Bennett and Tanya Is that okay with you guys.

Mr. Bennett: Jim, did you want any.

Mr. Yoerg: Yes, I would like that, I would, I would. I'll take the impartial hearings.

Mrs. Hopcia: Oh, you want to do that Jim? That's fine Jim.

Mr. Yoerg: If you guys want to keep that that's fine.

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright so Jim you're gonna take over as impartial hearing, Tracy do you have that?

District Clerk: Got it.

Mrs. Hopcia: And then the ATA liaison we have Mike Bennett and Tanya.

Mr. Bennett: Sounds good.

Mrs. Hopcia: All right, moving on to the district student achievement team Representative Mike Bennett and Mike Karpie, any changes.

Mr. Bennett: I'm okay.

Mrs. Hopcia: You're okay. Mike Mike didn't ask for any changes. Technology committee I have Mike Bennett and Rich.

Mr. Bennett: Okay.

Mr. Karalus: I'm good.

Mrs. Hopcia: You're good with that? Policy review committee I have Ken and Jim. I've never done that. I'd be interested in doing that. Jim Are you interested in staying on.

Mr. Yoerg: Yeah, I'm okay with it.

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright, so I'll take over for Ken. Finance Committee. We have Tanya and Ken. There's an opening. Paul, how do you feel about it?

Mr. Roll: What does that involve? The finances of the district?

Mr. Karpik: Typically. We don't really have a lot of finance committee meetings, due to the fact that the board as a whole talks about the finances so, there's not a lot of meetings.

Mr. Roll: Okay, I'm fine with that.

Mrs. Hopcia: So is Paul good with that?

District Clerk: Yes.

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright, Audit Committee um, Jill Hopcia, Rich Karalus and Ken Stoldt.

Mr. Yoerg: I'd like to get back on that committee if I can.

Mrs. Hopcia: You want to take my spot Jim.

Mr. Yoerg: Sure. Um, Paul would you be interested in doing that one?

Mr. Roll: the audit committee.

Mrs. Hopcia: Yeah. That one we meet a few times a year, with Paul and Adam, and we talked with our auditors and its basic finances and things for them to look into. Is that something you're interested in, if not I'll stay on Paul.

Mr. Roll: I'll go on that.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay.

Mr. Karalus: I'll stay on that as well.

Mr. Stoltman: We usually meet before board meetings.

Mr. Karpik: Right, there might be one coming up.

Mrs. Hopcia: Alright, moving on to the district safety committee I have Mike Bennett.

Mr. Roll: Actually, I would like to do that one.

Mr. Bennett: Paul will do that.

Mrs. Hopcia: You're good.

Mr. Roll: Oh yeah.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay, and visitation committee I have Rich and Jim.

Mr. Karalus: I'll stay.

Mr. Yoerg: I don't need to be on it this year. I don't know.

Mrs. Hopcia: Tanya, do you want that one.

District Clerk: Paul said he would do it.

Mr. Bennett: I'll do it with Paul. Does Jim want to be on it.

Mrs. Hopcia: No, he does not.

Mr. Yoerg: I was on last year so it's probably good to switch it up every year.

Mrs. Hopcia: It is good to switch it up.

Mrs. Lords-Quinn: I can go back on it.

Mrs. Hopcia: You already did it Tanya.

District Clerk: So, Tanya and Paul?

Mrs. Hopcia: I don't know Paul's got a lot of committees guys. Paul, do you want to give any up?

Mr. Stoltman: Are you good with what you have right now, or do you want to take a look at it?

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay is that it?

Mr. Bennett: I can do the Finance Committee if it's not that often and this way Paul, are you on the finance committee Paul? You can throw me on the finance committee.

District Clerk: So the finance committee is Mike Bennett and Tanya Lords-Quinn.

Mrs. Hopcia: All right, everybody in place. A motion is needed to appoint the following representatives for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Motion carries. Alright, I think that's it right Tracy from this one.

District Clerk: That's it for that meeting, now this will immediately follow so we don't need to do the pledge.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay, get you over to the regular meetings. All right, cool. Oops, sorry sorry sorry sorry. Bear with me people, regular meeting. Sorry Tracy, I'm having technical difficulties. Moving on after the pledge a motion is needed to nope, don't need that one. A motion is needed to approve the Board of Education minutes from the regular meeting held on June 18, 2020.

Mr. Bennett: Do we need a motion to reopen the meeting?

District Clerk: No, this meeting immediately follows.

Mrs. Hopcia: It just follows. Are we good.

District Clerk: Rich moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor? Board members: Aye, aye, aye, aye, aye.

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Anyone abstaining?

District Clerk: Paul.

Mrs. Hopcia: All right. Any opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to receive warrant and budget status reports for the period ending June 15, 2020.

Mr. Bennett: So moved.

Mr. Karalus: Second

Mrs. Hopcia: Questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. a motion is needed to accept the following resignation: Paul Roll, Jr.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

Mr. Roll: I abstain.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay, abstentions?

Mr. Roll: Abstain.

Mrs. Hopcia: And then opposed? Nobody? Motion carries. Moving on. A motion is needed to approve the following resolution it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the Alden

School Board of Education hereby abolishes the teaching positions in following tenure areas effective July 3, 2020: elementary teacher 2.0 and a teacher assistant 1.0.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to appoint the following: Lori Granada chorus teacher point six.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

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

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to appoint the following 2020-2021 class club advisors for the high school with stipends as per schedule B of all the Teachers Association contract as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. A motion as needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to appoint the following 2020-2021 Club advisors for the middle school with stipends as per Schedule B of the Alden Teachers Association contract as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to accept the following resolution: Be it resolved 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 Administrators Association as presented and to authorize Adam Stoltman superintendent of schools to execute the same.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to approve the employment agreements for the following as presented: Dave Riggerman, William Santiago and Brenda Houston.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the terms and conditions of employment for the teacher Center Director as presented by the superintendent and reviewed by the board on July 2, 2020.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to approve the revisions of the terms and conditions of employment for the following managerial confidential employee as presented, Anita Trautwein, school lunch manager.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the base salaries and or hourly rates effective July ,1 2020 for the following administrative confidential managerial and or other employees as listed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent as listed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: 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 has reviewed and accepted the recommendations of the Committee on special education from the meetings held on June 2nd, 4th, 9th, 10th, and 12th 2020, and also the CSE amendment agreements dated June 11 and 16th 2020.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: 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 Alden Central School District has reviewed and accepted the recommendations of the Committee on preschool special education from the meetings held on June 12 2020.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following budget transfers budget 17, and 18.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Yoerg: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the following as reviewed by Jill Hopcia, collaborative literacy suite, I have it right here, guys. Big Book. I approve.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. A motion is needed to accept the following donation \$470.29 from the high school senior class to the high school, for Distinguished Alumni Award program.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the 2020-2021 School use of facility fee schedule as presented.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions?

Mr. Yoerg: I do.

Mrs. Hopcia: Yes.

Mr. Yoerg: Was there any thought to a daily rate or a multiple hourly rate if someone wants it for one of the things for three four or five hours, or is it just going to be at the hourly rate.

Mr. Karpik: I thought we had, we do have something I thought we did have something for the use of facilities, then the hourly rate is for just the use of the facilities, just trying to find them.

Mrs. Hopcia: Sorry everyone. I just texted my daughter to come get the dog, so ignore sugar. Here she comes. Anyway, that throws me off.

Mr. Karpik: Everything is by the hourly rate,

Mr. Yoerg: So if someone wanted to use the athletic fields and the concession stand plus the bathrooms, it's gonna cost them \$200 an hour to rent that?

Mr. Karpik: Very possible Jim. But you have to remember that most, most groups are going to be using facilities for free. A lot of these are going to fall under a school sponsored group and or not for profit. 501 c three with (*unintelligible*) to 25% classification.

Mr. Stoltman: So at the top of the page I'm sure you can see it, Jim.

Mr. Yoerg: The question is, it's less for the grass field than it is for the turf field we have the turf field at 120 and the grass at 100. Any reason for that or is it just...

Mr. Karpik: We looked at and reviewed most of the others, areas from the other districts they have use facility use schedules, (*unintelligible*).

Mr. Yoerg: Okay. I just assumed with the beautiful field you could probably get more for the turf field and you could put like the grass field at the primary school or the high school.

Mr. Karpik: And we agree with that but the fact is if you wanted to play soccer and grass fields. If the cost of cutting the grass, and then striping it to get to play whatever sport you're playing be it soccer, field hockey or lacrosse, would have to be striped or lined.

Mr. Yoerg: So, even though we have the turf field I'm assuming we're maintaining the grass fields throughout the year for soccer?

Mr. Karpik: Yes.

Mr. Stoltman: Currently right now, all we're doing is cutting the grass, it's not lined.

Mr. Yoerg: Okay.

Mr. Karpik: During the year we will grade (*unintelligible*) and fill it with dirt and we'll re-seed it every year so we'll do a bunch of that kind of stuff. So we'll, we'll actually try to level it off a little better with some extra dirt and then we'll actually reseed it probably once or twice a year.

Mr. Yoerg: Okay.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any further discussion? All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. A motion is needed to approve the terms and conditions of the following contracts as presented and to authorize Adam Stoltman, superintendent of schools and/or the school board president to sign the same: Aspire of Western New York, Dr. Cynthia Devore and Donna Jones LNP.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. Alright, moving on to my report I apologize for all the glitches I know this is awkward having half of us there and here but we're doing what we have to do. And my report I want to ask you guys, if you have preferential seating for when we are all together. And if you would let me know because certainly if you're not happy where you're sitting. You can definitely make a change, I have no problem with that. Um Tanya, you might be sick of sitting next to me I don't know. So you can,

you guys can let me know and we can arrange that the next time we're all together. All right, we'll let Tracy know. Um, graduation looks like it went without a hitch, so congratulations on that. It looked great online. I appreciate all your efforts into accommodating the kids and letting them have a say and a voice in how they wanted to graduate. And I'm sure all of you know Adam shared with us, that we have some survey results from all the stakeholders in Erie County. Regarding school for next year so hopefully we'll be hearing some information soon as to how we're proceeding. That is all I have. So Adam, it is over to you. No, it's not over to you, forget that Adam, Jim, I'm looking at you, so you're the one that can see the closest so go ahead.

Mr. Yoerg: They are so far away, aren't they? Yea, I thought everything couldn't have gone much better. Last week or so, kudos to all the staff, you know, with regard to the parade. That was amazing. We talked about that graduation I had the opportunity to watch it through the live feed, and felt like I was there, little windy, some of that stuff is hard to control but I thought everything went well, it made me so proud to be a part of Alden here and having the kids involved in it and having them, you know, be a part of the decision making, I think was incredible. So, hats off to everybody this year, we start a new year. So this is embarking on next year and I'm excited about moving forward with everyone, and Paul welcome, and congratulations it's good to have you on board. And let's see what this summer does hopefully the governor is going to make some decisions and get us going in the right direction.

Mrs. Hopcia: Thanks, Jim, and thanks for welcoming Paul I'm sorry about that Paul, like I said, it's hard to see you out there, but this is the part in kind of our segment where everybody has an opportunity to share anything that they've, you know, engaged in with the district or seen. So Paul I'm going to go over to you, just because Jim brought you up.

Mr. Roll: I'm glad to be on board. A little nervous about starting out. Everyone makes me feel comfortable. We got a very friendly group, good to work with you guys.

Mrs. Hopcia: Awesome. Welcome. Rich How about you.

Mr. Karalus: This week I have nothing to report.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay. Tanya.

Mrs. Lords-Quinn: I think I'm good.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay and Mike Bennett.

Mr. Bennett: So, I felt privileged to be able to represent the board at the graduation. It was, it was a really nice honor I, it was really awesome to see the kids come back to their own fields to be able to graduate, not in drive-in. I even got to talk to some kids afterwards myself at value or what have you and they were

so happy that they got to come back to the school to graduate from, and I give credit to Mr. Ryan, Mr McCowan to take, and Mrs Delzer through this all together with, like, like everything that was going on like they had Plan A B C D E and F and maybe all the way to Z, I have no idea what they did. They, the kids didn't have any rehearsal they showed up. Mr. Ryan and all of them, they gave them a quick rundown, the kids did great. And I remember walking in and I turned around and I was watching all the kids, and a walking up on the field and making the turn and it really was awesome to see that and it just made you feel so good. And it looked so so nice out there and I just think it was nice that we were able to do that for the kids and that everybody that had a part in it the lawns and grounds guys. The crews out there that, you know, making sure that everything was disinfected afterwards in between they're out there cleaning the bleachers, and they had the hand sanitizer out there and the ladies at the gate, you know, making sure everybody had their tickets was limited to two people per student. So, they were really good at making sure. And all because, but it was so nice. It was for what we had to put, to go through and it turned out to be really nice, and I just like I said I'm thankful that I was able to represent the board and it was just a nice feeling. So, I think they did a great job and they should get a pat on the back for that and maybe all the grief they got leading up to it. Wondering what was going to happen. They did a great job though so they they made Alden proud, that's for sure. And, yeah, like I said my, my mom she's over 78. She said, said watching stuff. She's like, the thing that just how nice it looks and she walks the track and she says if you ain't proud of this school and everything the way it looks around here, you guys are crazy, and it just looks so nice though and I think it should make us all proud to be a part of it. Thank you.

Mrs. Hopcia: Thank your mom Mike. All right, now Adam, you can have it.

Mr. Stoltman: Okay, for Mr. Roll's information typically this part of the agenda, Mr Roll, we would have our principals with us, we have our supervisors and directors with us because of because we're meeting in this fashion, we are, they're with us remotely via zoom. The have provided reports though to anybody, they are available Tracy can unmute them if there's any questions, but hopefully beginning in September, we'll be back, live, adding people here if not sooner, and you'll be able to ask questions directly to them. They often have to add other things that may have come up since the deadline of the report, so first we have our principals' reports. All four of them have been submitted. Unfortunately, you'll take a look at a lot of things that Mr Ryan's got there's a lot of cancellations, but all the gentlemen are with us. If you have any questions.

Mr. Bennett: You did a great job Mr. Ryan.

Mr. Stoltman: Okay, I will share with you that from a principal standpoint, we met yesterday administratively and one of the tasks that the gentleman are taking a look at, especially the elementary right now, is how many desks we can fit in a classroom, while exercising the guidance that's been given to us so we've got, surprisingly, two different guidelines to to adhere to that not to adhere to, that have been recommended, thus far, one is from the American Association of pediatricians, which says three foot of distance, and then the CDC guidance is six foot of distance. So I know that our elementary guys are

going around taking a look in the rooms with tape measures with their buildings and grounds folks, take a look to see what that does as far as the number of desks that can be placed in the classroom. If we are looking at that type of opening where we have to space desks out between three and six feet, we'll be taking a look and removing some, some areas that are very, very traditional in elementary classrooms, such as rugs, where you gather kids and read stories. You know limited filing cabinet space and what have you. So just working through some things, and things like that, that we can take a look at and at least be prepared for like Mike Bennett's comment, having Plan A through Z for graduation, we are asking our principals to look at the same thing for our reopening plan. Because we don't have any information right now. Okay, no questions for our principals? Jill or Mr. Yoerg.

Mr. Yoerg: No, but one comment. You don't have to respond to this but I know probably a big challenger in (*unintelligible*) is the students that are stepping up to the next school. I know a lot of times in this industry I think you guys have done quite a bit already, to kind of prep them but that's a challenge, you know, my son went from eighth grade to high school last year, and there were all the bells and whistles he had plenty of time to prepare for it. You probably can have a lot of nervous kids, you know, going through that process, who knows what that process is going to be in September, so I know that's a lot of hard work and I know you guys have done a lot of good work on it, so it'll be a challenge for those kids, but the way we do things in Alden, I think they're going to be well prepared.

Mr. Stoltman: Kindergarten orientation is something that comes to mind also, Not only a challenge and a struggle and nervousness for kids but also parents. So each of the each of the buildings is looking at those and what that might look like come August.

Mrs. Hopcia: It'll be something.

Mr. Stoltman: Okay. Buildings and Grounds report, Mr Karpik, do you have anything you want to add to Bob's report.

Mr. Karpik: No, I think I would stress everything you're talking about, having a plan A-Z on disinfecting and cleaning procedures when we open up school and how we can maintain our facilities, making sure they are clean and safe for everyone. Purchase of electromagnetic disinfectant machines to basically (*unintelligible*), all the classrooms that will actually attach will put a bunch of magnetic charged particles to be dispersed will attach to the desks, on the legs, all that kind of stuff to be cleaner and safer. And we'll set protocols in place to make sure we get the buildings probably at least once a week for that we'll be getting about high touch services with all of our cleaners. We were doing environmentally friendly clean products, until probably November, December when we started getting the flu season and then the COVID started hitting more nationally, nationally and over in the other parts of the world, we started using some, some heavier duty cleaners to make sure we disinfect the areas, the high touch surfaces, (*unintelligible*) school we plan to try to run purchasing either battery operated hand sanitizer stations for all classrooms that do not have sinks. And if you can't find them, the hand pump hand sanitizer, which I know are

available. We're just trying to get the battery operated ones right now that are pretty much hard to come by right now, we are doing our best to try to gather as much of the materials that we can get. We're looking at gloves, masks, all that stuff but until we know the plans to reopen schools, I don't want to spend a lot of money to do that until I know what the actual plans will be because I don't want to waste of money, until we're prepared for what's going to happen. There's a lot going on.

Mr. Roll: I have a question. Has there been any consideration in buying like UV filters. Something about the filtration of the air in classrooms, has that been discussed?

Mr. Stoltman: I am actually am serving on a committee with Turner construction to panel discussion on July, 7, and we had our final meeting today in preparation. And that's the kind of decision that they're called Merv filters. So, we have Merv filters .

Mr. Karpik: We have 11 right now. We are talking about the the 13, which is a little thicker density. The hepa filters we have on our systems here, because our systems are not set up for, you need stronger fans and blowers and stuff to make it work. And at 13 is about the max. We can go with the filtration of buildings right now.

Mr. Stoltman: So the Merv filters are the ones that the governor is suggesting the malls put in place prior to opening.

Mr. Karpik: I think it was hepa filters. Yeah, which are, we can't, we really can't do right now because our systems can't handle it. What we're doing is just a step below that, and going to 13 is about the highest *(unintelligible)*. Right.

Mr. Roll: The portable units, are they hardwired into the

Mr. Karpik: These are the main system units. So, we'll look at things like all the air conditioning units in a space like this. DLL, the high school that kind of stuff the bigger spaces where we'll probably end up, you'll end up having air conditioning in a lot of spaces. *(unintelligible)* We don't have a lot of air conditioning in the district as a whole *(unintelligible)* We'll focus on putting our resources and making sure those filters are changed out regularly and *(unintelligible)*

Mr. Stoltman: The classroom units the univents that we have cycled outside air. So that's that's not such an issue, they're bringing in so many units of outside air so many hours. As you can remember, it sometimes it's cold air outside.

(Unintelligible)

Mr. Stoltman: Okay, transportation guidelines. There's a motion that I'm going to ask our president to open for you if you recall as part of our 2020-2021 budget vote and election, there was a proposition on there, that focused on transportation distance. That motion was approved and thus we had updated our transportation guidelines to reflect that

Mrs. Hopcia: A motion is needed, upon the recommendation of the superintendent to adopt the transportation guidelines as presented.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Any questions. I have one. I'm just asking it now because it's under transportation, um, do we have, we've been planning how we're going to be transporting students when and if we return.

Mr. Stoltman: Yeah, yeah, we're having conversations. I don't mean to laugh but I think if anybody's taking a look at the CDC recommendations right now, the recommendations are about 11 kids on a bus on a big bus, on a big 66 passenger bus.

Mrs. Hopcia: Do we have enough buses to accommodate all students?

Mr. Stoltman: We do not, nor do any of the other districts that I am in meetings with. So the recommendation is, essentially, if we get 11, it's every other seat diagonal is what it works out to. So you go, the first seat on the right side of the bus. The second seat on the left side of the bus, and so on and so forth. Right down. Along with loading the bus from, from rear to front. So yeah, so have we had conversations, we have is anything in stone, no.

Mrs. Hopcia: Got it. Okay. Any other questions. Okay. All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. Adam, anything else.

Mr. Stoltman: I do have one update. Actually two, one kind of leads into the next. We have a second meeting scheduled for July, if we need it. If we don't need it the direction is we staggered last meetings, don't hold it and we'll wait till August. With that, we have, we will be acting or we will ask for approval on our district wide safety plan. There needs to be a public hearing 30 days before we vote. There's, we've always done it publicly, well not always, we've typically done our public hearings prior to a board meeting. But if we don't have any action items for the second meeting in July, I don't want to ask you to come in for a public hearing that might be 20 or 30 minutes. We do have the option of running a public hearing at any time. You just have to post it in so many days and Tracy has that and advertise it, so on and so forth. So the public hearing we typically would have for the district wide safety plan, Mr Burd would be with us. I did ask Tracy to reach out to Mr Burd. He is available to conduct a public hearing anytime on Friday July 10, which we could then place on the August, the first meeting of August, and be okay with a 30 day public comment period. You would do it via zoom and have people in the audience and comment answer any questions that way. I think he suggested at 9 or 9:30 in the morning, we would advertise it so people can do it, they can zoom in from their computer.

(Unintelligible)

Mr. Stoltman: It's not, it's not a board meeting correct, yes, so we don't need a quorum. It's like a budget budget hearing. You don't have to be there, you typically do attend but there's nothing saying you have to. There's not a roll call there's not a formality of a board meeting. So, if the group is okay with that, I'd like to move forward in that direction, and we can have the hearing on the 10th, and if we have a bunch of business items that we need to act on in July and have the meeting, we can still have them in July.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay. Tentatively the 23rd, correct.

Mr. Stoltman: Tentatively, right now we've got a meeting on the 23rd of July. Correct.

Mrs. Hopcia: Okay.

Mr. Stoltman: So I would ask that Tracy, as she advertises it, also includes the board on the communication. In case you're at home and want to attend the public hearing on the district wide safety plan.

Mr. Karalus: What day is that?

Mr. Stoltman: It's a Friday.

Mrs. Hopcia: Friday the 10th.

Mr. Stoltman: At 9 or 930 we don't know for sure, we have to check with Mr. Burd.

Mr. Karalus: If you finalize that you'll send us an email.

District Clerk: I actually have, with your okay, I actually have an email ready to go. I was going to go over it before I send it out.

Mr. Stoltman: Other than that I don't have any updates. The survey that went out to all the families and constituents within the district, I was very happy with the responses. And I want to thank Sharon Hance for assisting along with Michael Kumro from Erie 1 BOCES helped us to disaggregate in our own individual data, the data they got sent back to us was wrong. It was a representation of all of the districts that participated. We then had the option of going in and disaggregate our own data, and Michael was incredibly helpful for that which allowed me to send out an email to all of our families and our students and post to our website. I also have sent to, Tracy you sent it to the advertiser. So we sent it to the advertiser and if they have questions or want more additional information they can call we would be glad to sit down and meet with them.

Mr. Karalus: I have a question on the survey, so I'm assuming that health guidelines (*unintelligible*).

Mr. Stoltman: Yes, and we're in the, in all the correspondence we sent, I think it's important information for us to consider however we must follow the health guidelines and the guidelines put before us by NY State.

Mrs. Hopcia: All right, moving into executive session, I need a motion to go into Executive Session for matters that imperil public safety if disclosed.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you for tuning in everyone. Happy Independence Day coming up this weekend stay safe and healthy and get some pool time.

Mrs. Hopcia: We all set. A motion is needed to reopen the regular meeting.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second.

Mrs. Hopcia: Questions? All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. motion carries. A motion is needed to adjourn the regular meeting.

Mr. Karalus: So moved.

Mr. Bennett: Second

Mrs. Hopcia: All in favor.

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

District Clerk: Mrs. Hopcia?

Mrs. Hopcia: Aye.

District Clerk: Mr. Yoerg?

Mr. Yoerg: Aye.

Mrs. Hopcia: Opposed. Motion carries. Thanks, everyone. Thanks for putting up for with all the glitches, sorry about it.