

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Board Meeting Transcript – April 16, 2020

Patrick Ziegler: We're at 5:01 so we will call this meeting to order this is a special meeting of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Board of Education. It's April 15, 2020 and, once again, we're coming to you via a Google meet and we appreciate everyone taking the time tonight or if you're watching this after the fact, welcome. If we could please stand or sit depending where you are, and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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. Thank you, once again, of course tonight we'll dispense with the typical introductions that we have at most of our board meetings but we will start just with a quick note of congratulations. You know especially during these times everyone feels so disconnected and and so isolated. It's been difficult. It's been depressing. It's been challenging. It's been hard for couples working together, for parents to be home school teachers, for teachers and aides to work with students and students to stay on point working from a distance without the typical connection to their teachers and fears. So anytime we get a little bit of good news or something positive happens that we can share we're always glad to do it. And we received an absolutely wonderful and typically articulate and very moving email from our fearless leader Dr. McGrath who many of you know has had a pregnant daughter. I say had because until recently she was pregnant and she is now a mother and Dr. McGrath is a grandmother and I'm sorry you're a grandfather. I hope. I think your so. You're a grandfather, right?

Peter Sawyer: You're smooth, man, you're smooth.

Patrick Ziegler: I'm used to seeing people in the audience. I told this is tough on everybody, Peter, but Dr. McGrath is now a grandfather. We want to congratulate him. For everyone who knows Patrick and the situation, it was really six to eight months of real challenges and difficulties and back and forth to Cleveland and surgeries and specialists and all that goes with these types of challenges during an at-risk pregnancy and of course the surgery that Sara had to go through on Christmas the day after Christmas, in fact. So the fact that this all worked out well and and Patrick you're able to share such a wonderful note and pictures with us I just want to tell you we we've all been thinking of you. We've all been praying for you. You're a colleague but you're you're a good friend and you're someone we're all privileged to know and I I know I could speak for the board an administrative staff when I say that but looking at the outpouring of love and support from from across the district when you sent that email I think I can speak for all of us we're absolutely thrilled for you and the family and for your daughter and just so glad that everyone everyone's happy and healthy and we can't wait to I see you in pictures or live with that with the little one as well. So congratulations. Our best to you and the family. Thanks for sharing the great news.

Patrick McGrath: Thank you very much. Thank you guys all and I just want to say how full my heart is with everything. It was just awesome to hear from lots of people and obviously the awesome news.

Patrick Ziegler: Very good. So we only have one action item tonight to this. This will now be, I think, the fastest board meeting on record. But of course, every time, as you may remember from prior meetings, every time the governor extends out the period of time that students will be studying remotely there are some action items we need to take here. Some authorities we need to give to the Superintendent and we need to pass a resolution extending all of the work that we're doing long distance, all the things that are still happening within the district to keep the, as best as possible, the operations of the district going. We need to pass this resolution to extend out these long-distance operations here one more time. This of course may happen again. We don't know if this will be the last extension of distance learning here but this evening we will be passing a resolution regarding the BH-BL employee status during a disaster emergency in the state of New York related to the Covid-19 virus and again, specifically tonight, to extend out that date and give certain authorities to the Superintendent. With that can we get a motion, please?

Dave Versocki: So moved, Dave Versocki.

Lisa Morse: Second

Patrick Ziegler: Okay we've got that motion by Dave Versocki and the second I'm sorry was who there?

Lisa Morse: Lisa

Patrick Ziegler: And a second by Lisa. We're gonna do a roll call tonight folks so if you can just make sure your microphone is on. Alright then I think Dottie if you're ready, we'll start with you John Blowers.

John Blowers: uh Aye

Patrick Ziegler: Jennifer Longtin

Jennifer Longtin: Aye

Patrick Ziegler: Don Marshall

Don Marshall: Aye

Patrick Ziegler: Lisa Morse

Lisa Morse: Aye

Patrick Ziegler: Peter

Peter Sawyer: Aye

Patrick Ziegler: Dave Versocki

Dave Versocki: Aye

Patrick Ziegler: I also vote in favor. So Dottie that gives us unanimous approval of this resolution to extend out this disaster emergency to I believe it's the end of this month. So unless there's any other business to be brought before the Board before we enter our Finance Committee meeting. Is there anything else from the administrative team or from any of our board members. And if not, we will ask for a motion to adjourn.

John Blowers: So moved

Peter Sawyer: Second

Patrick Ziegler: Okay. So I think we got John with the motion and Peter with the second, Dottie. All in favor.

John Blowers, Jennifer Longtin, Don Marshall, Lisa Morse, Peter Sawyer, Dave Versocki, Patrick Ziegler (unison): Aye

Patrick Ziegler: No opposed or motion with no noone opposed or any abstentions the motion carries.