

**Boquet Valley CSD**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2020 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Via Streaming Video only - with no public in-person access**  
**<https://bit.ly/2Lr6INC>**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order** **At:** 6:05 PM **By:** President Mero

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

[X]Karin DeMuro      [X]Dina Garvey      [X]Alan Jones      [X]Sarah Kullman  
[X]Philip Mero      [X]Heather Reynolds [X]Suzanne Russell

**4. Attendees**

Present: Joshua Meyer, Superintendent  
Jana Atwell, District Clerk  
Sharlene Petro-Durgan, District Treasurer

Visitors: Carolyn Karcher	Mary Lou Morgan	Hedy Merrihew
Katie Cutcher	Kim Dedam	Tracey Cross-Baker
Nelly Collazo	Lisa Whalen	Elaine Dixon-Cross
Dan Parker	Amy Welch	Liz Otto
Scott Hommes	Zoe Brugger	Cathy Brankman
Terry Egglefield	Jason Welch	call-in user #5

Please note corrections made to agenda 5b.i and 5d.

**5. 2020-2021 Budget**

- a. The Board of Education will review and discuss Budget 2020-2021 Forecast #3. Superintendent Meyer provided an overview of the proposed 2020-2021 spending plan including budget philosophy, tax cap, budget highlights, State Aid/ Foundation Aid, revenues, expenditures, fund balance/reserves projections, budget history, tax rate comparison, enrollment history and budget hearing/budget vote information. See attached.
- b. The Board of Education adopts a proposed spending plan for the 2020-2021 school year.
  - i. Be it resolved, by the Board of Education to establish ~~\$15,167,449~~ \$15,211,449 as the sum dollar amount that the Board of Education shall place before the qualified eligible voters of the Boquet Valley Central School District, as proposition #1 at the Budget Vote & Election to be held on June 9, 2020. Pursuant to Executive Order 202.26, the budget vote and election of board members will be conducted by an absentee ballot process

in lieu of in-person voting. Therefore, there will be no voting at the polls for this year's annual budget vote and election due to the prevalence of the COVID-19 virus and potential for spread through personal interaction. The District will mail absentee ballots with a postage paid return envelope to qualified voters. In order to be counted, absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on June 9, 2020.

Motion: Alan Jones Second: Karin DeMuro Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

- c. The Board of Education approves proposition #2 to be placed on the ballot at the Budget Vote & Election to be held on June 9, 2020.
- i. To elect two members to the Board of Education for three year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2023 to succeed Dina Garvey and Sarah Kullman whose terms expire on June 30, 2020. Voters may vote for two trustees. Candidates running for the Board of Education include: Dina Garvey, Benjamin Goff and Sarah Kullman.

Motion: Karin DeMuro Second: Sue Russell Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

- d. The Board of Education approves proposition #3 to be placed on the ballot at the Budget Vote & Election to be held on June 9, 2020.
- i. Shall the Board of Education of the Boquet Valley Central School District be authorized to appropriate and expend in the 2020-2021 fiscal year of said District ~~\$2,100~~ \$6,300 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established by a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the Westport Central School District on February 7, 2017, for the purpose of purchasing one salt/sand spreader at a maximum cost of \$2,100, and one aluminum trailer at a maximum cost of \$4,200 for a total aggregate cost of \$6,300?

Motion: Sue Russell Second: Karin DeMuro Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

- e. The Board of Education approves proposition #4 to be placed on the ballot at the Budget Vote & Election to be held on June 9, 2020.
- i. Shall the Board of Education of the Boquet Valley Central School District be authorized to appropriate and expend in the 2020-2021 fiscal year of said District \$139,000 from the existing Transportation and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established by a proposition approved by the qualified voters of the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District on May 20, 2014, for the purpose of purchasing one 65 passenger school bus at a maximum cost of \$111,000, and one seven passenger van at a maximum cost of \$28,000, for a total aggregate maximum cost of \$139,000?

Motion: Sue Russell Second: Heather Reynolds Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

- f. Adopt the Property Tax Report Card as prepared and presented by the District Treasurer, Sharlene Petro-Durgan for the 2020-2021 proposed budget.

Motion: Heather Reynolds Second: Alan Jones Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

**6. Action Items - Consent Agenda**

- a. Accept and approve a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Adirondack Foundation - Special and Urgent Needs Fund. The District agrees to use these funds solely for the purchasing of local food for enhanced nutrition and immunity, any unused funds shall be returned to the Foundation and adequate expenditure records must be kept. No individual will receive tangible benefits, goods or services.
- b. Approve the revisions to the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented.

Motion: Heather Reynolds Second: Karin DeMuro Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0  
Accept

**7. Personnel - Consent Agenda**

- a. Accept and approve the resignation as submitted by Tracie Gay from her position as School Nurse effective May 29, 2020.

Motion: Alan Jones Second: Dina Garvey Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Accept

**8. Executive Session - Members of the public will be "locked out" once the Executive Session begins.**

Specifically, the Board anticipates entering Executive Session for the following reasons:

- a. (#5) To discuss collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) with the Boquet Valley bargaining units, and
- b. (#6) to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or persons.

In: 7:13 PM Motion: Dina Garvey Second: Heather Reynolds Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0  
Accept

Out: 7:55 PM Motion: Dina Garvey Second: Heather Reynolds Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0  
Accept

No action taken.

**9. Amend Agenda Item (Property Tax Report Card)**

- a. Approve Property Tax Report Card for the 2020-2021 proposed budget as amended (budget amount changed from \$15,167,449 to reflect proposed budget of \$15,211,449).

Motion: Dina Garvey Second: Karin DeMuro Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0  
Accept

**10. Next Meeting**

- a. Public Budget Hearing ~~Tuesday, June 2~~, Monday, June 1, 2020 6:00 PM via streaming video

- b. Annual Budget Vote & Election (counting of ballots at Lake View Campus)  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 5:00 PM via streaming video
- c. Regular Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:00 PM via streaming video
- d. Reorganization & Regular Meeting Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:00 PM via streaming video

## **11. Adjournment**

Time: 7:57 PM

Motion: Karin DeMuro

Second: Sue Russell

Minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Education.

Date approved by the BOE: June 11, 2020

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Jana Atwell, District Clerk