

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

05/20/20

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 by Zoom Meeting.

Members Present: Doris Warner, Terence Johnson, Kurt Holcherr and Marc Osterweil

Absent: Michael Boice

**ROLL CALL**

Others Present: Robert Chakar (Superintendent) and Beth E. Teuber (Clerk & Secretary)

At 7:00PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO ORDER****COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Johnson commented that these are very odd times and he wants to acknowledge the seniors and it is very shameful what they are going through. Mrs. Warner commented that the seniors have been waiting for these moments that are not coming. Even the Juniors that usually get awarded their scholarships at the Academic Banquet.

In comments from the Superintendent, Dr. Chakar mentioned that Mr. Marks, Mrs. Holden and Ms. Norris are holding down the reigns and we thank them for all that they do.

**COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**  
**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

In comments from the Public, Kate VanBenschoten requested to the board that if a family with school children would like to continue working and practice their skills over the summer can the child keep the chrome books. She also commented that during this COVID-19, there are families with school children that are going through major emotional struggles that need support from our schools. Board member Mr. Osterweil commented that their are Articles, advice and many links on the internet for emotional support along with Delaware County Mental Health.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to approve the Minutes from 04/15/20. Motion carried unanimously. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the Treasurer's Report from March, 2020 and Activity Fund Report for April 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0068-0070. **WARRANTS**

Dr. Chakar presented the Updated Election Information for the 2020-21 Budget vote. We have gone through the legalities concerning the mail in ballots, and election. Legal Notices have been posted in two newspapers. Information has been posted on our school website along with all our mailings have been ordered through BT BOCES and will be printed and sent out bulk mailing to everyone in our district. June 9, 2020 at 5PM all ballots must be in to the school to be counted. **PRESENTATIONS**  
**ELECTION UPDATE**  
**INFORMATION**  
**DR. ROBERT L. CHAKAR**

Ms. Laura Norris presented the update for the end of the 2019-20 school year. She is meeting with seniors on zoom to discuss options for graduation, whether it be through live stream, or at a local ski resort. The seniors are in hopes that graduation can still be held on June 27, 2020 in small groups once phase 2 comes around. **END OF YEAR UPDATE**  
**LAURA NORRIS**

Discussing end off the year parade - Honor chords and goodie bags. Teachers came into the school and packed up desks and lockers were cleaned out. June 15 & June 16 we will be collecting chrome books and returning personal materials back to the students. Athletic and Academic banquets will be discussed within the upcoming weeks.

Ms. Laura Norris presented Jeffery Lehn's Eagle Scout Project. She explained that about a year ago Jeff came to her and talked about giving back to the school by creating a sensory path. Jeff then wanted to expand the project to a sensory room. The location of the room would be the Television Station Room in the hallway by the library. The empty walls are perfect for the path. There would be 10-15 stations for the path. This path and room helps the brain engage differently and helps the brain decompress. The elementary children need a place to go to regroup and return to class. A sensory path is a colorful, creative and playful way for kids to build sensory pathways, connections in the brain that are responsible for sight, touch, sound, etc., which enable kids to complete complex, multi-stage tasks. Jeffrey is waiting for District Counsel to Approve. **EAGLE SCOUT**  
**PROJECT JEFFERY**  
**LEHN**

IT WAS MOVED BY Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Warner to approve Jeffery Lehn's Eagle Scout Project. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED BY Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Holcherr, **PERSONNEL**  
"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the retirement resignation of Elizabeth DeBella from her position of Computer Lab Assistant effective August 21, 2020." Motion carried unanimously. **RETIREMENT**  
**RESIGNATION**  
**ELIZABETH DEBELLA**