

Board of Education Meeting

December 16, 2020

05:18 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, I guess what we'll do is I'm going to Jane I'm going to Ask you to start recording.

05:34 *Mike Weiner*: Renee left

05:39 *Debra Barbiani*: but we

05:40 *Jane Tingley*: Okay, I started.

05:41 *Ivan Katz*: you

05:43 *Debra Barbiani*: so or do we have four now? Because Renee locked out.

05:51 *Arlene Hussey*: We have five with Mike.

05:59 *Mike Weiner*: for

05:59 *Debra Barbiani*: Four we need Renee back.

06:01 *Mike Weiner*: right

06:02 *Fiorella Muscia*: shopping cart Yeah.

06:07 *Arlene Hussey*: this five

06:09 *Debra Barbiani*: No, Renee Renee disconnected.

06:11 *Arlene Hussey*: Yeah. So there's my stealthy irrelevant Debbie. Mike is for no, is that it?

06:26 *Debra Barbiani*: let me text her and

06:35 *Fiorella Muscia*: Oh. She's in on the other one.

06:39 *Mike Weiner*: Oh.

06:41 *Fiorella Muscia*: I see her in over there. So.

06:44 *Mike Weiner*: Some somebody should just go over and just tell it to come back out.

06:51 *Debra Barbiani*: I'm gonna I'm gonna call her.

06:54 *Mike Weiner*: He's fifth faster.

07:12 *Fiorella Muscia*: you

07:20 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, I'll see what happens.

07:22 *Ivan Katz*: Create another way.

07:26 *Debra Barbiani*: Sorry for the delay. Just put the put this on you call.

07:45 *Ivan Katz*: I just on her way.

07:51 *Debra Barbiani*: okay you Five and you didn't hear from any other board members today. Have you? Okay, I only heard from Jennifer

08:05 *Ivan Katz*: I have not.

08:07 *Debra Barbiani*: she's gonna be late.

08:10 *Fiorella Muscia*: you

08:26 *Ivan Katz*: Looks like Renee's joined us.

08:26 *Fiorella Muscia*: Okay.

08:29 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, great. Renee are you there? Okay.

08:36 *Mike Weiner*: She's on you.

08:36 *Fiorella Muscia*: sir

08:50 *Mike Weiner*: She still muted.

08:52 *Debra Barbiani*: I know. Renee we needed unmute yourself to vote. Oh, no.

09:04 *Mike Weiner*: Plus three again.

09:05 *Debra Barbiani*: You want she left? Okay, we're waiting.

09:11 *Mike Weiner*: Okay. She might hit the wrong button.

09:28 *Debra Barbiani*: And I think so.

09:37 *Ivan Katz*: I'll go look in the

09:38 *Fiorella Muscia*: you

09:39 *Mike Weiner*: She's back.

09:44 *Debra Barbiani*: All right.

09:48 *Mike Weiner*: motion to go into executive session

09:51 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, so I'm going to call for a

09:52 *Arlene Hussey*: motion

09:54 *Debra Barbiani*: motion to go into executive session to discuss. particular to discuss the employment history of particular individuals And I have a motion for Mike and a second from Arlene.

10:07 *Mike Weiner*: Yeah.

10:08 *Arlene Hussey*: Okay.

10:09 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay any discussion on the motion? Okay hearing none all those in favor.

10:13 *Fiorella Muscia*: you

10:14 *Debra Barbiani*: Say aye.

10:15 *Arlene Hussey*: I

10:16 *Mike Weiner*: I

10:16 *Fiorella Muscia*: and

10:16 *Debra Barbiani*: any opposed motion carry

10:20 *Mike Weiner*: No.

10:20 *Debra Barbiani*: All right. We'll see you in executive session. Thank you, everyone.

10:23 *Arlene Hussey*: I hope so.

10:23 *Mike Weiner*: Thank you.

10:26 *Debra Barbiani*: You'll be there.

48:07 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay. okay, I Okay, it looks like we have a quorum to go into our regular meeting. So Jane all ask you to start the recording of this meeting. And to our guests we will be recording this meeting. Thank you very much.

48:57 *Arlene Hussey*: you

48:59 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay.

48:59 *Fiorella Muscia*: you

49:00 *Debra Barbiani*: I like to call this meeting to order the December 16th meeting and I'd like to call for the Pledge of Allegiance if we could stand please. I pledge allegiance. to the flag

49:15 *Mike Weiner*: He's the flag.

49:15 *Arlene Hussey*: the plan

49:16 *Mike Weiner*: the United States of America

49:16 *Debra Barbiani*: of the United States of America and to the Republic

49:19 *Arlene Hussey*: and to the Republic

49:20 *Mike Weiner*: to The Republic

49:20 *Fiorella Muscia*: and

49:21 *Debra Barbiani*: For which it stands?

49:21 *Mike Weiner*: For which it stands?

49:22 *Arlene Hussey*: stands.

49:23 *Debra Barbiani*: one nation

49:24 *Fiorella Muscia*: one nation

49:25 *Debra Barbiani*: under God

49:25 *Fiorella Muscia*: under God

49:26 *Arlene Hussey*: underground indivisible

49:27 *Debra Barbiani*: indivisible

49:28 *Fiorella Muscia*: there is a

49:28 *Debra Barbiani*: with liberty

49:29 *Arlene Hussey*: with liberty

49:29 *Fiorella Muscia*: was

49:30 *Debra Barbiani*: and justice for all

49:30 *Fiorella Muscia*: and just

49:33 *Debra Barbiani*: Thank you. Okay. I like to call for a motion to approve the December 16th 2020 meeting as presented.

49:52 *Fiorella Muscia*: motion

49:52 *Arlene Hussey*: now

49:54 *Debra Barbiani*: fiorella, Mike way discussion on the

49:54 *Mike Weiner*: second

49:58 *Debra Barbiani*: motion Okay hearing none all those in favor.

50:00 *Ivan Katz*: you

50:02 *Debra Barbiani*: Say aye.

50:06 *Mike Weiner*: I

50:06 *Debra Barbiani*: any opposed

50:08 *Kathy Rappaport*: I

50:09 *Debra Barbiani*: Motion carries. Thank you. Okay, we had some correspondence. I hope you had an opportunity to review that. We have the donation on the agenda underneath the superintendent and that is in our correspondence bill go over that with us in a few moments. Next we have public recognition and Emily. I think she's here. We'll have our student board member present.

50:51 *Emily Collura*: Hello.

50:51 *Debra Barbiani*: There's you. Hi welcome.

50:56 *Emily Collura*: Okay, so I have the combined notes from the past two SGA meetings we've had since we didn't have a meeting last week the notes. I just doubled them up instead of making two separate documents. So I'll present my screen now so

51:08 *Debra Barbiani*: Sounds good.

51:10 *Emily Collura*: can see. Okay, so

51:15 *Kathy Rappaport*: you

51:20 *Emily Collura*: Everything on the notes is just either concerned some of the students have had or just topics that we've gone over in the meeting. So the first thing that a lot of students were like discussing in the meeting was home learning and the lack of motivation. They have a

lot of them are finding it really difficult to get up early enough and have the motivation to do the work that they're getting assigned. And even though they do recognize it's a smaller workload. It's Everyone's doing it all the students are doing it by themselves and not everyone has the parental support to back them up to encourage them to do the work that they're getting assigned. So a lot of them are finding School more difficult than normal is um, they also request to have Or there is just like a general agreement that if we do breakout rooms, they want to do like a survey to get. So the teacher can see who students would be comfortable working with maybe so that they could get more class participation something like that. Just so it could be easy on the teachers. We were just trying to come up with ideas to get more class participation that would help the teachers out. Our Christmas food drive is canceled for the time being we're looking into doing an Easter food drive instead. Hopefully we can get one through. We are trying to do a toy drive. We are not a hundred percent sure if that's going to be possible. We're looking at the having connection that's collection boxes for the toys in either the post office or Community Center in Fallsburg. So that it's close enough to all the students and it is not in the schools. So we don't have to have the school unlocked for certain times or something like that. It'll just be easier for students and community members to have access to it. The fundraiser that the SGA was planning on doing we did finally get access to it the rep the web rep did call us. So actually this should be corrected the web rep did call us and all the forms for the fundraiser has been sent out to the advisors for each grade and the advisor to each grade shared it with each of the classes

53:27 Arlene Hussey: now

53:27 Emily Collura: and we have started the fundraiser. So if you're interested, you can email me we have it's a fallsburg apparel hoodies sweatshirts socks stuff like that if you would like to Up your Fallsburg closet. Um questions asked by the senior class members. We did have a few seniors express some concerns for how many students are doubling up that were previously in 11th grade that are now technically in the 12th grade as we know or as some of you may know the senior class did not do Particularly well in fundraising in their past years in the high school, so they do not have that much money as a class and now there are an additional. Five plus students who have doubled up and they're they're concerned about how they're going to pay for senior trip or prom. They just want they want to know if the money would come out of the 11th grade class that the students had reserved for them and push it up into the 12th grade or if it would stay and the 12th. We just have to find some way to pay for everyone else. so then Valentine's Day we're looking into doing a carnation fundraiser if we're in school and if we're out of school, we're looking to do a Ferrero Rocher or And not just another chocolate brand fundraiser because that'll be easy to package and send. We might possibly do a salsa fundraiser the brand will deliver to houses so it's not. School like the school doesn't have to deliver boxes to everyone's individual house instead. The company will do it. Or we'll do a cookie dough fundraiser. And again, they will deliver to the people's individual houses instead of us having to deliver it. And then we talked about outdoor prom possibly on the field down where the new track is possibly on the grass. We rent a tent like a really nice big tent and it would be socially distance we could have the tables spread out far enough and it'd be outside. So there'd be a breeze going and it wouldn't be closed in and there would be some circulation going. So that is everything that we discussed. Does anyone have any questions?

55:43 Mike Weiner: Just a quick comment on. Your toy drive. I know right now the town. Has one going through the police department, so possibly maybe contacting the SRO and seeing if

you guys may be configuring back together to work together my help.

55:59 *Emily Collura*: Okay want to see the idea because you're not we weren't 100% sure if we would have time to put the full drive together this year because it was on short notice. We originally planned on doing who drive.

56:11 *Mike Weiner*: Of course, no problem, but that might

56:11 *Emily Collura*: so

56:13 *Mike Weiner*: help you anyway in the long run.

56:15 *Emily Collura*: yeah.

56:16 *Mike Weiner*: Okay.

56:17 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: Emily we can partner up because the program I worked for I think it's very important for them to get back so we could help you with the toy drive. So again, your dad has my

56:26 *Emily Collura*: what's the

56:29 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: Cell phone. You're more than welcome to call me with that.

56:32 *Emily Collura*: Okay.

56:34 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: So that's perfect.

56:36 *Emily Collura*: Okay. Thank you.

56:37 *Ivan Katz*: Emily in terms of the senior class. I suggest that you and your advisor have a conversation with Ms. Gregory. Maybe there's a some ways to address the concerns with the senior class in terms of costs or other possible

56:53 *Ivan Katz*: solutions.

56:54 *Emily Collura*: Okay.

56:55 *Ivan Katz*: And you know plus your fundraiser discussion got me hungry in terms of an outdoor prom. You know, it's gonna depend on where we are right now. There can't be Gatherings of greater than 10 people. I'm hopeful that when it's Prom Time and the vaccinations have been out and so forth that they'll be some more freedoms that go along with that. We're gonna have to watch the governor's executive orders back you like the idea of the soccer field and

57:28 *Ivan Katz*: being outdoor then if we can it's

57:30 *Emily Collura*: The past yeah.

57:31 *Ivan Katz*: certainly something to look to and I would keep the conversation going with your advisor. And certainly I'm happy to answer any questions on that moving forward.

57:42 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Yeah, I think

57:42 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: and I'm only as for the money for

57:42 *Emily Collura*: everyone

57:45 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: like the seniors there's a lot of

57:46 *Emily Collura*: Yeah.

57:48 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: virtual fundraisers I could help you with. So again, tell your dad to give me your cell phone number. We did like a virtual walkathon and we made like \$6,000 on it. So I might be able to help you with

57:58 *Emily Collura*: Okay.

57:59 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: So just give me a call because I know it's really crazy right now.

58:05 *Emily Collura*: yeah, I would definitely want to look

58:06 *Sean Wall-Carty*: you I

58:06 *Emily Collura*: into that because we can't do many of the fundraisers that we normally do like the Krispy Kremes or the Little Caesars stuff because they're both orders that only get delivered to the school. They don't do house deliveries and it's like frozen food or food that can't stay out for too much like for too much of the day, so it would go bad and it would just it would be ridiculously hard to pass out in the time frame. Um, were there any more questions on the on the list?

58:32 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Um, Emily, I just had a quick question. Did you guys think about where we were hopefully if everything works out going on a senior trip too. Did you think about where that would possibly be?

58:44 *Emily Collura*: Um, not yet. Just because Personally, I'm not in the senior class. So I don't know the exact number they have and they weren't really looking

58:52 *Emily Collura*: into it that much that much because again, we're not even sure if they can have a group trip that big like that. They were they were just curious

58:58 *Sean Wall-Carty*: right

59:00 *Emily Collura*: because you have a lot of kids from my grade that are doubling up this year and they just wanted to know if

59:05 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Okay.

59:05 *Emily Collura*: they would have to pay out of pocket for it or Just stuff like that.

59:10 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Okay makes sense. And I think the second Grand I love the idea about outdoor prom. I think that's brilliant. Whoever came up with it. Um, the the other one was about the

59:17 *Emily Collura*: I think

59:20 *Sean Wall-Carty*: disengage students and remote learning, um, you know, our are there things and I and I don't want to put you on a spot and I don't expect an answer now, but are there things that that we could potentially do that? We could talk about offline in terms of supporting those students who find it difficult to pull it together in terms of connecting with the learning and certainly yeah, it's helped direct it is a lot. I know that there's other folks that have different strategies and things like that in terms of making those connections. I'm just wondering if you know there could be a discussion on some of the ideas that I've seen work that could potentially help others.

60:03 *Emily Collura*: Mmm, that's why we wanted to do the breakout room survey actually because we wanted students to feel more comfortable in the class like enough to participate because like due to a not being in the building not everyone knows who everyone in their classroom is so we were possibly thinking everyone who knows how to It is right. break out room, right? It's like where the teacher signs small groups and puts you into little five groups where they talk about the So a lot of teachers do that, but they're putting students in groups where they know nobody. So we're thinking possibly if they are putting groups where they do know the students they'll feel more like feel more comfortable to talk.

60:39 *Ivan Katz*: Emily I know Miss Gregory is on in

60:40 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Okay.

60:42 *Ivan Katz*: the meeting and she's here listening to you. Please follow up with her on this idea. I think it's a good idea and we're interested in hearing anything that we can do to increase student engagement Student Connection. We're having those conversations at the board level. I had a meeting today where where that came up as an issue including attendance. So it's a very important conversation. So please follow up with Ms. Gregory. She'd be happy to listen to you and to see what we can do to that.

61:13 *Emily Collura*: Okay.

61:14 *Ivan Katz*: Thank you.

61:15 *Emily Collura*: Definitely within my heart. Okay. Um, that's all I had does anyone else have questions or we all good?

61:21 *Arlene Hussey*: Now Emily, I just want to say that I am really proud of the job you are doing for us as a board member as a as a board member as a student board

61:29 *Emily Collura*: No, thank you.

61:30 *Arlene Hussey*: member you're terrific. Thank you.

61:33 *Emily Collura*: Thank you for the compliment.

61:34 *Ivan Katz*: Thank you for your leadership in the superintendent's Roundtable we had last week because a lot of these ideas that you mentioned were mentioned there. But the fact that students are willing to come forward and share that is kind of big and it's important for us because we really want to know what's on the minds of our clients and students are our clients. And so anything that you can bring forward is help us because you you know better than the adults sometimes but needs to be in place for better engagement. So I thank you in advance, whatever you're gonna work with us on and for what you did last week in the round tables, and thank you.

62:12 *Emily Collura*: No problem.

62:14 *Debra Barbiani*: Thank you. Emily great report.

62:17 *Emily Collura*: Thank you. Have a nice night.

62:19 *Debra Barbiani*: You too.

62:19 *Arlene Hussey*: Thank you.

62:22 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, I didn't receive public comment. So we do not have Public comment the next is the superintendent's report.

62:31 *Ivan Katz*: Thank you. First of all, I just want to say it. So my first meeting I think since October and I I'm excited to see everybody and I'm very happy to be back and I'm I'm on the men and looking forward to continued great work. I do want to comment on a few people who really kept the ball rolling in the positive movement. And that would be Dr. Sharky and Mr. Grecco and certainly the Board of Education working as a team to make sure that we didn't miss a beat tonight. I couldn't be prouder of the superintendent schools to have this great team to work with and I want to thank everyone and anyone who I didn't mention because I'm sure there was a lot of contributions that went on that. I didn't mention I want to thank everyone who is involved in keeping the ball rolling and the Train on the track. So thank you one and all.

63:22 *Arlene Hussey*: Welcome.

63:22 *Ivan Katz*: um, well thank you first up and is

63:26 *Ivan Katz*: First off and is

63:27 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: you were missed.

63:28 *Ivan Katz*: Well, thank you, and I miss our next everybody. And I have the Syd a donation every year as most of you know, we have gotten a a monetary donation from the Syd a and if it's it's a wonderful support we've done different things with the money last year. We use the money to support our Vape detection Ventures that we will realize hopefully shortly and and and other other things through the years that have supported our student body Endeavors and resources. So I had a have a wonderful opportunity to have a meeting with some of the leadership of the Syda and we recorded it so that we can play it tonight so that you can see it and I'm gonna ask Sarah if she can hit the play button right now for us.

64:45 *Your Presentation*: The recording so we're good to go.

64:51 *Ivan Katz*: you

65:00 *Your Presentation*: idea Foundation Can you see as a whole? We certainly can and it's quite a pleasure. So, my name is kanta krseki. And I'm a manager of SYDA foundation. I contacted it is a pleasure. a management assistant and we have Sally Sharkey. Hello doctor shark and doctor test. Hi everybody. Hello one and all it's always a pleasure to be able to meet and I always look forward to this because

65:41 *Arlene Hussey*: like

65:42 *Your Presentation*: it's quite exciting for in terms of what the syda does and it's meaning to the Fallsburg School District, which is always been special. So the floor is yours. Okay, great. Well, we do think if you as our neighbors. And I've had the pleasure of coming once for one of your board meetings for our donation many seven years ago Gail. Did it two years ago. I've been Pretty much a regular and I always enjoy seeing you Dr. Catherine all of your wonderful board members. Yes. Thank you. about how you'll start with the pledge of allegiance to me like oh, yes. Says anyway, we are grateful that you set up this meeting. Unfortunately, we can't come in person this year, and we just wanted to touch base and thank you. And also make sure you received our check if you get our check. Yes, we did and I wanted to you know, behalf of the Fallsburg School District. I know that you have been our very very positive partner for many years. This is my 15th year in the district and for each of those 15 years, the Syda has given us very generous donation that we've been able to use in a variety of ways for inside the classroom outside the classroom on the playing fields and in school safety programs. So on behalf of the school district and the port of Education, I'd like to thank you for your many years of contributing and making a difference in the lives of the children and staff at the Fallsburg Central School District. We owe you a debt of gratitude, and we look forward to you year in and year out. Thank you. The emotional very welcome and Dr. Katz and Dr. Sharky. you for the wonderful work you do in the neighborhood with our young people and mentioning schools. Safety. What a year to be working with safety of all of our wonderful community and what you've done to make sure the children are safe and their families

67:52 *Your Presentation*: and working above and beyond during this pandemic and we were looking at your website with your whole plan for reopening and All that you've got going so we

wish you the best we should stay safe.

68:06 Your Presentation: We wish you happy happy holidays, and we really can't thank you enough for everything you do in the community. Well, I just want to say that it's clearly a team effort starting from the Board of Education to my administrative team to all staff members. They've all played a role in making the best out of a very difficult situation and I couldn't be prouder that's superintendent of schools to have a Workforce that loves kids and the community as much as they do and we're also thankful to have a we're also thankful to have a Partners like you in the community that recognize the importance that education plays in the community what has been for so many years and it's really made a difference. So thank you for making a difference in the Fallsburg Central School District And you're very welcome, and I'm half of all of the equity Foundation Board of Trustees. Once again, thank you so much and wonderful. Happy holiday. Happy holidays. And to you too, we wish you the best of everything for the holiday season and the new year. So take care. Good luck and best wishes. Thank You look forward. So much. Bye-bye now.

69:36 Ivan Katz: Oh guys for the videos under it. We actually could see him. I didn't realize they weren't getting recorded and only we were so it was very nice to have be able to spend that time with them and And moving forward we all you know, a really exciting video was shared with me last week about the hybrid opening at the elementary school and I thought it was something that everyone should see and president Barbiani felt the same way. So we're going to take a moment and share the BCE as hybrid opening video with you. So Sarah take it away.

(Slideshow of Elementary Opening Day)

74:10 Ivan Katz: Well, I think that was wonderful. I'd like to thank the creators of the video and everyone who participated because I think that was a lovely display of our bces and one that we can be proud of and along those lines. I do want to thank everyone for everything that they've done. students our parents our families our staff our administrators our Board of Education and all of our partners who have worked together to in a very difficult time in the in the path. Pandemic to keep education going.

74:43 Debra Barbiani: Okay.

74:44 Ivan Katz: know it's not perfect. But I think that the effort has really allowed us to to shine them amid those challenges. I also want to say that while we go on break after the 22nd. The district has made a commitment to continue feeding our children throughout the holiday break and we're going to be serving over 13,000 meals over the holiday break. We're actually renting a refrigerated truck to have on a campus for the

75:13 Ivan Katz: food and that's our commitment and hopefully we can make the applied families a little bit lighter without having those additional meals to worry about and I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and a wonderful New Year moving forward. So thank you everyone and that's the report that was

75:35 Debra Barbiani: Thank you, Dr. Katz. That was

75:37 *Arlene Hussey*: And now we are definitely going completely remote. Now we are definitely going completely remote. Is that it?

75:46 *Ivan Katz*: We are completely remote through the 22nd. Then we have our holiday break and we return to the hybrid model on January 5th.

75:55 *Arlene Hussey*: Okay.

76:04 *Debra Barbiani*: Any other questions for Dr. Katz? Thank you, Dr. Katz I thought the

76:10 *Debra Barbiani*: videos were fantastic hearing the

76:13 *Arlene Hussey*: beautiful

76:14 *Debra Barbiani*: donation from the from SYDA. I was wondering if I heard them mention safety. So that might be an area that you might want to look into because I mentioned that a few times I heard that and we are you know, looking at all safety precautions and everything in our district. So, I don't know I'm not saying what to do with it, but I did hear that so We could always look into it.

76:41 *Ivan Katz*: Like if you share it as a concern and we know that we've expected.

76:45 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah.

76:47 *Ivan Katz*: On anticipated and unexpected monies on the pandemic.

76:50 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah.

76:51 *Ivan Katz*: So there's that and plus, you know, we're also going in into next summer into our final building project school safety upgrade. So there may be some things there that weren't planned for that. We might want to add maybe an additional door lock Center additional door that wasn't included that would give us a little wiggle room. So we have flexibility and certainly the buildings and grounds committee can consider that as we move forward.

77:18 *Debra Barbiani*: Right now, that's great. And I just I absolutely loved the the elementary presentation it just you know, I could see the smiles through

77:29 *Arlene Hussey*: beautiful

77:29 *Debra Barbiani*: those masks and it brought tears to my eyes too because we're all there

77:32 *Arlene Hussey*: beautiful

77:34 *Debra Barbiani*: together. We're doing the best we can like that song says it was just fabulous and thank you for sharing that with our community and our staff and and again, I'd like to piggyback on what you're saying. Thanking everybody in the district the community You know

a cabinet Administration the board everyone we're all coming together during this these hard times. So, thank you again. Okay. Next we're going to our administrators reports. and I was trying to see if we had any attachment. I think we we did but if you had an opportunity to look at that, that would have been great if you have any questions now is a time to ask. If not, then when move on to our business Report with Mr. Grecco.

78:30 *Dan Grecco*: Good evening, everyone.

78:32 *Debra Barbiani*: Good evening.

78:33 *Dan Grecco*: the sharing my screen

78:33 *Arlene Hussey*: You didn't.

79:07 *Dan Grecco*: Or maybe I won't be sharing my screen. Here we go. Okay, the business report for the December 16th, 2020 the final Business Report of the Year 2020. We closed the warrant for the bank to stop collecting tax payments on November 13th. We have reconciled the payments and submitted the unpaid taxes to the counties. As of the close of collection the bank collected 16 million 261,314 dollars 92 cents of the outstanding warrant. A trivial fact is 520,483 dollars and 88 cents was paid by credit card. Not by the same card but in total. The amount to collect this year was 19 million dollars. We collected 16 million that what left almost three million unpaid. We were able to add 86,000 dollars to that for interest. So we collected 84.82% of the outstanding warrant. for the entire tax collection period

80:41 *Dan Grecco*: we had been lagging behind the previous year, but when we finished up we actually had the highest percent of the warrant collected in the last 10 years. questions? Okay. Well, thank you.

81:01 *Arlene Hussey*: Thank you.

81:01 *Debra Barbiani*: Thank you. Okay, next on the agenda is the minutes. Look here. May have a motion to approve the minutes of December 2nd as submitted.

81:17 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: motion

81:17 *Kathy Rappaport*: motion

81:17 *Mike Weiner*: motion second

81:19 *Debra Barbiani*: Jennifer and is that Mike? Okay. discussion on the minutes hearing none all those in favor. Say aye.

81:31 *Mike Weiner*: Hi.

81:31 *Arlene Hussey*: Hi.

81:32 *Fiorella Muscia*: I

81:33 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I

81:33 *Debra Barbiani*: Any opposed

81:36 *Debra Barbiani*: Motion carries. Thank you. Okay, next we're on to our action items and this is a motion to approve the consent agenda. With items L2 through I19 may have a motion.

81:53 *Kathy Rappaport*: motion

81:53 *Mike Weiner*: motion second

81:55 *Debra Barbiani*: Mike. Okay discussion on the motion

82:03 *Mike Weiner*: No longer no.

82:04 *Debra Barbiani*: No, okay. Okay. All those in favor say aye.

82:11 *Mike Weiner*: I

82:12 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I

82:12 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: I

82:13 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, any opposed? Motion carries. Thank you.

82:18 *Arlene Hussey*: Hi.

82:26 *Debra Barbiani*: Next sorry with me. I believe we have a motion. I'm sorry. My agenda is. not together Okay with the we're through the agenda items the action items.

82:58 *Sarah Satz*: You have one more.

82:58 *Debra Barbiani*: I think

82:59 *Mike Weiner*: You have one more.

83:02 *Debra Barbiani*: Do we that's what I'm having confusion with?

83:05 *Mike Weiner*: So it's an MOA.

83:08 *Sean Wall-Carty*: you yeah.

83:12 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, one moment, please. You I'm sorry. I know where it is.

83:36 *Mike Weiner*: you

83:37 *Debra Barbiani*: Thank you for your patience. Okay, that's under other Acton items.

83:51 *Ivan Katz*: Correct.

83:53 *Mike Weiner*: you

83:59 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay, what I'm going to do is I'm going to recommend motion to approve the memorandum of agreement as presented.

84:08 *Arlene Hussey*: That's it.

84:09 *Sean Wall-Carty*: motion

84:10 *Mike Weiner*: second

84:11 *Debra Barbiani*: but

84:11 *Fiorella Muscia*: second

84:11 *Sean Wall-Carty*: motion

84:16 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay discussion on the motion. Wearing none all those in favor. Say aye.

84:24 *Arlene Hussey*: gone

84:24 *Mike Weiner*: Hi.

84:24 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I

84:25 *Fiorella Muscia*: I

84:26 *Debra Barbiani*: opposed? motion carries Thank you. Down to Second public recognition. I haven't received any. And we'll go down to our board time committee reports. You can start with Mike.

84:47 *Mike Weiner*: Yeah, let's start first. I guess would be building and grounds. I've got some information. On the pool, everything's going swimmingly had to throw that in and we're looking we're looking hopefully really soon to start filling that pool in and getting things ready. We're gonna be doing some bidding in a few weeks for the next sessions in the summer. I guess that might be security if I'm correct at that point.

85:22 *Ivan Katz*: That is the security correct.

85:23 *Mike Weiner*: are right curriculum committee we had many many discussions yesterday and to give you a paraphrase of things. We looked at reopening plan the hybrid the elementary school dual language program count. Calculators for the classrooms are gonna be supplied. in the high school we're looking to Have some kind of step up to having associates degree down the line as part of our high school education. And going to have a meeting.

86:09 *Mike Weiner*: of with the stakeholders for our curriculum on the 12th of January And maybe Dr. Katz can add a little bit more toward that?

86:21 *Ivan Katz*: Sure thing first of all, thank you and the other members of the committee. Are really great meeting yesterday. We covered a lot of topics some of them you just mentioned I think others were concerns that were shared by both parents and students that have made it to you know, board members ears and kind of got funneled through the curriculum committee. And what we're doing to that end is we're going to have a follow-up curriculum committee meeting on that January day, but we're looking to invite a number of stakeholders that include. members of the original reopening teams in both buildings and the union leadership for the teachers the SRP. and the administrators to Have a discussion about some of those concerns and look at what some potential decisions could be addressed. Some of them actually will one of them we've already we're already working on. So by the time 12th comes I think that there's going to be some good discussion, but we really want the folks who are actively involved in the planning and in the execution of the hybrid and role models to really be a part of the conversation so that we can move forward and have the feedback from the folks who have worked the plans are making the plans and are really integral part of the process. I'm looking forward to that meeting and we will report out right now. The committee is finalizing an agenda that adds anything we didn't have in yesterday's meeting and then I'm going to reach out to the various stakeholders to give them an idea of what the meeting is going to be what the agenda item. So that they're prepared to chat on them when we have that meeting. So I think some exciting things coming forward on that on that level.

88:21 *Debra Barbiani*: will this be open to the community to listen to or is this just

88:28 *Ivan Katz*: That's going to be kind of discussion of all there's following that meeting there will be these traditional feedback. But this next meeting is just for the stakeholders involved so we can have a conversation because you don't want the wrong information getting out and incomplete ideas being taken as the gospel. So we want to have that opportunity as a curriculum committee to work with the stakeholders and then have follow-ups after that meeting.

88:55 *Mike Weiner*: you

88:55 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah, okay. Thank you. Just trying to think any other committees that have met. I know B&G we're going to be meeting again shortly.

89:12 *Sean Wall-Carty*: a transportation mat

89:14 *Debra Barbiani*: Right Transportation. Go ahead Sean.

89:16 *Sean Wall-Carty*: and I think we had a really really productive meeting just in terms of

89:23 *Sean Wall-Carty*: next steps and things to look at just in terms of what does a covid transportation service look like. How does that feel and I think between Dr. Katz and Mr. Greco certainly, they've covered a lot of groundwork in terms of the steps that we need. objectively, so

I think it was a really positive meeting and really grow it glad for the support from the members and from Dr. Katz and Mr.

89:59 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Grecco.

90:03 *Debra Barbiani*: Very good. Look forward to the next meeting that was the Icebreaker, so it'll be good, you know.

90:09 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I was gonna say I was gonna say Trucking right along like Mike says it's going swimmingly, but I figured you know what? Let me not put that much corny on

90:17 *Sean Wall-Carty*: this Bend. I was gonna leave it be leave it be

90:22 *Debra Barbiani*: I like it.

90:27 *Ivan Katz*: I said I think we've motored along just fine.

90:30 *Sean Wall-Carty*: Yeah. Oh. I was trying not to you know, go there but alright.

90:37 *Ivan Katz*: Art, it was all hanging fruit.

90:38 *Debra Barbiani*: It was good.

90:38 *Ivan Katz*: I'm sorry.

90:42 *Debra Barbiani*: Thank you, Sean.

90:44 *Sean Wall-Carty*: You're welcome.

90:46 *Debra Barbiani*: We're planning. I think in February we have we're starting negotiations. I believe that's going to be our time frame.

90:54 *Ivan Katz*: We're starting the process for the

90:56 *Debra Barbiani*: process

90:57 *Ivan Katz*: negotiations. We're going to be looking at some states and reaching out to the most We're going to be dealing with so current contract. we've got that underway

91:09 *Debra Barbiani*: Right, and I just wanted to Mr. Greco with budget. We'll probably be starting sometime in January with those. those talks

91:22 *Dan Grecco*: I would imagine so yes.

91:22 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: I also think that we need maybe set up a wellness committee. Conversation or meeting type of thing so we could discuss like the effects like in hearing Emily's whole presentation about how it's affecting seniors. It's affecting the little kids. There's a lot of

things that this pandemic is affecting and maybe as a committee we can meet together and think about how we could ease it up for them because it's becoming overwhelming for some of these kids. It's overwhelming for adults. So think about what it is for the

91:55 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah.

91:56 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: kids, you know,

91:57 *Sean Wall-Carty*: That's great idea don't it's not part of the committee. Is that part of the community?

92:02 *Ivan Katz*: Yeah.

92:02 *Sean Wall-Carty*: relations committee?

92:02 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah, yes.

92:03 *Ivan Katz*: Well, no, there's actually a wellness committee that meets monthly there are a couple of board members who have attended in the past. Usually. Yeah, I think it was Arlene Renee and Kathy correct me if I'm wrong, but they're the wellness committee members of the board are welcome to attend the monthly Wellness committee that's made up of teachers students and so forth and if there are agenda items that you'd like to add I'd be happy to share them with Sue Lendzian and who chairs that committee and any board members up to four would like to attend, you know, please be my guest and I'm happy to share any agenda items for that committee. They do need I think they just met last week and I don't know if Renee

92:45 *Ivan Katz*: or Arlene are still attending those

92:50 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: I know my schedules crazy, but I really would love to be a part of that. So please just email me that because I just know that everybody's feeling it and that especially the kids and we got to take care of them.

93:03 *Ivan Katz*: Absolutely, I'll take care of that.

93:05 *Debra Barbiani*: You know, I agree with you Jennifer. I think that's a great start, you know with the wellness. Thank you for bringing that to the attention and let's get that rolling with a meeting. Perfect. Thank you. If there's no other committee reports, I just wanted to mention to the board that I spoke with. Tony Brock who's our school one of our school attorneys that we work with and I asked him if he would be interested in doing a board retreat with us just to you know, touch bases on a few things. We're gonna have some topics that I'll share with you, but he did say that he would be available and he was giving me a date of Thursday. It's a Thursday January 28th starting at six o'clock. I said, I'd like to start in the evening time because we have, you know people who work and it's hard to get there. little hard for some of you to get there I could move it to six thirty. So I just wanted to mention to you to put that on your calendar as of now, we have January 28th. And we'll go from there and Dr. Katz myself in Mr. Brock will be talking and we'll get the information out to you and I would say it probably would be maybe two hours, you know at at the most for this. This is like a mini retreat. So I just wanted to share that with you. Okay.

94:45 *Ivan Katz*: And if I may I'm just looking for another for another plug for a couple of board members to join our principal interview committee we're interviewing finalists on Monday. We have three finalists that we're moving forward. I'm very happy about that and I've got a couple board members and I sure could use a couple more if you have the time if you're able please don't hesitate to reach out. I will welcome you with open arms.

95:11 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: What time is it on Monday?

95:11 *Debra Barbiani*: Okay.

95:13 *Ivan Katz*: It's in the afternoon. I believe it starts around noon Dr. Shark, is that correct?

95:19 *Sally Sharkey*: Yes, there's a 12 a 130 and a three.

95:22 *Ivan Katz*: Okay.

95:24 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: And this is all virtual.

95:24 *Ivan Katz*: so it's all virtual.

95:28 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: Okay, I probably possibly can do it. I'll email you.

95:32 *Ivan Katz*: Okay, perfect. Thank you.

95:36 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah. I'll get back to Dr. Katz. Okay. All right. Thank you all. Do we have? A motion for executive session. Do we need to go into one? No. Okay.

95:54 *Mike Weiner*: Definitely have a request. So before we go there.

95:57 *Debra Barbiani*: go ahead

95:58 *Mike Weiner*: I know we're getting very close down in DC for the stimulus to be signed. And what have you once everything is taken care of can if there's any effect for the district. Could you let the board members know what that might be down the line?

96:16 *Ivan Katz*: Yeah, I'm hopeful that that news will come sooner than later because until that's finalized. We're still under the the governor's threat of the 20% cut

96:27 *Mike Weiner*: right

96:28 *Ivan Katz*: And as soon as that stimulus fund moves through and we'll find out through the governor's office or the office of budget and through the analysis of the superintendent's organization and school boards. We will have a breakdown of how if at all it affects us, so Continue to keep your fingers crossed and hopefully we'll be able to make it through the remainder of this year without any budget cuts, which is my hope.

96:54 *Debra Barbiani*: Yeah. exactly Thank you. Okay. All right with that being said may have a

motion to adjourn.

97:06 *Mike Weiner*: motion

97:06 *Kathy Rappaport*: most

97:06 *Sean Wall-Carty*: motion

97:06 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: nothing

97:07 *Debra Barbiani*: to Mike

97:09 *Jennifer Reinhardt*: and

97:10 *Debra Barbiani*: Jen okay discussion Hearing none all those in favor. Say aye.

97:16 *Sean Wall-Carty*: I