

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
Board of Cooperative Educational Services
Sole Supervisory District of Clinton, Essex,
Warren and Washington Counties

DATE: October 14, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Board Meeting

PLACE: Instructional Services Center, Plattsburgh, NY (Board Members Only)
Remote Via Webex Event (Video & Transcription will be available on CVES Website upon completion)

Board Members Present:

Larry Barcomb
Linda Gonyo-Horne
Richard Harriman, Sr.
Donna LaRocque
Ed Marin (*joined the meeting at 6:44 p.m.*)
Thomas McCabe
Bruce Murdock
Lori Saunders
Michael St. Pierre
Scott Thurber

Board Members Absent:

Leisa Boise
Patricia Gero
Evan Glading
Richard Malaney
Doug Spilling

Executive Officer:

Dr. Mark C. Davey

Board Clerk:

Meaghan Rabideau

Others Present:

Teri Calabrese-Gray
Michele Friedman
Matthew Slattery
Eric Bell
Alex St. Pierre
James Bouffard
Paul Lamoy
Eric Robert
Garrett Hamlin

MEETING TO ORDER

Board President St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

CVES' External Auditors, Michael Rossi, CPA, and Amy Pedrick, CPA, from West & Company attended remotely to share an overview of the recently completed independent audit for year-end June 30, 2020. Mr. Rossi shared the Independent Auditor's Report and provided a brief synopsis with highlights of the ratings of each area audited. Mr. Rossi and Ms. Pedrick were thanked by the Board's Audit Committee members for their work and thoroughness in the completed audit and for their comprehensive review in the Audit Committee meeting held prior to the Board meeting. The Audit Committee recommended the full Board to approve CVES' 2019-20 Annual Independent Audit. Dr. Davey also thanked the auditors and the Audit Committee for their time and engagement to review and discuss the audit, and, also CVES' Management Services staff and internal auditors for their continued high-quality work throughout the year which supported the successful audit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Harriman Sr. moved, seconded by Mrs. Saunders, that the Board go into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m., for the following reasons: #5 - A matter of collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law); #6 - A matter of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; #9 - A matter related to a specific student of the district. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

In Executive Session, the Board and Dr. Davey finalized his 2020-21 District Superintendent's goals and he shared the steps to implement and communicate these goals. Second, a confidential update was shared regarding CVES' Capital Project which involved several contractual-related matters. Next, Dr. Davey reviewed a number of Labor Relations matters including a non-precedent setting Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) involving the CVES United Professionals and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the addition of a MOA with CVES' managerial group to add the new Health Insurance & Workers' Compensation Consortium Administrator. Fourth, several hiring recommendations were discussed as well as an update on several employment searches upcoming and underway. Next, several pending contractual matters were reviewed and a confidential matter involving a student was reviewed. Lastly, several confidential personnel actions were reviewed with the Board prior to action during the business meeting.

Note: Ed Marin, Board Member, joined the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Mr. Murdock moved, seconded by Mr. Harriman Sr., that the Board come out of Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATION MONTH

Dr. Davey thanked all of the Board Members on behalf of CVES' entire organization for their important role in supporting our BOCES, our programs and services, our students, staff and our component school districts. The Board's time, hard work, continued support, and collaborative efforts during the ongoing pandemic have been unwavering. Dr. Davey acknowledged with appreciation the Board's support of CVES' re-opening efforts which successfully helped our BOCES to navigate through challenges and provide in-person learning. Due to COVID-19, there were no student presentations but Mrs. Friedman, CVES' Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE), and Mr. Slattery, CVES' Director of Special Education, shared their appreciation with the Board on behalf of their students and staff for the continued dedication and support the Board provides.

OPENING UPDATE

Matthew Slattery also reported that the Special Education division has had continued success, and that new job duties because of COVID-19 are becoming second hat even though they are added responsibilities (cleaning, sanitization, random screening, temperature checks, etc.). He gave special regards to the nursing staff for their overwhelming role this year with tracking symptoms in students, attendance, and now daily reporting to SED. Mr. Slattery also noted that October is also principal appreciation month and he gave recognition to all our Principals and lastly shared that the upcoming Open House will be virtual this year. Eric Bell reported that although reopening has been as difficult as anticipated, the adversity and challenges have been faced and our organization has exceeded all expectations, students are our first priority and that has been the driving force.

Both the CV-TEC and Special Education divisions have worked hard to face the challenge to provide exceptional in-person and, when needed, hybrid learning opportunities within our “new normal” instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Teri Calabrese-Gray applauded all team members involved in their non-stop efforts both here at CVES and our component districts to keep schools open. Ms. Michele Friedman noted that continuing to stay open is because of the diligence done in the planning stages to make sure that we were prepared for the return of staff and students. She also reported that CV-TEC enrollment is strong and higher than last year. Mr. Matthew Slattery reported that the Special Education division has had continued success. He also shared that staff members are taking many additional steps each day due to COVID-19 to keep our learning environment safe including cleaning, sanitization, random screening, temperature checks, etc. Mr. Slattery gave special thanks to the nursing staff for their expanded role this year with keeping track of the many health symptoms and protocols involving students, attendance, and supporting information for CVES’ daily report submission to the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH). Additionally, Mr. Slattery noted that October is principal appreciation month and he gave recognition to all our Principals and lastly, he shared that the upcoming Open House will be virtual this year. Mr. Eric Bell reported that although reopening has been as difficult as anticipated, the adversity and challenges have been faced and our organization has exceeded all expectations, students are our first priority and that has been the driving force. Dr. Davey concluded the opening updates and expressed his appreciation for CVES’ staff, Operations and Maintenance team, technology staff, CVES’ administrators and supervisors and his senior Cabinet leaders for their continuing hard work, implementation of all COVID-19 PPE and “best practices” to support the continuation of in-person learning. Dr. Davey indicated that it’s because of this on-going support and perseverance that CVES and our component school districts are in the 6th week of in-person learning.

CAPITAL PROJECT
 UPDATE

Dr. Davey began the update by welcoming and thanking the Capital Project representatives in attendance: Mr. Paul Lamoy, Project Manager, and Mr. Eric Robert, President and Project Executive, from SchoolHouse Construction and architects - Mr. Garrett Hamlin and Mr. James Bouffard (attended remotely) both from Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers. Dr. Davey acknowledged the positive progress of the project and teamwork provided by our construction leadership team especially during the pandemic. A capital project update PowerPoint (PPT) presentation was provided. Mr. Robert began the update with accomplishments, COVID-19 safety protocol, project status updates for each of the CVES campuses. Mr. Lamoy then discussed the shift in focus of work from the Main Plattsburgh Campus to the Satellite campus now that students are back on campus. The Board was provided with several updated photos of completed work and Mr. Eric Bell reported that the construction team just surpassed 50% completion. The presentation concluded with a project schedule/outlook and an opportunity was provided for the Board to ask questions.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr. Harriman Sr. moved, seconded by Mrs. Saunders, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 monthly Board meeting as presented. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Mr. Harriman Sr. moved, seconded by Mrs. Saunders, that the Board approve the Annual Independent Audit, performed by West & Company, CPA, PC for the 2019-20 school year. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA FINANCIAL

Mr. Harriman, Sr. moved, seconded by Mrs. Saunders to approve the following Consent Agenda Financial items as presented. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

CERTIFICATION OF WARRANT

Approve the Certification of Warrant for September 1, 2020 to October 5, 2020, as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Approve the Treasurer’s Reports from June, July, and August 2020 as presented.

DONATIONS

Approve the following Donations:

1. For the Student Stipend Fund:

United Way (August 2020)	198.14
United Way (September 2020)	198.14
TOTAL -	\$ 396.28

2. Donation of \$300 from Linda Gonyo-Horne. This donation will be used to fund the JCEO Backpack Program.

3. Donation of \$250 from Mr. James McCartney & Mrs. Patricia McCartney in memory of Robert Carpenter. This donation will benefit programs of CV-TEC.

4. Donation of \$50 from Mountain Lake PBS in memory of Robert Carpenter. This donation will benefit programs of CV-TEC.

SPECIAL AID FUND PROJECT BUDGET INCREASE

Approve the following Special Aid Fund Budget Increase:

1. Increase the North Country Region Career Pathways III Program special aid fund project budget from \$100,000 to \$190,129, for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, due to rollover of unexpended 2019-2020 project funds of \$90,129. (pending a fully executed contract with North Country Workforce Partnership, Inc.) (CV-TEC)

CONTRACT

Approve the following Contract:

1. Contract between Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES and The Southern Regional Education Board/Schools that Work (SREB) to outline SREB’s

participation expectations and services under BOCES' partnership with SREB to work towards school reform and continuous improvement of quality instruction at CV-TEC. The agreement remains in effect for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The total billable amount for SREB services is \$17,600. (CV-TEC)

CONTRACTOR/
CONSULTANT
AGREEMENT

Approve the following Contractor/Consultant Agreement:

1. Agreement between Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES and A.P.L. Associates for the purpose of obtaining an Instructional Skills Level I Workshop for BOCES and BOCES component districts in an amount not anticipated to exceed \$21,500. The workshop dates are February 23, 24 & 25, 2021 and April 13 & 14, 2021. (ISC)

SERVICES
AGREEMENT

Approve the following Services Agreement:

1. Agreement between Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES (BOCES) and Clinton Community College (CCC) for the purpose of obtaining remote and in-person instruction and associated support from CCC for CV-TEC's New Visions Applied Engineering Program, for MAT 204 Pre-Calculus and MAT 224 Calculus courses. Educational services will take place during the September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 school year at the rate of \$1,000 per instructional credit hour. The total amount payable to CCC for all services is \$8,000. (CV-TEC)

RENTAL LEASE
AGREEMENT

Approve the following Rental Lease Agreement:

1. Agreement between Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES and Abele Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc. for the rental of an excavator for use by the Mineville Campus Conservation Program. The duration of the agreement will be from October 2020 through June 2021 with an anticipated total expenditure of \$17,900 (the IDA will pay 50% of the total rental cost as one of the project entails work on the Essex County IDA project at the Moriah Business Park). (CV-TEC)

LEASE
AGREEMENT

Approve the following Lease Agreement:

1. Agreement between the North Country Workforce Partnership, Inc. (NCWP) and Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES for the rental of 632 square feet of office space for use by the Partners in Transition Program at One WorkSource, 194 U.S. Oval, Plattsburgh. The lease commences September 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2023. The monthly rent paid by BOCES to NCWP for the two-year ten-month term shall be \$816.86 per month. At the end of the term, the parties have the option to renew the lease for mutually agreed upon terms. (Special Education) (attached)

MEMBERSHIPS

Approve the following memberships for the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and 21st Century Learning for the 2020-21 school year:

- 1. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), \$89
- 2. Staff/Curriculum Development Network (S/CDN), \$575

CONSENT AGENDA PERSONNEL

Mr. Harriman Sr. moved, seconded by Mr. Thurber, to approve the following Consent Agenda Personnel items as presented. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT LAREAU, GRANT

Approve the following letter(s) of resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

- 1. Kelly Lareau, English Teacher, Effective May 4, 2021
- 2. Dana Grant, Animal Science Teacher, Effective July 2, 2021

RESIGNATIONS FACTEAU, ZULLO

Accept the following letters of Resignation:

- 1. Linda Facteau, Allied Health Term Contract Teacher, Effective September 25, 2020
- 2. Amanda Zullo, Assessment Planning Coordinator, Effective October 19, 2020

LEAVE OF ABSENCE HAMBLETON

Approve the following leave(s) of absence:

- 1. Heather Hambleton, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, unpaid leave of absence, October 27, 2020 through November 8, 2020.

RESCINDS

Rescind the following provisional civil service appointment that was approved at the September 9, 2020 Board meeting:

Name: Courtney Mitchell
Position: Benefits Director
Effective Date: October 19, 2020

AMENDMENTS

- 1. Amend the following Provisional Civil Service appointment that was approved at the September 9, 2020 Board meeting:

Name: Tori Knutson
Position: Account Clerk Typist
Effective Date: ~~September 23, 2020~~ **September 29, 2020**
Annual Base Salary: \$26,712
Prorated Amount: ~~\$20,650.43~~ **\$20,239.48**

- 2. Amend the following Adult Education Instructor appointment that was approved at the September 9, 2020 Board meeting:

Adult Education Health Careers. ~~\$38.00/hour~~ **\$38.50/hour**
Kathy Billings

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FOUR-YEAR
PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENTS
PASSNO

Appoint the following person(s) to a Four-Year Probationary Appointment as follows:

1. Cherie Passno, Special Education Teacher, Effective Date September 3, 2020, Annual Base Salary of \$47,357, Prorated Salary of \$47,120.21.

(The Expiration date for the above appointments are tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time).

CIVIL SERVICE
PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT
BEDARD,
DUQUETTE,
TROMBLEY,
DUSO, SPRONK,
FORTIN

Appoint the following person(s) to a 52-week Civil Service Probationary Appointment as follows:

1. Madison Bedard, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective September 16, 2020, Annual Base Salary of \$17,844, Prorated Salary of \$17,305.99.
2. Emily Duquette, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective September 21, 2020, Annual Base Salary of \$17,844, Prorated Salary of \$17,036.98.
3. Carrie Trombley, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective September 21, 2020 Annual Base Salary of \$ 17,844, Prorated Salary of \$17,036.98.
4. Terra Duso, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective September 24, 2020, Annual Base Salary of \$17,844, Prorated Salary of \$16,767.98.
5. Pascal Spronk, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective September 28, 2020, Annual Base Salary of \$17,844, Prorated Salary of \$16,588.64.
6. Patricia Fortin, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective October 7, 2020, Annual Base Salary of \$17,844, Prorated Salary of \$15,960.96.

CIVIL SERVICE
PROVISIONAL
APPOINTMENT
DEMARSE-
GIROUX

Appoint the following person(s) to a Civil Service Provisional Appointment as follows:

1. Vicki Demarse-Giroux, Benefits Director, Effective October 26, 2020, Annual Base Salary of \$85,000, Prorated Amount of \$63,041.67

(EFFECTIVE PERMANENT DATE TO BE DETERMINED UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAM)

PERMANENT
APPOINTMENT
AGONEY, MOORE

Grant a Permanent Appointment (Civil Service) to the following person(s):

1. Heather Agoney, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective November 7, 2020

2. Jason Moore, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective November 7, 2020

PART-TIME
APPOINTMENT
DEYO

Appoint the following person(s) to a Part-Time Appointment for the 2020-21 school year:

1. Judith Deyo, Special Education Teacher (43%), Effective September 29, 2020, Annual Base Salary of \$46,468, Prorated Salary of \$18,182.93.

PART-TIME
HOURLY
APPOINTMENT

Appoint the following person(s) to a Part-Time Hourly Appointment for the 2020-21 school year:

Teaching Assistant, \$14.50/hour
Ann White

TEMPORARY
GRANT
APPOINTMENTS

Approve the following temporary grant appointment(s) from July 1, 2020 - December 30, 2020:

1. Nathan Bullups, Work Study Student, not to exceed 121 hours, at \$11.80/hour
2. Andrew Barcomb, Work Study Student, not to exceed 139 hours, at \$11.80/hour
3. Jessica Hamilton, Work Study Student, not to exceed 165 hours, at \$11.80/hour
4. Alexa Lovely, Work Study Student, not to exceed 160 hours, at \$11.80/hour

2020 SUMMER
WORK

Approve the following 2020 Summer Work:

<u>Classroom Move/Setup, hourly rate of pay</u>	
Louise O'Connell, Teaching Assistant	Not to Exceed 6 hours
Lori Warner, Teaching Assistant	Not to Exceed 6 hours
Jennilee Montanile, Special Education Teacher	Not to Exceed 6 hours

ADDITIONAL
WORK

Approve the following Additional Work for the 2019-20 School Year:

Stipend Positions, Compensation per collective bargaining agreement
Melissa Gough, Teaching Assistant Employee Mentor - YDEC

Approve the following Additional Work for the 2020-21 School Year:

Stipend Positions, Compensation per collective bargaining agreement
Jacqueline Dashnaw, Teaching Assistant Skills USA Co-Advisor – Plattsburgh
Megan Manson, Publication Specialist Animal Science – Plattsburgh
Faye Dayton, Special Education Employee Mentor- WAF (2nd stipend)

Continuation of Normal Work Year Duties, hourly rate of pay per contract
Nicole Pierce, Registered Nurse Not to Exceed 140 hours
Judith Deyo, Special Education Teacher Not to Exceed 52.5 hours

SUBSTITUTES

Approve the following list of Substitute and Temporary-On-Call appointments for the 2020-21 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jerel Billings	Custodial Worker
Michael Paquette	Custodial Worker (<i>Pending Fingerprint Clearance</i>)
Thomas Yakalis	Custodial Worker (<i>Pending Fingerprint Clearance</i>)
David Bender	Custodial Worker
Vicki-Lynn Safford	Food Service Helper
Sadie Kaltenbach	Food Service Helper (<i>Pending Fingerprint Clearance</i>)
Katelyn Belair	Food Service Helper
Frederick Nydegger	Teacher Aide/Student Aide
Ann White	Teacher
Paul Wisher	Teacher
Paulina Geoffroy	Teacher (<i>Pending Fingerprint Clearance</i>)
Kirstin Kalefsky	Teacher
Paulina Geoffroy	Teaching Assistant
Kirstin Kalefsky	Teaching Assistant (<i>Pending Fingerprint Clearance</i>)

2019-20 ANNUAL
REPORT ON
RESERVES

The 2019-20 Annual Report on Reserves was shared with the Board for informational purposes only.

MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT
CEWW BOCES
AND CVES
MANAGERIAL
EMPLOYEES

Mr. Harriman Sr. moved seconded by Mrs. Saunders that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services and the CVES Managerial Employees that acknowledges the addition of the Benefits Director. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT
CEWW BOCES
AND CVES
UNITED
PROFESSIONALS
UNIT

Mrs. Saunders moved, seconded by Mr. Harriman Sr., that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Champlain Valley Educational Services United Professionals, Local 4807, NYSUT, AFT, AFL-CIO that acknowledges the addition that no new precedents or past practice shall be established due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO
UNSEAL AND
DESTROY
BALLOTS –
CAPITAL PROJECT
VOTE

Mr. Harriman Sr. moved seconded by Mrs. Saunders, that the Board Authorize the unsealing and opening of the ballot boxes and the destruction of all ballots contained herein, together with the unused ballots from the Capital Project Vote held on December 11, 2018. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO
UNSEAL AND
DESTROY
BALLOTS –
MERGER VOTE

Mrs. Saunders moved, seconded by Mr. Harriman Sr., that the Board Authorize the unsealing and opening of the ballot boxes and the destruction of all ballots contained herein, together with the unused ballots from the Elizabethtown-Lewis/Westport Central School Districts Merger (to form Boquet Valley Central School District) Vote held on January 29, 2019. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

TERMINATION
MOORE, NEILLY

Mrs. LaRocque moved seconded by Mrs. Saunders that the Board terminate the following person(s) in accordance with Civil Service Law:

1. Ashtyn Moore, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective October 15, 2020
 2. Allison Neilly, Teacher Aide/Student Aide, Effective October 15, 2020
- All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

ESTABLISH
TEMPORARY-ON-
CALL RATES FOR
THE 2020-21
SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Harriman Sr. moved, seconded by Mrs. LaRocque that the Board establish the following temporary-on-call rates for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Title</u> (Temporary On-Call)	2020-2021	<u>Type</u>
Computer Specialist	\$15.00	Hourly

All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

SUBSTITUTES

Mrs. LaRocque moved, seconded by Mr. Harriman Sr., that the Board approve the following list of Substitute and Temporary-On-Call appointments for the 2020-21 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Haley Taylor	Computer Specialist (<i>Pending Fingerprint Clearance</i>)
Connor McKenzie	Computer Specialist (<i>Pending Fingerprint Clearance</i>)

All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN
UPDATE

Dr. Davey shared with the Board the upcoming Strategic Plan schedule including the District Planning Team meeting this coming Thursday, October 15th. He reported that Sean Brady of Prism Decision Systems, LLC. is looking forward to again working with CVES this year. Mr. Brady has been working with CVES to implement a virtual strategic planning process, utilizing a “straw man” approach where CVES’ goals are reviewed and discussed collaboratively with the leadership teams first, then brought to the full teams for feedback and finalization, which has been very well received. The Board was reminded of the retreat on October 22nd that will be remote via Webex.

DISTRICT SUPT.
UPDATE

Dr. Davey began his update by discussing the recent NYSDOH submission of daily COVID-19 data reporting that the BOCES is now required to submit along with component districts. Various COVID-related daily information for our Plattsburgh and Mineville campuses includes items such as student and staff enrollment, COVID tests reporting, student referrals to Health Care Providers, numbers of positive tests, lab results as appropriate, etc. Similar information is

reported statewide for all BOCES and school districts. Next, Dr. Davey discussed the next CVES Board meeting on November 18th which is planned to be held in-person here at ISC. He noted that a recent Executive Order by the Governor permitting virtual Board meetings was continued thru November 3rd. Dr. Davey anticipates that the Executive Order will be extended again for another 30 days. Third, Dr. Davey reminded the Board that the NYSSBA convention will begin next week, with two weeks of virtual sessions. Next, Dr. Davey referenced that a very special announcement and press release was sent out today to recognize one of CVES' teachers. The announcement will take place tomorrow with one of CVES' teachers receiving the 2020 Harbor Freight Tools For Schools \$50,000 prize for teaching excellence National award. Lastly, Dr. Davey shared updates regarding the lobbying and advocating efforts of David Little, the Executive Director of the Rural Schools Association, as well as NYSSBA, and NYSCOSS to support schools and students. Continued efforts and updates will be shared with the Board as they become available.

OTHER


Mr. Ed Marin, Board member informed the Board that he had reached out to NYSSBA to ask for their help with aligning the NYSDOH guidance with our local health department guidance. Mr. Marin shared his concerns that different interpretations may not be practical and could hinder schools staying open to students attending in-person. Discussion then ensued on alternative diagnosis, testing availability and timeframe. Dr. Davey will continue to work closely with the local DOHs, Legislators, NYSSBA, RSA and our CSOs to advocate on our behalf for our schools and communities.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at the Instructional Services Center in Plattsburgh, NY. An anticipated Executive Session will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the monthly meeting to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murdock moved, seconded by Mr. Harriman Sr., to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. All Board Members present voted yes—motion carried.


Meaghan Rabideau, Board Clerk