ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2021
(streamed online @ www.opschools.org)

Open Meetings Law: Because of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and State ban on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order suspending the Open Meetings Law, the Board of Education Meeting was streamed on the districts’ website.

Board of Education
Members Present: Mr. Ryan Cimo
Dr. Christine Gray-Tinnesz
Mr. Dwight Eagan
Mrs. Kim Hughes
Mrs. Karen Kane
Mr. Robert Mahany
Dr. Jennifer Rogers

Others Present: Mrs. Cheryl Connors, District Clerk
Mr. David Lilleck, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
Mr. Matthew McGarrity, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Tinnesz called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION

Motion by Dr. Tinnesz, seconded by Mr. Eagan, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Education Law Section 1711, David P. Lilleck be appointed as this District’s Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2021, subject to the Contract of Employment and transmittal correspondence previously executed by Mr. Lilleck, which the President of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the District.

Yes – Tinnesz, Eagan, Kane, Mahany, Cimo, Hughes and Rogers
No – n/a

Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0

COMMENTS

All of the Board members congratulated Mr. Lilleck and shared they are excited to begin working with him in his new role during this important time in education. Dr. Tinnesz read a brief statement on behalf of the Board stating that hiring a new Superintendent is one of the most important responsibilities of a Board of Education. The Board has been committed to conducting a thorough and professional search that results in the selection of an outstanding Superintendent due to the retirement of our current Superintendent, Matthew McGarrity. The Board worked with Dr. David O’Rourke, Erie 2 BOCES Superintendent to assist in the Superintendent Search. The Board enlisted the participation of stakeholder groups which included students, teachers, administrators, parents, support staff and community members. Their work was instrumental in assisting the Board in making our selection. Mr. David P. Lilleck will begin his new role as Superintendent of Schools beginning on July 1, 2021. Dave has been an administrator in the District for 13 years, he is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and prior to that he was the middle school principal and a high school house principal. Prior to coming to Orchard Park, Dave taught in both the Clarence and Grand Island Central School Districts.
Dave and his wife Sherrie reside in Orchard Park and they are the proud parents of three children Hayleigh, Adrian and Caiden. The Board believe that Dave has the qualities and characteristics necessary in a superintendent to continue to work with all constituent groups in order to support students, teachers, staff and families and build upon those relationships with honest and transparent dialogue and action. Dave believes that a school district needs to continually grow and change to meet the newest demands of an ever-changing world. The Board looks forward to supporting Dave as our Superintendent and working together to continue to support an atmosphere of excellence and accountability for both the present and future so that all students can reach their full potential to live a life capably, responsibly and fully.

➢ Mr. Lilleck thanked the Board and shared that he was incredible humbled and excited. He thanked the community, students, parents, teachers, support staff and administrators. He also thanked Mr. McGarrity for his leadership. He shared that he believes that our schools are the center of the community and he thanked his family his wife, children and family for their support. He stated that being an administrator is challenging and rewarding work but the work does come with the sacrifice of spending time away from family. He is excited to build on the incredible foundation in Orchard Park and meet the needs of all students.

Adjournment
Motion by Mr. Eagan, seconded by Mrs. Kane, to adjourn the meeting:
Yes – Tinnesz, Eagan, Kane, Mahany, Cimo, Hughes and Rogers
No – n/a
Motion Unanimously Carried 7-0 to adjourn 5:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Connors
District Clerk

Other Meeting Attachments
1. Official Meeting Announcement
2. Meeting Agenda