

HAMILTON-FULTON-MONTGOMERY COUNTIES BOCES
Minutes of BOCES Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
HFM BOCES Campus

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Hamilton, Fulton, and Montgomery Counties was called to order by President Harry Brooks at 6:00 p.m. The President welcomed 25 attendees to the meeting.

Dr. Brooks stated that he was disappointed the meeting could not be fully in-person this year but noted that progress is being made toward a time when they could meet together and do important work for the children. Dr. Brooks stated that progress has been made this year. This progress is thanks to leadership of the HFM BOCES component school board members. This progress is thanks to the leadership of the superintendents of the HFM BOCES school districts who were able to navigate the ever-changing times throughout the year. This progress is also thanks to the teachers, parents and children who were resilient and kept rebounding no matter what changes were presented to them. Dr. Brooks said he looked forward to a new year and hopes this meeting sets a stage for what's to come when the Board members can meet and bring their hearts and minds together for the good of the children.

Dr. Ziskin, District Superintendent, thanked everyone for participating in the HFM BOCES Annual meeting. He introduced the HFM BOCES board members and administrative staff that were in attendance. He read a letter from the Commissioner of Education, Betty A. Rosa addressed to the members of the Cooperative Boards of New York State on the occasion of their Annual Meeting

The Call to the Annual Meeting was read by the BOCES Clerk.

The reading of the April 6, 2020 Annual Board Meeting minutes was waived upon a motion made by John DeValve, HFM BOCES Board Member; seconded by Jean LaPorta, HFM BOCES Board Member; and unanimously carried.

President Brooks turned the meeting over to Dr. Ziskin who presented on the state of the BOCES and gave an overview of the proposed 2021-2022 HFM BOCES Budget.

Candidates for the upcoming BOCES Board election were introduced and given an opportunity to address the component boards of education. The candidates addressing the Boards were incumbent Carmen Caraco, Mayfield Central School District and Rebecca Cozzocrea, Greater Amsterdam School District. Due to a prior commitment, the third candidate Matt Sullivan, Fonda-Fultonville Central School District was not available to attend the meeting.

At 6:27 p.m. the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Allan Turnbull, Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES Board Member; seconded by John DeValve, Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES Board Member and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Eaton
Clerk of the Board