Board of Education Meeting #6 Whitesboro Central School District 7:00 P.M.

December 5, 2023

Present:

M. Head

B. McQueen

S. Farr

J. Henderson

S. Szatko

C. LaValley

B. Bellair, Superintendent

D. Russo, Assistant Superintendent for Learning

J. Muller, Assistant Superintendent for Business

C. O'Neil, Director, Pupil Personnel Services

T. Pawloski, Director, Special Prog. & Services

K. Powers. District Treasurer

K. Bunal, District Clerk

Absent:

T. Schoen Jr.

Mr. Head, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM., led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the District Mission Statement.

Mr. Head read a brief statement to the public in regards to the two opportunities for members of the community to speak and the guidelines for public participation. He then opened the floor to the public for any comments on agenda items, there was none.

Mr. Head announced that NYSSBA will be hosting a Zoom meeting on December 18, 2023. John Daly will be the guest speaker on the topic of "Critical Budget Issues for NYS School Budgets." He forwarded a link to all Board members.

Mr. Head announced that there was an SBI legislative meeting held on December 4, 2023. The committee worked on their positon paper of legislative priorities to present to the Legislators. Topics that will be addressed are the following: Foundation Aid, Tax Cap, Tort Reform, Broadband Capacity, Fund Balance, Local Control, Zero-Emission Vehicles and General Municipal Bidding Laws.

Mr. Head reminded the Board of the upcoming holiday concerts, a calendar with dates and times have been-provided for them. He asked that they try to attend as many as possible during this month as they are always impressive.

Mr. Head congratulated the football team for their outstanding season and complemented Mr. Muller for organizing the local viewing at the High School with snacks, water and pizza donated by sponsors. Mr. Head informed the Board that Dr. Rick Timbs presented at the SBI meeting held on November 9, 2023, and he provided them with a handout of his presentation. Mr. Head suggested to have Dr. Timbs present a shorten version to the Board.

Mr. Head reported that there was a Teacher Center Policy Board and turned the floor over to Ms. LaValley and Mr. Russo.

Ms. LaValley provided a brief update on the Teacher Center Policy Board meeting held on December 5, 2023. The following topics were discussed

- Ongoing workshops
- Continue with survey for teachers for Professional Development
- Approval of the district to host "Jeans Week" to continue with the Deb Prue scholarship

RESOLUTION Motion by Dr. Szatko

Consent Agenda Seconded by Dr. Henderson

Personnel-Instructional Personnel-School Related

Acceptance of Committee on Special Education recommendations on students

identified by number on the enclosed information

Financial Reports - Treasurer's Report and Student Activity Accounts October 2023

Approval of Minutes - November 7, 2023

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

Mr. Head congratulated Mr. Luke Manolescu on his new appointment as Hart's Hill Elementary Principal effective August 2024, due to the retirement of Mrs. Putnam.

Mr. Manolescu thanked the District, the Board and Dr. Bellair and is proud to be part of the Whitesboro team again.

Mr. Head turned the floor over to Dr. Bellair for his reports and presentations.

Dr. Bellair congratulated Mr. Manolescu and welcomed him back to the district.

Dr. Bellair, Superintendent of Schools, turned the floor over to the Mr. O'Neil who gave a brief introduction of the program and then introduced the High School Guidance Counselors, Laura Flagg, Dan Everson, Amy Ambrose and Margo Testa.

Ms. Ambrose reviewed the High School Comprehensive Goals which targets grades 9-12.

- 1. College and Career promote student participation in SABA, Regional Program of Excellence, Job Shadowing and Internships
- 2. Academics promote student participation in dual credit courses
- 3. Social Emotional increase in student participation in after school club activities

These goals are data driven and tracked each year.

Mr. O'Neil reviewed the use of SchooLinks, a new software program launched this year. It is a modern college and career readiness platform that students can use to explore and apply to colleges, learn about financial aid, find entry level positions to jumpstart a career, search scholarships, take college virtual campus tours, to name a few. He then introduced Ms. Testa who covered the following:

- Freshman Activities through classroom presentations and individual conferences
- Sophomore Activities revisit four-year plan, CTE presentations, BOCES visits, individual meetings
- Junior Activities PSAT/SAT, conferences with student and parent(s), job shadowing, NCAA
 paperwork, college or job research using Schoolinks
- Senior Activities college application process, individual meetings, letters of recommendation, develop postsecondary goals for students going into the job market

Ms. Testa also review the World-of-Work Map, which is a tool used to guide students in grades 9-12. It help students identify their future career goals, strengths, interests and values.

Mr. Everson continued with the presentation by covering the school-to-career programs available to students.

- 1. Regional Program for Excellence internships with 72-75 hours in a work setting
- 2. School and Business Alliance (SABA) up to five job shadowing placements
- 3. Career and Technical Education (CTE) offered to juniors and seniors, varies fields focusing on preparing students for employment careers or post-secondary education
- 4. New Visions Education Program BOCES field placements through internships with also earning English and Social Studies credit required for graduation

Ms. Flagg continued with the presentation by covering the following; Earn college credit through MVCC, Syracuse, RIT, and Tompkins Cortland Community College, and AP/Dual Credit Courses. She provided an overview of the Counseling Office schedule calendar covering August through June. From the freshman class to the seniors the counselors have very detailed responsibilities that they cover day-to-day to ensure the students are on the correct career path of their choice.

Mr. O'Neil closed out the presentation by providing an overview of the additional tasks that the Guidance Office also provides for the district.

Discussion ensured with the BOE members between Mr. O'Neil and the counselors.

Mr. Head congratulated the counselors on their dedication to the students in reference to the Student Achievement Awards. Their letters of recommendations have allowed Whitesboro students to be recognized for their accomplishments.

The Board members and Dr. Bellair thanked the counselors and Mr. O'Neil for everything they do for the district. Dr. Bellair next introduced Mr. Egresits and his instructional coaches from the Middle School campus for their presentation.

Mr. Egresits gave a brief overview of the Instructional Coaching Program. The program began in 2022-2023 school year with 2.5 instructional coaches, Eric Rothdiener, Bettina Toth and Samantha Dell'Anno. They began working with the teaching staff building trustworthy relationships. They compiled Star and NYS testing data and attended professional development to cultivate new ideas for the students and teachers. In 2023-2024 school year, there are 2 Instructional Coaches, they continue to create resources and provide assistance to implement strategies to move the campus forward. This program has seen significant student growth throughout the campus facility.

Mr. Egresits turned the floor over to Samantha Dell'Anno and Bettina Toth for their presentation on Instructional Coaching program overview for the 2023-2024 school year.

The coaching support object is to empower instructional staff to mitigate learning loss and close academic gaps through the following:

Curriculum resource recommendation, scaffolding, cross-curricular strategies

- Instruction model lessons, implement strategies, co-teaching, teacher reflection
- Data-Star/Renaissance, report cards, data inquires

The goal is to provide campus-wide strategies for increased alignment throughout the program. The team closed out their presentation with providing with the Board the Star Math and Star Reading Growth charts for the Fall of 2022-2023 and Fall of 2023-2024 school year. There was student growth in both areas.

The Board had the following questions/comments:

- The Board was impressed with the growth in both reading and math scores.
- Where did the initial funding come from for the program and is it still available for the 2024-2025 school year?
- Is there a bridge at the elementary level with grades 4 and 5?
- Is rebranding of the program being consider to move away from the Learning Loss title?

Dr. Bellair stated that coordination of vertical alignment of programs is an ongoing process. In coordination with the District Leadership Team, budgeting for next year at the Elementary and Middle School level is being evaluated as data supports the initiative of the programs. Dr. Bellair stated that rebranding the program will be looked at through the budget process.

Mr. Russo informed the Board that the afterschool tutor program and summer program was very successful and that staff put in a lot of extra work on their own time.

Dr. Bellair informed the Board that there are no new updates on the school mascot and name. The District will continue using ThoughtExchange platform and continue with the process that has been mandated by the State. He also stated that there are no changes to the electric vehicles and the Zero Emission mandate, and that the topic is ongoing with Legislators. There is a breakfast scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023, at our High School with Legislators and Superintendents as this is a common thread for all.

Dr. Bellair ask Mr. Russo for an update on the High School Assistant Principal search. Mr. Russo stated that twelve candidates have applied before the December 15, 2023 application deadline. First round of interviews will begin in January 2024.

Dr. Bellair turned the floor over to Mr. Head.

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION Motion by Mr. McQueen Filing of Return Seconded by Dr. Szatko

Tax Claims 2023-2024

WHEREAS the Education Law provides that the tax collector shall be relieved of the responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list when a complete list of the delinquent tax items have been certified to the Board of Education, and since the collector has affixed his affidavit to such statement and has filed a statement accounting for the handling of the tax warrant as per the supplemental file.

AND WHEREAS the business manager has examined and verified the accuracy of the signed report of the collector;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board accept the report of the tax collector, and having determined that the collector has accounted for the full amount of the tax warrant, direct that the lists of the delinquent tax items, with the addition of the two percent penalty be certified to the office of the county treasurer and/or other tax enforcement officer;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the tax warrant, tax roll and the tax collector's copies of the tax receipts be placed on file and be given fire protection.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. McQueen Seconded by Dr. Henderson

Request for Unpaid Leave

Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of

Schools, request for unpaid leave for Employee # 03532, School Float Nurse, from a March 8, 2024, through March 24, 2024, as per the supplemental file be approved.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION

Designation of the

Motion by Ms. LaValley Seconded by Mr. McQueen

Assistant Superintendent for Business

Be It Resolved, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business be designated as the official representative of the Whitesboro Central School District for Special Law Enforcement contracts, and that he be authorized to sign all forms relative to contracts submitted for Special Law Enforcement assignments.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION
Acceptance of

Motion by Dr. Henderson Seconded by Ms. LaValley

Senter-Cole Scholarship

WHEREAS, this Board of Education of the Whitesboro Central School District ("Board of Education") is the beneficiary representative of a scholarship fund (the "Senter-Cole Scholarship Trust") held collectively in trust by Bank of America, N.A. to benefit District students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that District students would benefit from the Senter-Cole Scholarship Trust being held by the District and administered directly to scholarship recipients without trust administration costs; and

WHEREAS, Bank of America, N.A., through their legal counsel, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, has prepared the necessary legal petition in the Surrogate's Court of Oneida County to transfer administration of the Senter-Cole Scholarship Trust to the District and to permit a variance from the donor's restrictions to allow the District to invade the principal of the fund to the extent necessary to award meaningful scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has the authority to hold the monies from the Senter-Cole Scholarship Trust and administer the same in accordance with the original donative intent; and

WHEREAS, the School District's legal counsel, Ferrara Fiorenza PC, is representing it in connection with the above contemplated legal action; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the Whitesboro Central School District hereby authorizes the following:

- 1. The Board of Education hereby approves the engagement in legal action to effectuate the foregoing.
- 2. The Board of Education hereby approves the Waiver of Citation and Consent to Judicial Decree Settling Account of Trustee, Discharging Trustee, and Terminating the Senter-Cole Scholarship Trust.
- 3. The Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the foregoing in this legal action in consultation with legal counsel.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Farr inquired about the scholarship award.

Ms. Powers stated that the trust had been in place since 1974 and is awarded to 2 students for 4 years. The trust will now be dissolved and the school district will be awarding the remainder of the money that was available in the trust till it is exhausted.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Policy Manual

Motion by Mr. McQueen Seconded Dr. Henderson

Revision - First Reading

Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the first reading of the proposed manual revision, Uniform Grant Guidance For

Federal Awards (4505), as per the supplemental file, be approved.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Policy Manual

Motion by Mr. Farr Seconded Ms. LaValley

Revision - First

Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,

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the first reading of the policy manual revision, Limitations On The Use Of Physical Reading

Restraints (7068) as per the supplemental file, be approved.

Ayes 6 Navs 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Add Designation of

Motion by Dr. Szatko Seconded by Mr. McQueen

Depository for All School District

Be It Resolved, that Metropolitan Commercial Bank, be included as a designated

depository for school district funds for the school year 2023-2024.

Funds

Motion carried Ayes 6 Navs 0

RESOLUTION Appointment of Motion by Mrs. LaValley Seconded by Mr. McQueen

Deputy Treasurer

Be It Resolved, that Nicole Kohlbrenner be duly appointed Deputy School District Treasurer for all school district funds for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, at the prorated stipend of \$600.00, effective January 4, 2024. (Oath will be

administered in District Office)

Aves 6 Navs 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION

Motion by Dr. Henderson Seconded by Mr. Farr

Authorization for **Check Signing**

Be It Resolved, , that electronic signature of the Treasurer be used on all checks issued for all accounts from January 4, 2024 to June 30, 2024, and, Be It Further Resolved, that Key Bank be and hereby is, requested, authorized and directed to honor checks, drafts, and other orders for the payment of money drawn in the Whitesboro Central School District's name, whose name appears thereon as signed thereof, when bearing

or purporting to bear the facsimile signature as follows:

Kimberly Powers, District Treasurer Nicole Kohlbrenner, Deputy Treasurer

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

DISCUSSION:

NO

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The floor was opened back up to the public for the second comment period.

Mrs. Marylisa Vella, resident of WCSD, has four children in the District. Her discussion was fairness and consistency of acknowledgment of sports. There were students who went to States in Cross-Country and there was no fan-fair or recognition for them. She mentioned that the stipends are not equitable in the Arts, Pep Band and other activities in relation to hours that advisors spend working with students.

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RESOLUTION

Executive Session

Motion by Dr. Henderson Seconded by Mr. Farr

The Board of Education went into Executive Session at 8:24 PM to discuss a

contractual issue.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

School District Clerk

Mr. Head appointed Dr. Brian Bellair Clerk Pro Tem.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. McQueen Seconded by Ms. LaValley

Adjournment, Executive Session

The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Henderson Seconded by Mr. McQueen

Be it Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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Whitesboro Central School District

Substitute List # 5 December 5, 2023

Joseph Crossley

AREA: Teacher

DEGREE STATUS: 3 Years **CERTIFICATION:** Uncertified

Prefers Grades 7-12 **COMMENTS:**

Samantha Feduccia

AREA: **Teacher DEGREE STATUS:** 4 Years Uncertified **CERTIFICATION:** Prefers Grades 1-6

David Mallozzi

COMMENTS:

AREA: **Teacher** 4 Years **DEGREE STATUS:** Uncertified CERTIFICATION:

Prefers Grades K-8 **COMMENTS:**

John Pawloski

AREA: **Teacher DEGREE STATUS:** 2 Years Uncertified **CERTIFICATION:**

COMMENTS: Prefers Grades 6-12

Available 12/18/23 - 1/12/24, and

after 5/6/24

Kelsey Roberts

AREA: Teacher 4 Years **DEGREE STATUS:** CERTIFICATION: Uncertified

Daniel Russo

AREA: Teaching Assistant

DEGREE STATUS: 1 Year Uncertified **CERTIFICATION:**

Available Dec-Jan (College Breaks), **COMMENTS:**

and May-June

Brittany Spina

AREA: **Teaching Assistant**

DEGREE STATUS: 4 Years Uncertified **CERTIFICATION:**

COMMENTS: Marcy Elementary T.A. only

Effective 11/27/23

Marc Watson

AREA: **Teacher and Teaching Assistant**

DEGREE STATUS: 4 Years Uncertified **CERTIFICATION:** Prefers Grades K-6 **COMMENTS:**

Change in Certification:

Lindsey Rosenfeld

AREA: **Teacher DEGREE STATUS:** 4 Years

CERTIFICATION: Certified, Childhood Ed. 1-6

Effective: 11/2/23

Hart's Hill Building Sub **COMMENTS:**

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS 2023-2024 December 5, 2023

POSITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ATHLETIC CONTESTS

(Recommended by Tom Meiss)

POSITIONS

INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDED

Announcer, Athletic Supervisor, Camera

Tina Carey

Operator, Crowd Control,

Scorekeeper/Timers, Shot Clock Operators,

Ticket Seller/Taker, Video Stream

Announcer, Video Stream Camera Operator

Announcer, Athletic Supervisor, Camera

Robert Jenne

Operator, Crowd Control,

Scorekeeper/Timers, Shot Clock Operators,

Ticket Seller/Taker, Video Stream

Announcer, Video Stream Camera Operator

VOLUNTEERS

(Recommended by Tom Meiss)

POSITIONS

INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDED

Wrestling (Varsity)

Connor Rowlands —Pending Coaching Certification

No Cost to the District

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM

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APPOINTMENTS

Luke Manolescu Elementary Principal

Hart's Hill Principal

Four-Year Probationary Appointment

Eligible for 101 sick days and 1.5 personal days

Transfer of 30 sick days

(Retirement of L. Putnam) Effective: 8/17/24, any work performed prior to 8/17/24 will be

paid at the per diem rate.

Tenure Area: Elementary Principal

Salary: \$100,800 pro-rated

Certification: School Building Leader, Initial

Lindsey Rosenfeld Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher

Hart's Hill Elementary School

Effective: On or about 11/2/23 to on or about 1/16/24

(Leave of V. Leogrande) Paid for days worked only

Contingent upon positive performance and district needs

Salary: Step A, BA (\$40,380) pro-rated

Certification: Childhood Education, 1-6 Internship Certification

Kimberly VanDresar Long-Term Substitute Speech/Language Teacher

Hart's Hill Elementary School

Effective: On or about 3/25/24 to on or about 6/26/24

(Leave of H. Rose) Eligible for Sick and Personal days, pro-rated

Contingent upon positive performance and district needs

Salary: Step A, BA (\$40,380) pro-rated

Certification: Speech and Hearing Handicapped, Professional

FMLA

Shannon Brady Spanish Teacher

Whitesboro High School

Effective: On or about 2/15/24 through on or about 5/24/24

Hannah Rose Speech Pathologist

Hart's Hill Elementary

Effective: On or about 3/25/24 through on or about 6/10/24

UNPAID FMLA

Hannah Rose Speech Pathologist

Hart's Hill Elementary

Effective: On or about 6/11/24 to on or about 6/26/24

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL-RELATED PERSONNEL AGENDA December 05 2023 Board of Education Meeting

Title	Name	Rate of Pay	BOE Date	Start/Effective Date
RESIGNATION				24.0
Bus Attendant Bus Garage	Alexander, Tammy		12/05/2023	12/01/2023
CORRECTION OF RESIGNATION DATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT				
Bus Driver Bus Garage	Armstrong, David		12/05/2023	12/28/2023
<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>				
Food Service Helper High School 10:00am – 1:00pm Monday – Friday 10 month/year position Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check and 13- week probationary period.	Godemann, Robert	Grade 1, Step 2 \$15.40	12/05/2023	12/06/2023
Food Service Helper Deerfield Elementary 8:30am – 1:30pm Monday – Friday 10 month/year position Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check and 13- week probationary period.	Pritchard, Lynette	Grade 1, Step 2 \$15.40	12/05/2023	11/20/2023
Food Service Helper Deerfield Elementary 9:45am – 2:15pm Monday – Friday 10 month/year position Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check and 13- week probationary period.	Stevens, Robyn	Grade 1, Step 1 \$15.25	12/05/2023	11/27/2023

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL-RELATED PERSONNEL AGENDA December 05 2023 Board of Education Meeting

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

Cleaner District Wide Conditional, temporary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval 2:30pm – 10:30pm Monday-Friday Daytime Hrs. varies Monday-Friday	Premo, Morgan	Grade 6, Step 1 \$15.30/Hr. Plus night bonus \$0.64/Hr.	12/05/2023	11/17/2023
SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS				
Bus Attendant Bus Garage	Alexander, Tammy	\$14.30/Hr.	12/05/2023	12/02/2023
10 month/yr. position Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check		\$15.10/Hr. effective 1/1/2024		
Bus Attendant Bus Garage 10 month/yr. position Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check	Hapanowicz, Katherine	\$14.30/Hr. \$15.10/Hr. effective 1/1/2024	12/05/2023	Pending
Food Service Helper District Wide	Kilpeck, Daniel	\$14.20/Hr.	12/05/2023	Pending
10 month/yr. position Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check		\$15.00/Hr. effective 1/1/2024		
Cleaner District Wide	Ruggiero, Rachel	\$14.20/Hr.	12/05/2023	Pending
10 month/yr. position Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check		\$15.00/Hr. effective 1/1/2024		

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CHANGE IN HOURS

Cleaner Benjamin, Kenneth 12/05/2023 11/15/2023

High School Change from 2:30 am – 10:30 pm **to** 11:00 am – 7:00 pm Monday – Friday 13-week probationary period.

CHANGE IN HOURS REVISED

Cleaner Ryan, Scott 12/05/2023 11/15/2023

High School
Change from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm to
2:30 pm – 10:30 pm Monday – Friday
13-week probationary period.

CHANGE IN BUILDING (DECREASE) IN HOURS

Food Service Helper Crawford, Nancy Grade 1, Step 2 12/05/2023 12/06/2023

\$15.40

From Deerfield to Hart's Hill From 10:15am – 2:00pm 3.75 Hrs.

TO

9:00 am- 12:30pm 3.50 Hrs

CHANGE IN BUILDING

Teacher Aide Barr, Katie Grade .40, Step 3 12/05/2023 11/20/2023

From Marcy Elementary to Hart's Hill \$15.80

8:40 am - 3:40 pm

ABANDONMENT OF POSITION

NO SHOW

Bus Driver De La Cruz, 12/05/2023 11/08/2023

Bus Garage Benjamin

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FMLA

CleanerDeerfield Elementary

Dicks, Garrett

12/05/2023

Intermittent leave of absence as of 11/16/2023 as per treating physician, not to exceed 12 weeks