

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: MAY 15, 2007  
TIME & PLACE: 8:00 PM – HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: GATHEN, QUANDT, REINHART, SCHLIEDER, SPIES, WILBER  
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: STODDARD (arrived at 8:42 p.m.)  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & PS  
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (arr. at 8:30 pm)  
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE, 2 DISTRICT RESIDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2007 to order at 8:01 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Gathen to approve the Minutes of the Public Budget Hearing & Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 2, 2007.

MINUTES  
5/2/07

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Stoddard)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and May calendar of events and facilities use. An updated Agenda was distributed to Board Members.

CALENDAR &  
AGENDA

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

President Spies offered the privilege of the floor. No one requested to speak.

PRIVILEGE OF  
THE FLOOR

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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**Energy Education Program Contract**

ENERGY EDUC.  
PROG. CONTRACT

Superintendent Sherman noted that the District's Attorney had reviewed the Energy Education contract and they said it appears to be appropriate for authorization by the Board. It was Superintendent Sherman's recommendation to approve the Energy Education program contract. He said that Mr. Chuck Fasnacht of Energy Education, Inc. was in the audience and would answer any questions. Mr. Quandt asked Mr. Fasnacht to give a short summary of the program. Mr. Fasnacht said that the person who would be appointed as an on-site energy manager would be someone who is employed by the District and is usually a teacher or has teaching background. He or she would be required to work approximately 12-15 hours per week and would have to work evenings, weekends, and holidays. Energy Education, Inc. would train the energy manager. He said the program should save the District about \$1.0 million in energy costs over the next 10 years.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Quandt to approve the Energy Education Program Contract.

APPROVE  
ENERGY EDUC.  
PROGRAM CONT.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Stoddard)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman said that an exit poll survey had been developed and was on the tables at the Budget Vote. He said that voters could fill them out anonymously and leave them in the box which was provided. He said thus far, there was a good response.



Mr. Bonaker presented the Budget status reports for review. He said that tight spending controls were in place and that all line items have a positive balance.

BUDGET STATUS  
REPORT

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education authorize Budget Transfers as outlined on the schedule which was provided in Board Members’ information packets, a copy of which will be filed with the records of the meeting.

AUTHORIZE  
BUDGET TRANSFERS

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Stoddard)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education authorize the payment of Warrant #11 as follows:

WARRANT #11

Warrant #11 totaling \$399,680.97 from the General Fund; \$11,824.41 from the School Lunch Fund; \$6,199.49 from the Federal Fund; \$17,875.36 from the Capital Fund; \$12,487.95 from the Trust and Agency Fund; and -0- from the Expendable Trust Fund.

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Stoddard)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Committees and approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education program services and placements consistent with such recommendations regarding the following students:

CSE, CPSE  
AND/OR 504  
RECOMMENDATION

- 1. #9914 Transfer Student
- 2. #9431 Transfer Student
- 3. #6552 Annual Review
- 4. #6493 Annual Review
- 5. #5761 Annual Review
- 6. #90003 Annual Review
- 7. #9350 Annual Review
- 8. #9264A Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Stoddard)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1,053.00 to the Elementary School Wee Read Program.

ACCEPT  
DONATION TO  
WEE READ  
PROGRAM

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Stoddard)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1,053.86 to the Elementary School Wee Read Program.

ACCEPT  
DONATION TO  
WEE READ  
PROGRAM

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Stoddard)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education approve the BOCES Cooperative Bid for Food and Cafeteria Supplies for 2007-2008.

APPROVE  
BOCES  
COOPERATIVE  
BID

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Stoddard)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman distributed a proposed 2007-2008 school calendar to Board Members for review. He said that it would be on the agenda for adoption at the next Board Meeting on June 6, 2007. He noted that the calendar matches the school calendars of other local districts which all have the same vacations and days off. It was noted that state requirements stipulate no less than 180 days of student instruction, and that the collective bargaining agreement specifies that the maximum number of days of instruction not exceed 185. The calendar includes 187 days of instruction, two days of which would be used for inclement weather or other emergencies and if not used would be days that school would not be in session. These two days would be designated later in the spring.

2007-2008 SCHOOL  
CALENDAR

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education approve an Excursion Trip for the Adventure Club on May 19, 2007 to the Albany Rock Wall Gym. This is for insurance purposes. There will be no cost to the District.

APPROVE  
ADVENTURE CLUB  
EXCURSION TRIP  
ALBANY ROCK  
WALL GYM

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The following items were distributed to Board Members for review:

OTHER  
BUSINESS

1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School
2. Copy of Exit Poll Voter Survey
3. Invitation to Schoharie Area School Board’s Spring Dinner Meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2007 – It was noted that Board Members should respond as soon as possible.
4. Summary of the public forums held by the Board of Education during the 2005-2006 school year (which was requested by Board Members)

President Spies made note that the next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on June 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library Reading Room. The ensuing Regular Board of Education Meeting will be on June 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Reading Room.

NEXT  
MEETINGS

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Quandt to adjourn the regular meeting of May 15, 2007 and move to the High School Library Lobby to hear the results of the Budget Vote, Bus Purchase Proposition Vote and Board Member Election.

ADJOURN  
MEETING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Charles Wainwright asked to speak with the Board and requested some clarification from the school district as a follow-up to his recent resignation as a bus driver and cleaner.

President Spies declared the regular meeting of May 15, 2007 to be in recess at 8:55 p.m.

RECESS

Rose Wilber, District Clerk, read the results of the Public Budget Vote, Bus Purchase Proposition Vote and Board Member Election which included the following:

2007-2008 Budget	“Yes” – 518	“No” – 376	Budget was Approved
Bus Purchase Proposition	“Yes” – 570	“No” – 315	Bus Proposition was Approved
Board Members Elected:			
Shawn Gathen	670 votes		
Edythe Schultz	642 votes		
Mark Quandt	603 votes		

After the results were read, Board Members moved to Executive Session to discuss employee contract negotiations.

The Executive Session came to order at 9:20 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Quandt, Mr. Gathen, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Reinhart, Miss Wilber, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart to conclude the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

RETURN TO  
MEETING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Gathen to adjourn.

ADJOURN  
MEETING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the regular meeting of May 15, 2007 to be adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk