

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: APRIL 23, 2007  
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 PM – H.S. LIBRARY CLASSROOM  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: GATHEN, REINHART, SPIES, SCHLIEDER, STODDARD, WILBER  
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: QUANDT  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY BIRDSALL, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE, 1 DISTRICT RESIDENT, 0 STUDENTS

President Spies called the regular Board of Education meeting of April 23, 2007 to order at 7:11 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on April 4, 2007.

MINUTES  
4/4/07

Yes – 6  
No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda as well as the April and May calendars of events and facilities use. He made note that the calendar is also available on the school's website.

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**

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Sherman noted that the annual school budget and bus purchase proposition vote, as well as Board Member election will be held on May 15, 2007 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the High School Library lobby. The Bus Purchase Proposition is in the amount of \$270,486 and the 2007-2008 budget is \$18,671,382. Superintendent Sherman said there have been no changes since the Board last met.

Superintendent Sherman said the new school website is being updated on a regular basis. He said the District was able to utilize the website during the recent lockdown to give information to parents. He said a letter had been sent home with students the same day, but did not have full details because the authorities were still investigating the incident. He also said the building was kept secure and the procedures in place were very effective. He commended the staff on a job well done. He said that the suspects were apprehended and arrested.

**Request for an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Congress**

Superintendent Sherman noted that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team would like to form an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Congress, as the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade had done, and the Board approved previously. He said the advisors would be staff volunteers and there will be no expense to the District.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schliedier that the Board of Education approve the formation of a 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Congress. There will be no cost to the District.

APPROVE  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
CONGRESS

Yes – 6  
No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

BOE REPORT

**Energy Education Program**

Superintendent Sherman introduced Mr. Chuck Fasnacht of Energy Education, Inc. who gave a presentation to Board Members on a possible Energy Education Program for Schoharie Central School. Mr. Fasnacht distributed information to Board Members regarding a Savings Report. He said it is a guaranteed savings program and the savings would come from areas such as electricity and heating oil. He said the District would not need to purchase any special equipment, nor budget extra funds for the program. He said there will be software installed on site. The guarantee for this program is that if the savings fall short of what the Energy Education Program predicts, a check would be written to the District for that amount. The program is based on reducing consumption, such as kilowatt hours and gallons of fuel. Mr. Fasnacht said that an energy manager would need to be appointed to be on site. He said the person is usually a teacher or former employee and a stipend of \$12,000 to \$15,000 was suggested. Mr. Stoddard asked if the manager could be a custodian. Mr. Fasnacht said it could, but whoever the person was, he or she would need to be able to communicate to all levels of employees. He also said that the person would work about 12-15 hours per week and would work nights, weekends and holidays. President Spies said that this would be discussed further in Executive Session due to contractual issues and would also need to be presented to the District’s attorneys. The program will be discussed further at a future Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Gathen to take a short recess at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of having pictures taken of Board Members for the 2006-2007 school yearbook.

RECESS

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mr. Stoddard said in light of the recent incidences at the school, he would like the District to look into hiring a safety officer. Recently, there was a lockdown at the school because a staff member saw an individual in a vehicle in the school parking lot with what appeared to be a gun. Local police agencies were notified and the suspects were apprehended and arrested. The guns found were gas powered pellet pistols. The second incident referred to was the arrest of a parent of a high school student for disruptive behavior in the office.

DISCUSSION  
SAFETY OFFICER

President Spies said nothing would change at this time as the budget has already been adopted. Mr. Stoddard said that if a person were to be appointed eventually, he/she would have to be New York State Certified through the Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Gathen said he would like to hear a presentation from Sheriff Bates regarding this. Superintendent Sherman said he would set up a meeting with the Sheriff to gather more information.

**PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Stoddard that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Heidi Haslun, Bus Driver, effective retroactive to 4/6/07.

ACCEPT  
RESIGNATION  
H. HASLUN  
BUS DRIVER

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education accept the retirement resignation of Roger Jones, Custodian, effective 6/30/07.

ACCEPT  
RETIREMENT  
RESIGNATION  
R. JONES,  
CUSTODIAN

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Gathen to Table the appointment of non-certified substitutes for discussion in Executive Session.

TABLE  
SUBSTITUTES  
NON-CERTIFIED

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

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Stoddard that the Board of Education vote for the following people to be elected to the BOCES Board:

BOCES BOARD  
ELECTION

Mr. Robert L. Domenici; Mr. Kevin Kutzscher; Mrs. Rose Surman

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

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education vote “Yes” on the BOCES Administrative Budget Vote in the amount of \$6,672,952.

BOCES ADMIN.  
BUDGET VOTE

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

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve the March 2007 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

TREASURER’S  
REPORT

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Bonaker presented the Budget Status Reports for review.

BUDGET STATUS  
REPORT

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Gathen 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 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education authorize the payment of Warrant #10 as follows:

WARRANT #10

Warrant #10 totaling \$475,130.35 from the General Fund; \$16,414,41 from the School Lunch Fund; \$5,847.14 from the Federal Fund; \$4,876.84 from the Capital Fund; \$12,782.09 from the Trust and Agency Fund; and -0- from the Expendable Trust Fund.

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

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Stoddard that the Board of Education authorize the payment of Warrant #10A in the amount of \$14,484.76.

WARRANT #10A

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

Motion Carried

Mr. Bonaker presented a report on the status of the Extra Classroom Activity Account.

EXTRA CLASS  
ROOM ACTIVITY  
FUND

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve the following transportation requests:

- 1. Faith Bible Academy, Town of Root – three families – nine children
- 2. Helderberg Christian School, Westerlo, NY – one family – one child
- 3. St. Marks Christian School, Middleburgh, NY – one family – one child

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

Motion Carried

APPROVE  
TRANSPORTATION  
REQUESTS FOR  
2007-2008

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education approve the Property Tax Report Card and Budget Notice for the 2007-08 proposed school budget.

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

Motion Carried

APPROVE FILING OF  
PROPERTY TAX  
REPORT CARD  
AND BUDGET  
NOTICE 2007-08

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Stoddard that the Board of Education accept donations in the amount of \$775.60 to the Wee Read Program.

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

Motion Carried

ACCEPT  
DONATIONS  
WEE READ PROG.

Mrs. Gillis explained to Board Members that a fundraiser in the Elementary School (collecting pennies) was to benefit a “1000 Book Club” which she would like to have in place by September 2007. The “1000 Book Club” would be offered to District residents with children ages 3-7 to borrow a bag of 10 books to read with their child. After they had finished reading those books, they would bring them back to exchange with another bag. There would be 100 bags in all, so after reading all 100 bags (usually by the time the children finish first grade), children will have been exposed to 1000 pieces of literature. The money being raised is for the bags which will be purchased from Tough Traveler and would cost \$15.00 a bag.

Motion was made by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education Table the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Proposed District Wellness Policy for discussion and possible adoption at the next meeting.

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

TABLE  
1<sup>ST</sup> READING  
DISTRICT WELLNESS  
POLICY

Superintendent Sherman said that Districts are required to have a Wellness Policy in place. There was a lengthy discussion with suggestions/corrections.

Motion was made by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education approve an FFA Field Trip to Albion High School, Albion, NY for the State FFA Convention May 3-5, 2007. This is for insurance purposes. There will be no cost to the District.

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

Motion Carried

APPROVE  
FFA FIELD TRIP  
TO ALBION H.S.  
ALBION, NY

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The following items were distributed to Board Members for review:

- 1. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Third Quarter Honor Roll
- 2. 2006-2007 Winter End-of-Season Reports
- 3. Newspaper articles

OTHER BUSINESS

President Spies made note that the next Regular Board of Education Meeting and Public Budget Hearing and will be on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. The Public Budget and Bus Purchase Proposition Vote, and Board Member elections will be on May 15, 2007 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the High School Library Lobby. The ensuing Regular Board of Education Meeting will be on May 15, 2007 at 8:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria.

NEXT  
MEETINGS

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Stoddard to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and specific personnel issues.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:40 p.m.

The Executive Session came to order at 8:50 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Gathen, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Stoddard, Miss Wilber, Mr. Reinhart, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 9:47 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Stoddard that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Tom Stalker, Modified Boys’ Basketball Coach.

RESIGNATION  
T. STALKER  
MOD. BASEBALL  
COACH

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Stoddard that the Board of Education appoint Sharon Cole and add her name to the Non-Certified Substitute List effective 4/26/07.

APPOINT  
S. COLE  
NON-CERTIFIED  
SUBSTITUTE

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

ADJOURN

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting of April 23, 2007 to be adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk