

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: AUGUST 1, 2007
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: GATHEN, QUANDT, REINHART, SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT: NONE
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & PUPIL SERVICES
GEORGE WILBER, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & TRANSP.
0 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 2 DISTRICT RESIDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 1, 2007 to order at 7:13 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

Superintendent Sherman gave Board Members a tour of the newly refinished floors in the High School Gymnasium and High School Cafeteria prior to the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart to approve the Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting on July 11, 2007.

APPROVE MINUTES
REORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING ON 7/11/07

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2007.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ON 7/11/07

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 18, 2007.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ON 7/18/07

Yes – 6

No – 0

Abstain – 1 (Schlieder)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and August calendar of events and facilities use. He made note that there would be one additional appointment in the Personnel-Instructional portion of the meeting.

CALENDAR
AND AGENDA

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Spies offered the privilege of the floor.

Mrs. Pamela Newell, a district resident, requested to have a meeting with Board Members in Executive Session regarding a personal issue.

Mrs. Newell also said that she recently viewed the District's website and noted two possible errors or discrepancies. On the EPTSO link she said the heading was Elementary PTSO, but felt that it should be spelled out (Elementary Parent Teacher Student Organization – EPTSO). She also noted on the calendar of the webpage that it gave dates for Grades K-4 Report Cards to go home, but did not indicate when the Grades 5-6 would be sent home. Mrs. Wilber, elementary school secretary, said that the dates for Grades 5-6 had just been set and would be added to the calendar the next day.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Sherman gave an update on the EXCEL Capital Project. He said that he and Mr. Bonaker had recently met with the architects. He asked Board Members to have a meeting the following week at which time the architects would present information which would include estimated costs and would put together a package to be presented to District Residents for vote. The meeting was set for Wednesday, August 8th at 6:30 pm in the High School Library Reading Room.

NEW CAPITAL PROJECT

Superintendent Sherman said he had received petitions for property assessments. Mr. Bonaker will have more information at the next Board Meeting.

TAX ASSESSMENTS

Superintendent Sherman distributed a draft of the Energy Management Conservation Policy and said the policy would be presented for first reading at the next Board Meeting.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT POLICY

Superintendent Sherman gave an update on the proposal to shift four districts to the Otsego Northern Catskill BOCES. He said that the Reckefeller Institute does not recommend this proposal. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for August 27th at Mohonasen Central School from 7-9 pm. President Spies asked Board Members if anyone was interested in attending the meeting. Several members indicated that they would like to attend.

BOCES REORGANIZATION

School Lunch Prices

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

Mr. Bonaker asked Board Members to approve a price increase for the school lunch program. He said that lunch prices were raised 2 years ago for grades 7-12 and 3 years ago for elementary grades. He proposed a ten cent increase which would raise the price of school lunches for elementary grades from \$1.55 to \$1.65 and for Grades 7-12 from \$1.80 to \$1.90. Other price increases will be presented at a later date.

Motion was made by President Spies, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve the school lunch prices for the 2007-2008 school year, as follows:

APPROVE SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Grades K-6 \$1.65
Grades 7-12 \$1.90

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

BOARD REPORT

There were no reports from Board Members.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to amend the appointment of Deborah Goetz. This is a correction from the 7/11/07 appointment. Mrs. Goetz was tenured at a previous school and should therefore serve a 2-year probationary period rather than a 3-year period. The probationary ending date is 8/31/09.

AMEND PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT OF D. GOETZ SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Marcia Brant to a 3 year probationary appointment as follows:

APPOINT
M. BRANT
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER

- Name of Appointee: Marcia Brant
- Title of Position: Special Education Teacher
- Tenure Area: Special Education
- Effective Date: September 1, 2007
- Probation Ending Date: August 31, 2010
- Certification: Permanent – Special Education (7-12)
Permanent – Social Studies (K-12)
- Salary Status: Master’s Step 4, plus 3 - \$39,370
(based on 2006-07 STA Contract and subject to change)

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Cliff Haslun as Energy Manager, effective August 1, 2007, with an annualized stipend of \$13,500.

APPOINT
C. HASLUN
ENERGY MANAGER

Mr. Bonaker reported that he and Mr. Merwin Reed of Energy Education conducted interviews for the position of Energy Manager. It was noted that this appointment would be renewed annually and should be added to the annual reorganizational meeting. It was noted that Mr. Bonaker would be the immediate supervisor for the Energy Manager.

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Michele Marshall as Jr./Sr. High School Substitute Caller, effective for the 2007-2008 school year, with stipend of \$2,736.

APPOINT
M. MARSHALL
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
SUBSTITUTE CALLER

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Nilani DeSilva as Elementary School Substitute Caller, effective for the 2007-2008 school year, with stipend of \$2,736.

APPOINT
N. DESILVA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SUBSTITUTE CALLER

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Bonaker to approve the bid award for a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban to DePaula Chevrolet, Inc., 781 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206-1501 in the amount of \$36,964.

BID AWARD
CHEVROLET SUBURBAN
DEPAULA CHEVROLET

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Wilber, transportation supervisor, said the new vehicle would be replacing a bus which has 252,000 miles. He said that the old bus would become a yard vehicle and would replace a much older yard vehicle.

Mr. Wilber reported that all 66 passenger buses with the exception of 2 have the strobe lights installed on them. He said that he had the opportunity to experience them during recent fog and reported that they work extremely well.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Reinhart 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. #9267A Initial Eligibility Determination
- 2. #9268A Initial Eligibility Determination
- 3. #9263A Initial Eligibility Determination
- 4. #09246 Annual Review
- 5. #09285 Annual Review
- 6. #9405 Annual Review
- 7. #09867 Annual Review
- 8. #9840 Annual Review
- 9. #9175 Annual Review
- 10. #06966 Initial Eligibility Determination
- 11. #6829 Initial Eligibility Determination
- 12. #0096 Annual Review
- 13. #9413 Annual Review
- 14. #9262A Annual Review
- 15. #9346 Annual Review
- 16. #9340 Annual Review
- 17. #6259 Annual Review
- 18. #6695 Annual Review
- 19. #6080 Annual Review
- 20. #6787 Annual Review
- 21. #02828 Annual Review
- 22. #9403 Annual Review
- 23. #9006 Annual Review
- 24. #6185 Annual Review
- 25. #5821 Annual Review
- 26. #08072 Annual Review
- 27. #9011 Annual Review
- 28. #08050 Annual Review
- 29. #08068 Annual Review
- 30. #5947 Annual Review
- 31. #2819 Annual Review
- 32. #9418 Annual Review
- 33. #6085 Annual Review
- 34. #09000 Annual Review
- 35. #6621 Initial Eligibility Determination
- 36. #6761 Annual Review
- 37. #9431 Annual Review
- 38. #9914 Annual Review
- 39. #06718 Annual Review
- 40. #9035 Initial Eligibility Determination
- 41. #0065 Annual Review

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

ADDITION TO AGENDA - BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve a request for transportation for one additional family with one student to Cornerstone Christian Academy in Sloansville. The District currently transports other students to this non-public school.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

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BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for review:

- 1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School

President Spies stated that the next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on August 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom.

NEXT MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to enter into Executive Session to discuss a specific student issue, negotiations, contractual agreements, and personnel matters relating to specific individuals.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 7

No –

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 7:50 p.m.

MEETING
RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 7:55 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Gathen, Mr. Schlieder, Mrs. Schultz, Miss Wilber, Mr. Quandt, Mr. Reinhart, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present. Also present were Mrs. Newell (District Resident/Parent), Mrs. Gillis (Elementary Principal), and Mrs. Wilber (District Clerk).

Mrs. Gillis was excused at 8:45 p.m.

Mrs. Wilber was excused at 9:05 pm.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Lorraine Davis as School Physician for the 2007-2008 school year.

APPOINT
DR. L. DAVIS
SCHOOL PHYSICIAN
FOR 2007-2008

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

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

ADJOURN

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2007 to be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk