

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2007
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: GATHEN, REINHART, SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, WILBER (arr. @ 7:13 pm)
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT: QUANDT, SPIES
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
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND PUPIL SERVICES
GEORGE WILBER, SUPV. OF BUILDINGS., GROUNDS. & TRANSPORTATION
0 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 1 DISTRICT RESIDENT; 6 FACULTY MEMBERS

Mr. Reinhart, senior Board Member, called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 5, 2007 to order at 7:02 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Minutes of the EXCEL Project Vote on November 27, 2007. APPROVE MINUTES
EXCEL PROJECT VOTE
ON 11/27/07
Yes – 4
No – 0
Absent – 3 (Quandt, Spies, Wilber) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Reinhart to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting on November 27, 2007. MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ON 11/27/07

Mr. Gathen said that the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting should be tabled until the other members were there to vote as both he and Mr. Schlieder were not present at the November 27, 2007 Meeting and there were only four members in attendance this evening.

Mrs. Schultz rescinded her motion and Mr. Reinhart rescinded his second.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder to table the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 27, 2007 until more members were present.
Yes – 4
No – 0
Absent – 3 (Quandt, Spies, Wilber) Motion Carried

Mr. Reinhart reviewed the Agenda and December calendar of events and facilities use. CALENDAR AND
AGENDA

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Reinhart offered the privilege of the floor. No one requested to speak. PRIVILEGE OF
THE FLOOR

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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Superintendent Sherman stated that since there were three Board Members absent, he would table Item C on the agenda – Regulatory Compliance Resources.

Middle-Level Advisory Program

MIDDLE LEVEL
EDUCATION
ADVISORY PROGRAM

Mrs. Birdsall gave a short presentation on the Middle-Level Advisory Program. She distributed information to Board members which included a policy statement from the New York State Board of Regents. The statement declared that the New York State Education Department’s seven Essential Elements should be in place in standards-focused schools with middle-level grades in New York State. The seven Essential Elements are:

1. A philosophy and mission that reflect the intellectual and developmental needs and characteristics of young adolescents.
2. An educational program that is comprehensive, challenging, purposeful, integrated, relevant, and standards-based.
3. An organization and structure that support both academic excellence and personal development.
4. Classroom instruction appropriate to the needs and characteristics of young adolescents provided by skilled and knowledgeable teachers.
5. Strong educational leadership and a building administration that encourages, facilitates, and sustains involvement, participation, and students.
6. A network of academic and personal support available for all students.
7. Professional learning and staff development for all staff that are ongoing, planned, purposeful, and collaboratively developed.

Mrs. Birdsall introduced middle level teachers Cynthia Malone, Judy Petrosillo, Stephanie Hammond, Vanessa Baker and Kevin Scofield who were all in attendance. Mrs. Birdsall said that there was an enormous amount of information available on the New York State Education Department website. She then turned the program over to the teachers.

Miss Wilber arrived at 7:13 pm.

Mrs. Petrosillo spoke on behalf of the group of teachers in attendance. She said the biggest obstacle was the implementation of the program. She explained that students were grouped together with students they would not normally socialize with. She said that the students weren’t real receptive to the idea at first, but have come around. She also feels that there have been fewer discipline referrals this year as compared to other years. She also noted that the 8th grade students were unhappy that they had to give up half of their lunch period for the advisory setting and held a protest. She said that Mrs. Kenyon, the guidance counselor spoke with them and explained the importance of the program and there have been no other problems.

Mrs. Malone explained that the team is working on building connections with each other, families and community. She said they are incorporating physical activity, wellness, goal-setting, character education into the program.

Mr. Reinhart and Superintendent Sherman thanked the team members for attending the meeting.

Replacement Buses for Proposition in May 2008

REPLACEMENT BUSES
FOR PROPOSITION ON
MAY 20, 2008

Mr. Bonaker distributed information on the purchase of new buses for the 2008-2009 school year to be included in the budget process. He said that George Wilber, Supervisor of Transportation, and his team have been looking at equipment and have recommended the purchase of two 66 passenger buses, one 28 passenger van, one 16 passenger van, and one 7 passenger suburban, in the amount of \$296,067 after trade-ins.

Mr. Wilber was present and gave a report on his recommendations. He said that the District tries to turn buses over before they become a problem with Department of Transportation inspections. He said that they try to keep the mileage around 80,000 – 100,000 miles.

Mr. Wilber explained that he and his team had decided to go with Bluebirds for the 66 passenger buses. He said the Bluebirds get approximately 8-9 miles per gallon of gas. He noted that they will have the white top and tinted windows and will come equipped with strobe lights. He also noted that they have more luck with buses which have a cab as opposed to the flat nosed bus which is noisier and a rougher ride.

Mr. Wilber said that the current suburbans are crowding 200,000 miles and need to be replaced. He also noted that vans work better for transporting students on the city runs.

Mr. Bonaker explained that, if passed at the May 20th vote, money would be borrowed as soon as possible after the vote and the buses would arrive during the summer of 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education direct the administration to include the bus purchase recommendations discussed (copy attached to official minutes) in the tentative 2008-2009 budget.

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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Capital Project Update

Mr. Reinhart reported that Board members had another meeting with the Architect firm. Mr. Gathen said they went over drawings, and made a few updates.

CAPITAL PROJECT
UPDATE

Board Goals

BOARD GOALS

Mr. Reinhart said that Board Members have been working on goals for the Board of Education for quite some time. An updated copy of the goals was distributed. (copy attached to official Minutes) There was one correction noted. Goal #1 – strategy #3 should read “Provide support for initiatives which endeavor to increase the graduation rate.”

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the Board of Education Goals, with the correction, for 2007-2008.

ACCEPT BOARD OF
EDUCATION GOALS
FOR 2007-2008

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve tenure for Stephanie Hammond, with congratulations, as follows:

APPROVE TENURE
S. HAMMOND
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER

Tenure Area:	Special Education
Probationary Appointment:	12/08/04
Tenure Commencing:	12/07/07
Certification Status:	Permanent
Certification Area:	Special Education, Elementary

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to correct the stipend for Barbara Almy, Elementary Health/PE Area V Coordinator 9/1/07, \$760, effective retroactive to 7/1/07 for the 2007-2008 school year.

CORRECT STIPEND
ELEMENTARY HEALTH/
PE AREA COORDINATOR

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman for the following actions on Personnel - Instructional Items a-b as listed here:

THAT the Board of Education approve the reclassification for Charles Schrom from Cleaner to Custodian, effective 12/6/07.

RECLASSIFICATION
C. SCHROM
CLEANER TO CUSTODIAN

THAT the Board of Education approve the reclassification for Stephen Bouck, Sr. from Cleaner to Custodian, effective 12/6/07.

RECLASSIFICATION
S. BOUCK
CLEANER TO CUSTODIAN

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Miss Wilber to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, contractual agreements, and personnel matters relating to specific individuals.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

Mr. Reinhart declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:05 p.m.

RECESS MEETING

The Executive Session came to order at 8:12 p.m. with Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Gathen Miss Wilber, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Reinhart, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

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

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

Mr. Reinhart declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the bid awards for surplus items. (copy attached to official minutes)

APPROVE BID AWARDS
FOR SURPLUS ITEMS

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

Members of the Board congratulated Mr. Reinhart on the manner in which he conducted the Board of Education meeting on behalf of the President and Vice-President who were unable to attend due to official commitments.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 5, 2007.

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt, Spies)

Motion Carried

Mr. Reinhart declared the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2007 to be adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk