

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2008
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: 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
DAVID BARNES, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (ACTING) PRINCIPAL
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & PUPIL SERVICES
KEVIN SCOFIELD, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (ACTING) DEAN OF STUDENTS
JIM PETTY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR INTERN
0 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 5 DISTRICT RESIDENTS; 3 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 27, 2008 to order at 7:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 6, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
2/6/08

Yes – 5

No – 0

Abstain – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and March calendar of events and facilities use.

CALENDAR AND
AGENDA

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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There were no reports from Members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTSUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Sherman reported that the senior class Valedictorian and Salutatorian for 2007-08 have been named. He introduced Lindsay R. Stolzenburg, daughter of Mark and Nan Stolzenburg, who was named the Valedictorian. He also introduced Maxwell Meadows, son of Michael Meadows and Debbie Paden, who was named the Salutatorian. Superintendent Sherman read their biographies to Board Members and the audience which included all of their accomplishments. Copies of their biographies were distributed to Members.

Mr. Bonaker introduced Mr. Jim Petty who is doing a school business administrator internship at Schoharie Central School.

2008-09 Administrative Budget Requests2008-09 ADMINISTRATOR
BUDGET REQUESTS

Superintendent Sherman stated that the administrators would be presenting their preliminary budget requests for the 2008-09 school year to the Board Members this evening.

Superintendent Sherman introduced Mrs. Linda Nevulis, Director of Curriculum and Pupil Services. Mrs. Nevulis requested the addition of one teaching assistant at the high school level. The use of teaching assistants enable special education teachers to maximize their resources by providing a more favorable adult to student ratio in special education settings. In analyzing the 2008-09 enrollment of special education students within our junior/senior high school it is clear, she said, that the addition of one teaching assistant is needed to provide adequate support. These services will be beneficial in augmenting services to students with intense needs in the effort to provide appropriate educational programming for these students within the Schoharie Central School District. Mrs. Nevulis said that the teaching assistant would decrease the likelihood of students being sent to out of district placements, which could save the District money as opposed to the extra cost of bussing them out of district.

Superintendent Sherman next introduced Mr. David Barnes, Acting Jr./Sr. High School Principal. Mr. Barnes said the Jr./Sr. High School is requesting the following:

- Summer School for grades 7-9
- 2 extra slots for the GED Program
- Funding for Summer Curriculum Writing
- Technology Lab Equipment
- Addition of a Music Teacher
- Extension of Advisory to Grade 9

Mr. Barnes spoke to the necessity of each of the above requests.

Superintendent Sherman next introduced Mrs. Maryellen Gillis, Elementary School Principal. Mrs. Gillis said the Elementary School is requesting the following:

- Additional textbooks
- Additional classroom furniture
- Summer School
 - This program would be supportive for students who would benefit from the extra help, not just students who are failing.
- A Student Newspaper; Student Council; Afterschool Enrichment Program
- Continuation of Wee Read and Wee Count Programs
- 3 Teaching Assistants for the Reading Department
 - These positions would also be assigned to help with lunch/recess supervision
- Funding for Writing Curriculum (to be done in the summer)
- Enrichment Program Advisor
- Positive Behavior Intervention Support Services (District-Wide Discipline Program)

Mrs. Gillis spoke to the necessity of each of the above requests.

Superintendent Sherman read Mr. Rockhill’s, the Athletic Director, requests as follows:

- Uniform Replacement Program
- Football Program
- Ice Machine
- Tennis Tables
- Replace Scoreboard
- Replace Sound System

President Spies thanked the administrators for their presentations. He asked Members if they felt an extra meeting should be scheduled for a budget work session. He noted that the following are scheduled meeting dates: March 5th, March 19th, and April 9th. He noted that it is hoped that the budget would be adopted by the April 9th meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education schedule April 2, 2008 as an extra Board Meeting date in addition to the already scheduled meeting dates.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

ADD APRIL 2ND
AS EXTRA BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING
BUDGET WORK SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Reinhart to take a short recess.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

RECESS MEETING

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:54 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

EXCEL Project Update

Superintendent Sherman distributed copies of diagrams of the EXCEL Project. The diagrams included improvements to the gymnasium/fitness room and also auditorium improvements.

EXCEL PROJECT
UPDATE

Superintendent Sherman suggested that Board Members and that members of the audience check out the new art piece which was hung in the stairwell of the second floor and can be seen from the foyer outside of the library. The artwork was done by students and was entitled “Glowing August”.

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Carol A. Benham as Claims Auditor, at \$17.50 per hour, effective 2/28/08.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

APPOINT
C. BENHAM
CLAIMS AUDITOR

Ms. Benham was interviewed by Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker and President Spies. President Spies said he had the job description for claims auditor if any Member would like to view it. Members asked that Ms. Benham attend a meeting to give a presentation.

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve an unpaid leave of absence to Pamela Guest, Teacher Aide, effective 4/9/08 – 4/11/08 and 4/21/08 – 4/25/08.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

APPROVE UNPAID
LEAVE OF ABSENCE
P. GUEST, TEACHER
AIDE

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve an unpaid leave of absence to Barbara Ardito, Food Service Helper, effective 4/30/08 – 5/10/08.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

APPROVE UNPAID
LEAVE OF ABSENCE
B. ARDITO, FOOD
SERVICE HELPER

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 2008.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

TREASURER’S
REPORT

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education authorize Budget Transfers as presented. (copy attached to official Minutes)

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

AUTHORIZE
BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the following:

PAYMENT OF
WARRANT #8

Warrant #8 totaling \$568,488.11 from the General Fund; \$16,757.95 from the School Lunch Fund; \$51,078.74 from the Federal Fund; \$123,225.00 from the Capital Fund; and \$15,462.98 from the Trust and Agency Fund.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

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
RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. #0078 Requested Review
- 2. #09779 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 3. #09837 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 4. #0098 Requested Review
- 5. #0097 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 6. #09011 Requested Review

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept a Donation, with thanks, from Cecile Stewart in the amount of \$300 for the High School Band.

ACCEPT DONATION
FOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept, with thanks, donations in the amounts of \$130.50 and \$19.50 from the EPTSO for the Wee Read Program.

ACCEPT DONATIONS
FOR WEE READ
PROGRAM

Yes – 6
No – 0

Motion Carried

Band Trip – High School

DISCUSSION ANNUAL
HIGH SCHOOL BAND
TRIP TO VIRGINIA
BEACH

There was a discussion by Board Members regarding the High School Band trip to Virginia Beach and the funding. It was noted that most of the funds are raised through fund-raisers and also given by parents.

Members asked for more information to be presented at the next meeting which would explain what the funds would be used for.

OTHER BUSINESS

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BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School.
2. Labor Relations Report – February 2008
3. Report of Projected Year-End Fund Balance
4. Invitation to the BOCES Annual Meeting to be held on April 9, 2008
5. Elementary School Lunch Menu/Calendar

President Spies stated that the next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom. The ensuing meeting will be held on March 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School cafeteria. The April Meetings will be April 2nd, 9th, and 21st, 2008.

NEXT MEETINGS
3/5/08 and 3/19/08

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

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 6
No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 9:50 p.m.

RECESS MEETING

The Executive Session came to order at 10:00 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Quandt, Ms. Schultz, Mr. Reinhart, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Reinhart to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Regular meeting.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Yes – 6
No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:58 pm

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber to appoint Cliff Haslun to the position of Transportation Supervisor at an annual salary of \$44,000, classification of Civil Service Confidential/Managerial, effective 2/28/08.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Reinhart to adjourn the meeting.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURN
MEETING

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2008 to be adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk