

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2008
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: QUANDT; REINHART; SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER (arr. @ 8:40)
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT: NONE
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
BARBARA J. SMITH, SUBSTITUTE DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
DAVID BARNES, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (ACTING) PRINCIPAL
JAMIE ROCKHILL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
2 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 2 DISTRICT RESIDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 6, 2008 to order at 7:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Schlieder to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 16, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
1/16/08

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and February 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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REPORT

There were no reports from Board members.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Shawn Gathen, Board of Education Trustee, effective 1/23/08.

RESIGNATION
S. GATHEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TRUSTEE

Yes - 5
No - 0
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

The acceptance of Mr. Gathen's resignation was made with regret and wishes of good luck and thanks for his service on the Board of Education by all Board members present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Superintendent Sherman distributed information for both the Capital Project and the Preliminary Budget.

EXCEL Project Update

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UPDATE**

Superintendent Sherman used a 3-D modeling program which used data supplied by our architects to display a model of the proposed theatre with changes.

Gym Area

- 1) The door leading from the fitness room to the Physical Education Office will be relocated for privacy reasons.
- 2) A water faucet will be added to the Custodial room.
- 3) The dividing wall in the gym will be removed and a fabric wall (curtain) will be installed. This curtain will either roll from the ceiling or come across from the storage area.

Auditorium

- 1) The theater area will have the left side steps removed and have collapsible steps available when needed. This change will provide extra room for the orchestra.
- 2) The enclosure box covering the stage lights in the auditorium is no longer needed as it is not necessary to meet the building code. These lights are set up to be made higher and lowered by a switch for ease of changing lighting.
- 3) The ceiling will include acoustical tiles suspended below the ceiling which gives a greater height to the ceiling for better hearing in the auditorium. The higher stage ceiling will also allow stage pieces to be lifted above the stage viewing area using counter weight rigging.
- 4) The doors off the stage need to be boxed in to meet building codes.
- 5) The door leading to the hallway near the music room will be changed to a double door allowing access for the piano, and other large musical instruments and props.
- 6) The 1928 ventilation system will be removed to make way for the new air conditioning, heating and ventilation system.
- 7) The windows will have some sort of treatment to allow them to be darkened.

Preliminary 2008-09 Budget

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET
FOR 2008-09**

Superintendent Sherman and Mr. Bonaker presented a preliminary 2008-2009 budget using a Power Point presentation. Mr. Sherman pointed out that this is not a "Rollover Budget" as there are a few additional items included. Mr. Sherman pointed out the following issues which will impact the 2008-2009 Budget:

Continuing Challenges/Opportunities impacting the 2008-2009 Budget

- Standards for Learning-increased accountability
- No Child Left Behind Act - staff certification; staff development
- Curriculum and Instruction - data analysis; professional reviews; assessments
- Student Needs - preparation for tomorrow
- Finances – State Aid not keeping pace with cost of living
- Instructional Technology - improvements needed
- Facilities – repairs; energy conservation
- Transportation – fleet maintenance; replacement vehicles
- Fiscal Outlook - community has financial constraints
- Board Goals to improve instructional programs

Several anticipated cost increases were discussed, such as health insurance, special need students and the fact that the aid proposed by the preliminary State governor does not increase in conjunction with the mandated services required for these students.

2008-09 Preliminary Budget Summary

Total Preliminary Budget amount of \$19,710,197

- ☐ Increase from 2007-08 adopted budget of \$1,038,815 (5.56%)
- ☐ Accounts for all basic instructional and operational needs (moves 2007-08 program into 2008-09).
- ☐ Maintains programs to improve teacher training, student testing and curriculum revisions to comply with state learning standards and graduation requirements.
- ☐ Adds some critical needs that will be detailed on another slide in this presentation.

Major Impact Factors:

- ☐ Salary adjustments for employees (\$342,535; 32.97% of total budget change)
- ☐ Health insurance for employees cost increase (\$287,020 ; 27.63 % of total budget change)
- ☐ BOCES costs increases (\$154,300; 14.85% of total budget change)
- ☐ Debt Service Payments (buses and capital projects): (\$167,049; 16.16% of total budget change)

These 4 major cost centers account for 91.54 percent (\$950,904) of the total preliminary budget increase for 2008-09 over the amount budgeted and accepted by the voters for the current 2007-08 budget.

Following are Key Dates for the budget process:

- ☐ Public Forum on Tentative Budget – March 19
- ☐ Board Adopts Proposed Budget – April 8
- ☐ Public Hearing on Proposed Budget - May 7
- ☐ Vote by Public on Proposed Budget / Bus Purchases / Board Members - May 20

Mr. Quandt asked if Mr. Bonaker could provide data reflecting previous budget appropriations and expenses over the past few years. President Spies asked if the information could actually show both actual and projected totals. Mr. Bonaker said the information would be in the next packet of materials that is provided to the Board.

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve a Leave of Absence for Stacey Birdsall, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, effective retroactive to 1/29/08 and through 3/25/08.

APPROVE
LEAVE OF ABSENCE
S. BIRDSALL
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman reported that Stacy’s surgery went well and she is doing well.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Jaclyn Sherwin and add her name to the Certified Substitute List, various pay rates depending on position, effective 2/7/08.
SUBSTITUTE

APPOINT
J. SHERWIN
CERTIFIED

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint George Wilber III as a Substitute Bus Driver, \$12.60 per hour, effective retroactive to 1/ 31/08.

APPOINT
G. WILBER
SUBSTITUTE
BUS DRIVER

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Quandt, seconded by Ms. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Floyd Lamont Jr. as AHERA Officer, with an annual stipend of \$2,500 pro-rated, effective 2/7/08.

APPOINT
F. LAMONT JR.
AHERA OFFICER

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education Accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following people and add their names to the Non-Certified Substitute List, various pay rates depending on position, effective 2/7/08.

APPOINT NON-
CERTIFIED
SUBSTITUTES
L. STEWART
B. WILLIAMS

1. Lynn Stewart
2. Betsy Williams

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Ms. Schultz 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. #6881 Amendment – No Meeting
- 2. #9223 Amendment – No Meeting
- 3. #90010 Amendment – No Meeting (**THIS ITEM WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO VOTE**)
- 4. #0030 Requested Review
- 5. #09917 Requested Review
- 6. #06633 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 7. #00118 Amendment – No Meeting
- 8. #0184 Requested Review
- 9. #03331 Requested Review Transfer Student
- 10. #0198 Requested Review Transfer Student
- 11. #9078 Requested Review Transfer Student
- 12. #9078 Requested Review Transfer Student

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion was made by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education approve the 7th Grade trip to Boston, Massachusetts on June 17, 2008. There is no cost to the District for this trip

APPROVE 7TH GRADE
TRIP TO BOSTON,
MASSACHUSETTS

Yes – 5
No – 0 Motion Carried
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Mr. Schlieder spoke about the trip being part funded. Mr. Barnes said the 7th grade pupils are raising money with a fruit sale.

Extra Classroom Fund Information

Mr. Bonaker explained that these figures are normally given in the second meeting in January, but the report was not available then. President Spies announced that no action is needed as this is informational.

OTHER BUSINESS

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The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

- 1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School.
- 2. Letter from TechValley High School.
- 3. Procedures for Use of Motion Pictures in the Classroom which contain a Rating of PG, PG-13, or R.
- 4. Annual Report on Student Enrollments and Facilities – 1/2008.
- 5. STA’s notice of intent to move Grievance #2 (Coaching Appointments) to Arbitration.
- 6. Labor Relations Report – 1/2008.

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President Spies stated that the next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom.

NEXT MEETING
2/27/08

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

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:04 p.m.

RECESS MEETING

The Executive Session came to order at 8:15 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Quandt, Ms. Schultz, Mr. Reinhart, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Ms. Wilber arrived at 8:40 p.m.

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

RECONVENE
MEETING

Yes – 5
No – 0
Abstain- 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:15pm

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder seconded by Mr. Reinhardt to appoint Kevin Scofield as acting Dean of Students for the Jr./Sr. High School, Effective February 8, 2008.

APPOINT
K. SCOFIELD
ACTING DEAN
OF STUDENTS

Yes – 6
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhardt, seconded by Ms. Schultz to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 6
No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2008 to be adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Smith
Substitute District Clerk