

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2008
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: QUANDT (arr. @7:18); REINHART; SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT: GATHEN
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
JAMIE ROCKHILL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
JOSIE ENNIST, FOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 1 DISTRICT RESIDENT; 3 FACULTY MEMBERS
4 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 16, 2008 to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 2, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
1/2/08

Yes – 4

No – 0

Abstain –1 (Reinhart)

Absent – 2 (Quandt; Gathen)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and January and February calendar of events and facilities use. A revised agenda was distributed to Board members.

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 Board members.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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Tech Valley Presentation

TECH VALLEY
PRESENTATION

Superintendent Sherman introduced Molly Ennist, a former SCS student who now attends Tech Valley High School. Molly gave a Power-Point presentation. She said that Tech Valley is project-based learning: (learning through projects; no lectures; workshops and homework; groups of 2-4; students present to the “public”; certification exams). Her classes include:

- Environmental Analysis (Science and Math)
- Global Analysis & Media Experience (Social Studies and English)
- Chinese
- Art
- Physical Education
- Advisory
- Sustained Silent Reading
- Clubs
 - Debate; Media; Outdoors; Yearbook; Design

Molly said she enjoys attending Tech Valley High School.

Athletic Conference – Leadership Day

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
LEADERSHIP DAY

Mr. Rockhill reported that he recently met with the Western Athletic Conference Schools at SUNY Cobleskill. Each school took several students from the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades. A speaker for the conference was Dennis O’Sullivan a former NY Jets player. He spoke on the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

Foundation for Rural Education and Development Award

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL
EDUCATION AND
DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Superintendent Sherman introduced Sarah Lamoureux who was selected by the Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED) to win a position for a trip to Washington, DC in March for the Leadership Through Learning Program. Sarah was nominated by Middleburgh Telephone Company for this honor. Sarah had to write a 1000 word essay. Other criteria for the award include academic achievements, community involvement, and leadership skills. She was selected by the National Committee to attend the conference in Washington DC. She will leave for Washington on March 9th for a one week, all expense paid trip. Congratulations, Sarah!

Five-Year Financial Plan Update

FIVE-YEAR
FINANCIAL PLAN
UPDATE

Superintendent Sherman and Mr. Bonaker gave a Power-Point presentation on the Five-Year Financial Forecast for Schoharie Central School.

Superintendent Sherman started the presentation with the Mission Statement of the school. He said the Mission Statement was 25 years old and he would like to have it updated.

Mr. Bonaker gave a presentation on the Financial Forecast 2008-09 to 2012-13 which included:

Assumptions for Budget Appropriations:

- Teacher Retirement System employer contribution rates are projected to increase up to 11% in ensuing years.
- Stabilization of Employees Retirement System (non-instructional employees) costs.
- Equipment for computer technology replacements and upgrades will need to be considered.
- Health insurance costs are expected to increase 10%-14% each year
- Debt Service expenses reflect a schedule of outstanding capital project bonds plus estimates for the new (EXCEL) project.
- Allocation of at least \$275,000 per year for bus purchase debt service.
- Potential of at least two retirements per year off-setting approximately \$80,000 in teacher salaries per year.
- Staffing levels assumed to be about the same over the next 5 years.

Assumptions for Revenues

- Annual appropriated fund balance in range of \$700,000.
- Foundation Aid in accordance with state budget adopted for 2007-08; 3% estimated increase per year afterward.
- Building Aid reflects debt related to previous \$9.485 million project and \$1.725 million roof project, offset by repayments of other outstanding debt related to past capital projects.
- Assumes Building Aid on capital projects at 83.8% of cost of total borrowing.
- Expenditure-driven aids (transportation, special education, BOCES) reflect levels of expenditure. Costs are reimbursed in the following year.
- Other revenues assumed to be relatively stable over next 5 years.

Mr. Bonaker concluded his presentation with a summary of fiscal data. He said it is important to realize that the figures are a direct roll-over budget projection. He said that a good portion of the projected budget changes over the next 5 years will be offset by state aid increases, effective maximization of other revenues, and strategic utilization of designated fund balance to stabilize tax rate increases.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following coaches for 2007-2008 with stipends as listed based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change:

APPOINT
COACHES
FOR 2007-08

Jeremy Karker	Little Indians Girls' Basketball	I-2	\$ 690
Charles Beninati	Varsity Boys' Baseball	E-2	\$2,890
Nick Poquette	Modified Boys' Baseball	I-2	\$1,380
Kevin Scofield	Varsity Girls' Softball	E-9	\$3,500
Angela Jackson	JV Girls' Softball	E-2	\$2,130
Steve Usher	Modified Boys' Track	E-2	\$1,510
Steve Hoard	Modified Girls' Track	E-4	\$1,590
Stanley France	Varsity Boys' Tennis	E-4	\$1,880
Leonard Coons	JV Boys' Basketball	E-2	\$2,130
Matt German	Varsity Girls' Track	E-2	\$2,890

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

Mr. Rockhill indicated that there are still 2 positions to be filled and there are potential candidates.

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman for the following actions on Personnel – Instruction Items b.-f.:

THAT the Board of Education appoint Wendy Molle as Elementary Library Media Specialist for the 2007-08 school year with stipend of \$760 (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change), effective retroactive to 9/1/07.

APPOINT W. MOLLE
ELEMENTARY LIBRARY
MEDIA SPECIALIST

THAT the Board of Education appoint Lindsay Weir as Foreign Language Chairperson for the 2007-08 school year with stipend of \$1,380 (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change), effective 1/17/08.

APPOINT L. WEIR
FOREIGN LANGUAGE
CHAIRPERSON

THAT the Board of Education appoint Jamie Mickle and add her name to the Certified Substitute List, effective 1/17/08.

APPOINT J. MICKLE
CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following Elementary School Mentors for the 2007-08 school year with stipends of \$1,370 each (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change), effective retroactive to 9/1/07:

APPOINT ELEMENTARY
MENTORS FOR
2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

1. Debbie Schaffer (for Nancy Thompson)
2. Janice Baptiste (for Bridget Krepcio)
3. Heather O'Brien (for Lisa Abrams)
4. Terry Blum (for Adriene Bush)
5. Kim McCarthy (for Kelly Quay)

THAT the Board of Education appoint Danialle Schrom as Temporary Teaching Assistant, Salary Step 1 - \$10,445 pro-rated (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change), 3.5 hours per day

APPOINT D. SCHROM
TEACHING ASSISTANT

effective 1/17/08 - 6/26/08.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman for the following actions on Personnel – Non-Instruction Items a.-d.:

THAT the Board of Education eliminate the position of a 5-hour Food Service Helper.

ELIMINATE POSITION
5-HOUR FOOD SERVICE
HELPER

THAT the Board of Education change the hours of Tina VanAller, Food Service Helper, from 4 hours per day to 4.5 hours per day, effective retroactive to 12/3/07.

CHANGE HOURS
T. VANALLER, FOOD
SERVICE HELPER

THAT the Board of Education change the hours of Lauralee Brooks, Food Service Helper, from 4 hours per day to 4.5 hours per day, effective retroactive to 12/3/07.

CHANGE HOURS
L. BROOKS, FOOD
SERVICE HELPER

THAT the Board of Education appoint Kelly Holt and add her name to the Non-Certified Substitute List, effective 1/17/08.

APPOINT K. HOLT
NON-CERTIFIED
SUBSTITUTE

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for December 2007.

TREASURER’S
REPORT

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

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

AUTHORIZE
BUDGET TRANSFERS

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

Mr. Bonaker reviewed the budget status report.

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

PAYMENT OF
WARRANT #7

Warrant #7 totaling \$426,703.59 from the General Fund; \$13,437.81 from the School Lunch Fund; \$15,675.76 from the Federal Fund; \$12,271.37 from the Capital Fund; and \$13,780.98 from the Trust and Agency Fund.

Warrant #7A totaling \$14,479.61 for employee Dental/Vision reimbursement.

PAYMENT OF
WARRANT #7A

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

President Spies and Board Members reviewed the Extra Classroom Activity Fund which was sent to them in their information packets.

EXTRA CLASSROOM
ACTIVITY FUND

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman for the following actions on Business Items f.-m.:

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. #08698 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
2. #0178 Amendment – No Meeting

THAT the Board of Education approve the 6th Grade trip to the Bronx Zoo on June 20, 2008 (rain date: 6/23/08). There is no cost to the District for this trip.

APPROVE 6TH GRADE
TRIP TO BRONX ZOO

THAT the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation from Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in the amount of \$250 for the purchase of pedometers.

ACCEPT DONATION FOR
PURCHASE OF
PEDOMETERS

THAT the Board of Education accept, with thanks, donations from an anonymous donor in the amounts of \$7,515.64 and \$2,798.24 for the school music program.

ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR
SCHOOL MUSIC
PROGRAM

THAT the Board of Education approve the updated Non-Resident Tuition Rates for 2007-2008 as follows:

APPROVE
NON-RESIDENT
TUITION RATES

- | | |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Grades K-6 | \$4,394.00 per year |
| Grades 7-12 | \$4,599.00 per year |

THAT the Board of Education approve the Student Health and Welfare Services Agreement between the Schoharie Central School District and the North Greenbush Central School District.

APPROVE STUDENT
HEALTH AND WELFARE
AGREEMENT WITH
NORTH GREENBUSH
SCHOOL DISTRICT

THAT the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation from the Donors Choose Program in the amount of \$625 for purchasing supplies for Math course.

ACCEPT DONATION
FOR MATH A/B COURSE
SUPPLIES

THAT the Board of Education accept the Midtel Agreement for Fiber Optic Capabilities.

ACCEPT MIDTEL
AGREEMENT FOR
FIBER OPTIC
CAPABILITIES

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

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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

President Spies stated that the next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on February 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom. The ensuing Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on February 27, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom.

NEXT MEETINGS
2/6/08 and 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 – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 7:52 p.m.

RECESS MEETING

The Executive Session came to order at 7:58 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Quandt, Ms. Wilber, Ms. Schultz, Mr. Reinhart, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mr. Reinhart left at 9:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Schlieder to come out of executive session at 10:17 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Gathen)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2008 to be adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk