

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: JUNE 4, 2008  
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: NEWELL; QUANDT; REINHART; SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES; WILBER  
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT BONAHER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY BIRDSALL, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND PUPIL SERVICES  
JAMIE ROCKHILL, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS  
SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS  
2 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 4 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;  
1 STAFF MEMBER; 1 STUDENT

A ceremony and reception was held at 6:30 p.m. to recognize 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who were on the third quarter High Honor Roll, Honor Roll and Honorable Mention list. Approximately 75 students and parents attended.

RECEPTION FOR  
5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 4, 2008 to order at 7:13 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Budget Vote on May 20, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AND PUBLIC BUDGET  
VOTE ON 5/20/08

Yes – 6

No – 0

Abstain – 1 (Newell)

Motion Carried

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

CALENDAR AND  
AGENDA

President Spies said the following were changes to the Agenda:

- Personnel-Instructional – Item a – Catherine Amos added to Certified Substitute List
- Business Item e was added – Action Plan for State Comptroller’s Office approval

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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

Mr. Lawrence Caza, a District resident and parent, spoke to Board Members regarding the school year calendar. He asked for an explanation as to why, during Regents week, middle school students did not attend but elementary students were required to attend. He was concerned about classrooms being so warm as outside temperatures rise. He also asked if the recent days which were given as days off for students could have been used at the end of the school year to shorten the year. Superintendent Sherman explained that Regents days are counted as days in session, and by law, elementary students are required to attend because they are in a separate building. He also explained that the recent days off were contractual obligations.

Mrs. Sue Loden, a District resident and parent, spoke regarding concern that her son was on a waiting list for attending a class at the Career and Technical School. She asked Board Members if the District could come up with a way to pay for all students to attend the Career and Technical School. Superintendent Sherman explained that the District has only provided funding for 36 students in the current budget and there are 51 students who are interested. He said that the cost per student is \$9,000. He said, y Law, parents can not pay for their children to attend. Board Members felt that this was a topic for future discussion.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

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REPORT

President Spies said that he and Mr. Quandt had recently attended an event in the third grade classes. The Farm Bureau, the Regional Food Bank and Mr. Richard Ball, owner of the Carrot Barn, helped third grade students plant butternut squash seeds. In the fall, when the students are fourth graders, they will harvest the squash. Proceeds from this will be donated to the Regional Food Bank.

President Spies said that Mrs. Isles, Board Member elect, was at the New School Board Member Orientation at the Golding Middle School in Cobleskill.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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**Schoharie County Reality Check**

REALITY CHECK  
PROJECT

Superintendent Sherman said that a group of students from local Districts, along with their parents, have been lobbying to local organizations to adopt a “Tobacco Free Magazine, *please*” resolution, which would then be sent to the NAAG and the magazine companies to show communities are asking them to stop allowing tobacco companies to advertise to youth in schools.

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education support the request from Reality Check Youth of Schoharie County to participate in the project to ask that magazine companies stop allowing tobacco companies to advertise to youth in schools.

- Yes – 3 (Quandt, Wilber, Newell)
- No – (Spies, Schlieder, Schultz, Reinhart)                      Motion Failed

It was a unanimous consensus by Members that they are in support of the idea. However, they were not in support of how the resolution read.

**EXCEL / Track Update**

EXCEL TRACK UPDATE

Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker and Mr. Gathen recently met with Mr. Whitbeck regarding the track component of the EXCEL project.

Mr. Gathen used a power-point presentation of drawings to explain changes that would be made for drainage in the track area. Mr. Gathen gave a list of materials needed to complete the drainage project, with cost estimates from the architect and the cost of materials if the District purchased them independently. The estimated cost from the architect is \$56,300 and the cost if the District purchased the materials is \$9,543.75. This would be a total savings of \$46,756.25. The bid for the project would then only be for labor

Mr. Gathen said he would also like to have the pole vault and long jump runways moved to the inside ends of the track.

**Excel Project Recommended Alternates**

RECOMMENDED  
REDUCTIONS AND  
ALTERNATES FOR  
EXCEL PROJECT

Superintendent Sherman distributed a memo which he received from Michael S. Fanning of Dodge Chamberlin Luzine Weber Associates Architects regarding reductions and alternates for the EXCEL project. He attached a spreadsheet of a draft summary to propose which reductions would be alternates and which would be cut from the scope. He also made note that the District will need to have a lead paint survey, as the project cannot go to bid without it.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to accept the alternates as proposed (copy attached to official Minutes).

Mr. Quandt thanked Mr. Gathen and Jeremy Karker, Groundsman, for their recent work on the softball field. He also thanked the varsity baseball and softball teams for their help, and also Cobleskill Stone for their donation of sand.

**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 and add their names to the Certified Substitute list, effective 6/5/08:

APPOINT  
CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES

1. Michele Zavadil
2. Catherine Amos

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following:

Name of Appointee:	Kimberlee J. White	APPOINT
Title of Position:	Math Teacher	K. WHITE
Effective Date:	9/1/08	MATH TEACHER
Probationary Ending Date:	8/31/11	
Pending Certification:	Initial – Mathematics (7-12)	
Salary Status:	Bachelor’s Step 1 - \$33,601 (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change)	

Name of Appointee:	Catherine Amos	APPOINT
Title of Position:	French Teacher	C. AMOS
Effective Date:	9/1/08	FRENCH TEACHER
Probationary Ending Date:	8/31/11	
Pending Certification:	Internship – Secondary Ed. French	
Salary Status:	Bachelor’s Step 1, plus 30 - \$36,601 (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change)	

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

**PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman for action on Agenda Items a, b and c as follows:

THAT the Board of Education appoint Cody Baciуска and add his name to the Non-Certified Substitute List, effective 6/5/08.

APPOINT C. BACIUSKA  
NON-CERTIFIED  
SUBSTITUTE

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Assistant Clerks and Election Inspectors at the Budget Re-Vote on June 17, 2008:

1. Hetty Butler
2. Barbara Miers
3. Doris Madison
4. Anna Slavinski
5. Marilyn Foland
6. Cathy Luz
7. Margaret Puotinen
8. Lori Roy
9. Karen Gannon
10. Pam Guest
11. Terry Manchester
12. Mary Schultz
13. Shirley Schaber (will substitute if necessary)

APPOINT  
ASSISTANT CLERKS  
AND INSPECTORS FOR  
BUDGET RE-VOTE  
ON JUNE 17, 2008

THAT the Board of Education appoint George Wilber as Chief Inspector for the Budget Re-Vote on June 17, 2008.

APPOINT G. WILBER  
CHIEF INSPECTOR  
FOR BUDGET RE-VOTE  
ON JUNE 17, 2008

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education adopt the Capital Project Bond Resolution (copy attached to Official Minutes).

ADOPT BOND  
RESOLUTION  
CAPITAL PROJECT

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education adopt the I.R.S. Regulations Resolution. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT I.R.S.  
REGULATIONS  
RESOLUTION

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the Spanish, Advanced Levels 4 and 5 Textbook titled “*Imagina*” by Jose` A. Blanco, published by Vista Higher Learning, copyright date 2007, for the 2008-09 school year.

APPROVE SPANISH  
TEXTBOOK FOR  
2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education establish the date of July 2, 2008 as the Reorganizational Meeting for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

ESTABLISH 7/2/08  
AS REORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING FOR 2008-09  
SCHOOL YEAR

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education approve the Action Plan for the State Comptroller’s Office (copy of Resolution attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

APPROVE ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE STATE  
COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE

**OTHER BUSINESS**

OTHER  
BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School.
2. Elementary School Lunch Menu and Calendar
3. District Revised Budget Packet
4. Fiscal Facts About Schoharie Central School from Mr. Bonaker

President Spies stated that the next Board of Education Meetings are as follows:

NEXT MEETINGS

- June 10, 2008 Special Meeting and Budget Hearing – 7:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria
- June 17, 2008 Public Budget Re-Vote – 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
- June 17, 2008 Rescheduled Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education change the meeting date from Wednesday, June 18, 2008 to Tuesday, June 17, 2008. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

CHANGE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION MEETING  
DATE FROM 6/18/08  
TO 6/17/08

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 9:13 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 9:25 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Quandt, Ms. Schultz, Mr. Reinhart, Miss Wilber, Mrs. Newell, Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker and Kathy Wolverton (attorney) present.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

RECONVENE  
MEETING

President Spies reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:24 pm

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Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Reinhart to accept the following Resolution, terminating the employment of James Bouck, Jr.:

*“Resolved, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the probationary appointment of James Bouck, Jr., effective June 4, 2008.”*

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

ADJOURN  
MEETING

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2008 to be adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk