

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: MARCH 5, 2008  
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: QUANDT; SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, WILBER  
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: SPIES; REINHART  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
DAVID BARNES, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL (ACTING) PRINCIPAL  
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 5 DISTRICT RESIDENTS

Vice-President Quandt called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 5, 2008 to order at 7:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 27, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
2/27/08

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Spies; Reinhart)

Motion Carried

Vice-President Quandt reviewed the Agenda and February calendar of events and facilities use. There were no changes.

CALENDAR AND  
AGENDA

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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Vice-President Quandt offered the privilege of the floor. No one requested to speak.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

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REPORT

Mr. Bonaker introduced Ms. Carol Benham and Mr. Cliff Haslun. Ms. Benham was appointed as Claims Auditor and Mr. Haslun was appointed as Transportation Director at the February 27, 2008 meeting. Ms. Benham and Mr. Haslun thanked Members for their appointments.

**Preliminary 2008-09 Budget Items**

PRELIMINARY 2008-09  
BUDGET ITEMS

Vice-President Quandt began by reviewing the budget presentations given by the Administrators at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Mr. Bonaker distributed a spreadsheet with requested new items for 2008-09 (which are not in the preliminary budget) and major changes for 2008-09 that are in the preliminary budget. Administrators were present to answer any questions regarding their requests.

Administrator requests for new items for 2008-09 that are not currently in the 2008-09 preliminary budget are:

General District-Wide Needs

- Replacement school furniture or equipment additional amount: \$45,096

Building & Grounds

- Extra work on fields (conditioning) additional amount: \$10,000
- Repair/paint high school restrooms additional amount: \$20,000

Technology – District-wide

- Security System Phase 2 additional amount: \$36,090

Elementary School Program

- 3 Teacher Assistants additional amount: \$86,703
- 0.5 Teacher Aide additional amount: \$ 6,690
- 0.5 Recess Aide additional amount: \$ 6,690
- Additional Textbooks additional amount: \$35,478
- Summer School additional amount: \$12,372
- After School Program additional amount: \$ 3,000
- Student Council Advisor additional amount: \$ 1,030
- Student Newspaper Advisor additional amount: \$ 1,030
- Odyssey of the Mind Advisor additional amount: \$ 1,030
- Wee Read / Wee Count activities additional amount: \$ 4,500
- Printing additional amount: \$ 3,000
- Curriculum Development (summer) additional amount: \$11,800
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and and Supports (PBIS) additional amount: \$ 5,000
- Arts in Education additional amount: \$ 1,000

Jr./Sr. High School Program

- 2 Additional GED Students additional amount: \$ 9,180
- Summer Curriculum Writing additional amount: \$ 5,000
- Summer School 2008 (including transportation) additional amount: \$49,868
- Technology Lab Equipment additional amount: \$16,733
- 1 Music Teacher additional amount: \$63,275

Physical Education / Athletic Department

- Athletic Uniform Replacements additional amount: \$ 5,000
- Ice Machine additional amount: \$ 1,000
- Gym Scoreboard Replacement and Sound System additional amount: \$ 5,500
- 1 Wood Tennis Table additional amount: \$ 500
- Modified Football Program additional amount: \$13,500

Special Education / Pupil Personnel Services

- 1 Teacher Assistant additional amount: \$28,692

Major changes for 2008-09 that are in the preliminary budget include:

General District-wide Needs

- Tech Valley Student Tuition for 2 students    additional amount:        \$36,000

Building and Grounds

- Tractor and a pick-up truck                            additional amount:        \$36,000
- Gym Locker Replacements                            additional amount:        \$25,000

Technology – District-wide

- InfoMatic Finance Software                            additional amount:        \$ 4,990
- BOCES Computer Upgrade                            additional amount:        \$20,000

Board Members requested the Administrators to prioritize their budget requests.

Mr. Quandt asked Mrs. Gillis to determine what the cost would be for an elementary school intramural program.

Mr. Schlieder asked Mr. Bonaker to determine at what point in the capital project would the new lockers need to be purchased. Mr. Bonaker said he would research this and would provide the information to the Board.

Mr. Quandt said the \$10,000 listed for conditioning of the playing fields is too high of a figure. He said he would update that estimate.

In response to a question from Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Bonaker said he would research further and then report back to the Board regarding the \$20,000 cost to repair the High School lavatories. He said he would contact a contractor for a written estimate.

**PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following spring coaches, stipends as written, effective for the 2007-2008 school year.

APPOINT  
SPRING COACHES  
FOR 2007-2008

- |                   |                          |     |         |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. Sara Robertson | Modified Girls’ Softball | I-2 | \$1,380 |
| 2. Jeremy Karker  | Varsity Boys’ Track      | E-2 | \$2,890 |

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Spies; Reinhart)

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. 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. #08050 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 2. #5824 Requested Review
- 3. #0183 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Spies; Reinhart)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education extend school insurance coverage to High School French class students who participate in an overnight trip to Montreal on 4/12/08-4/13/08.

EXTEND SCHOOL  
INSURANCE COVERAGE:  
FRENCH CLASS  
STUDENTS TRIP TO  
MONTREAL

It was noted that the French Teacher at Maple Hill High School (Schodack School District) is the advisor for this trip and has invited French Class students from Schoharie Central to participate. After a discussion, Mrs. Schultz withdrew her motion and Mr. Schlieder withdrew his second until further information could be gathered.

WITHDRAW ABOVE  
MOTION

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the High School French Class Trip to Montreal on April 12-13, 2008, as previously detailed.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL  
FRENCH CLASS TRIP  
TO MONTREAL  
APRIL 12-13, 2008

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Spies; Reinhart)

Motion Carried

**Jr./Sr. High School Band Trip**

A letter from Mr. Mark Pracher, High School Band Director, was distributed to Board Members which requested transportation funding in the amount of \$1,200 for a trip to the Virginia Beach – Williamsburg area. Band members, with the assistance of the Music Boosters, have been working hard to secure the necessary funds by conducting fund-raisers. To date, they have achieved the halfway point of \$22,624.

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the request for transportation funding in the amount of \$1,200 for the High School Band to travel to Virginia Beach.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
\$1,200 FOR JR./SR. HIGH  
SCHOOL BAND TRIP

After a discussion, Miss Wilber withdrew her motion and Mrs. Schultz withdrew her second. Members would like more information as to how the \$1,200 will be used. Mr. Bonaker will get more information from Mr. Pracher as to what the money would be specifically used for, such as:

WITHDRAW ABOVE  
MOTION

- Will it be used to offset the total cost of the trip for each student?
- Will it be used for specific students?
- Is there another specific purpose?

Mr. Bonaker will have more information at the next meeting.

**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.

Vice-President Quandt stated that the next Board of Education Meetings are as follows:

NEXT MEETINGS

- March 19, 2008 Regular Meeting and Public Forum on 2008-09 Budget  
7:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria
- April 2, 2008 Special Budget Meeting  
7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom
- April 9, 2008 Budget Adoption Meeting  
7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom
- April 21, 2008 BOCES Vote and Meeting  
7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom

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

ADJOURN  
MEETING

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Spies; Reinhart)

Motion Carried

Vice-President Quandt declared the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2008 to be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk