

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2007
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: GATHEN, QUANDT (arr. @7:13); SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT: REINHART
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
STACEY BIRDSALL, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & PUPIL SERVICES
JAMIAN ROCKHILL, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 2 DISTRICT RESIDENTS; 4 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 17, 2007 to order at 7:08 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 3, 2007. APPROVE MINUTE
REGULAR MEETING
ON 10/3/07
Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Quandt; Reinhart) Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and October and November calendar of events and facilities use. The following items were additions and changes to the agenda: CALENDAR AND
AGENDA

Personnel-Instructional	Add Item d	Coaching Appointments
Personnel-Non-Instructional	Change to Item d	Substitute Appointments
Business	Add Item m	Appoint Building Project Vote Personnel
	Add Item n	Facilities Use Requests

Upon reviewing the calendar, Mr. Gathen referred to a request from the EPTSO (Elementary Parent Teacher Student Organization) to use the high school gym for a rollerskating event. He asked if there should be rollerskating on the new gym floor. Mr. Sherman responded that he will check into it to see if there would be a protective cover put on the floor. He said that the two elementary gyms could be used.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR PRIVILEGE OF
THE FLOOR

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Sherman distributed a copy of “Web Trends” to Board Members. “Web Trends” is a monthly web site analysis for the school district which is sent to Superintendent Sherman from BOCES. It analyzes the activity of the web site, such as the number of “hits”. It also tracks to see if there is a need to keep the web site more up to date or if anything needs to be added. He said that the original report is available if Board members wish to see it.

Superintendent Sherman made note that the week of October 22-26 is Board of Education Appreciation Week. He showed copies of aerial photographs of the school complex to Board Members and said that matted copies would be given to members as a “thank you”.

Special Education Report – Linda Nevulis, Director of Curriculum Coordination and Pupil Services

SPECIAL EDUCATION
REPORT

Mrs. Nevulis distributed information and gave a Power Point presentation on the Schoharie Central School District CSE Annual Report. She reported that there are 6 children ages 4-5 and 125 students ages 6-21 who are provided special education services in district-operated programs; 1 student placed by the CSE in other public school district programs and provided special education programs and/or services; 12 students who are provided special education services full-time in programs operated by a Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES); and 4 students are provided special education services in approved private schools for students with disabilities, and State-supported schools listed in Section 4201 of the Education Law. This is a total of 148 students who receive special education programs and/or services.

Mrs. Nevulis reported the following District Special Education Staff for 2007-2008:

District-Wide K-12

- 1 Director of Pupil Services
- 1 School Psychologist
- 1 Occupational Therapist
- .2 Physical Therapist
- 1 Speech Pathologist

Elementary

- 4.5 Special Education Teachers
- 9.5 Teaching Assistants
- 1 Social Worker

Junior/Senior High School

- 9.5 Special Education Teachers
- 5.5 Teaching Assistants
- 1 Social Worker

The following are Special Education Services provided in District:

- Related Services (speech, social work, occupational therapy, physical therapy)
- Resource Room
- Consultant Teacher
- Life Skills Program

Mrs. Marion Jaqueway, a district resident, said that many of the students in the Schoharie Central School District who receive special education services are some of the best artists and athletes.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

President Spies reported that Board Members met on October 11th to draft district goals. He said the goals will be finalized soon and will be published in a future District newsletter. Superintendent Sherman said that George Wilber, Supervisor of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation, will be developing goals for a continuous program for maintaining quality equipment and building systems.

DISTRICT GOALS

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman for the following actions on Personnel - Instructional Items a.-d. as listed here:

THAT the Board of Education appoint Robert DeLorenzo as a Substitute and add his name to the Certified Substitute List, various pay rates depending on position, effective 10/18/07.

APPOINT R. DELORENZO
CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE

THAT the Board of Education appoint Erika Loucks as JV Girls’ Basketball Coach, at Stipend Step I-2 \$1,960 (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change), effective for the 2007-08 school year.

APPOINT E. LOUCKS
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL
COACH FOR 2007-08

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following as Key Club Co-Advisors, stipends according to contract (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change), effective 10/18/07, for the 2007-08 school year:

APPOINT F. KUGLER
AND J. PHILLIPS
KEY CLUB CO-ADVISORS
FOR 2007-08

- 1. Frances Kugler E-6 \$1,250
- 2. Jane Phillips E-11 \$1,440

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following coaches (based on 2006-07 contract and subject to change), effective for the 2007-08 school year:

APPOINT WINTER SPORTS
COACHES FOR 2007-2008

- 1. Scott Scofield Modified Basketball (7) E-2 \$1,660
- 2. Steve Hoard Modified Wrestling E-2 \$2,820
- 3. David Russell Varsity Wrestling E-2 \$3,560
- 4. Jeremy Karker Varsity Girls’ Basketball E-3 \$3,640
- 5. Matt Millard Varsity Bowling I-2 \$2,130

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman for the following actions on Personnel - Non-Instructional Items a.-d. as listed here:

THAT the Board of Education approve an unpaid leave of absence to Joy Beninati, Cafeteria Employee, effective retroactive to 10/11/07 – 10/26/07.

UNPAID LEAVE OF
ABSENCE J. BENINATI
CAFETERIA EMPLOYEE

THAT the Board of Education approve an unpaid leave of absence to Belinda Liddle, Bus Driver, effective 11/26/07 – 12/21/07.

UNPAID LEAVE OF
ABSENCE B. LIDDLE
BUS DRIVER

THAT the Board of Education appoint Ryan Lawton as Substitute Bus Driver, \$12.60 per hour, effective 10/18/07.

APPOINT R. LAWTON
SUBSTITUTE BUS
DRIVER

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following as Substitutes and add their names to the Non-Certified Substitute List, various pay rates depending on position, effective 10/18/07.

APPOINT
NON-CERTIFIED
SUBSTITUTES

- 1. Amy Tessitore
- 2. Pamela Porter

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve a FBLA Field Trip – Fall Leadership Workshop/National Leadership Conference – in Buffalo, NY, from 11/15/07 – 11/17/07.

APPROVE FBLA
TRIP TO BUFFALO

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve a transportation request from one family to Cornerstone Christian Academy in Sloansville, NY, effective for the 2007-08 school year.

APPROVE
TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST TO
CORNERSTONE
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education adopt a Tax Sheltered Annuities Resolution, effective retroactive to 9/24/07. (copy attached to official Minutes)

ADOPT TAX SHELTERED
ANNUITIES RESOLUTION

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education declare 10/15/07 – 10/21/07 as Fire Prevention Week.

DECLARE 10/15/07 -
10/21/07 AS FIRE
PREVENTION WEEK

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Mrs. Gillis reported that several area fire departments hosted a program for Elementary School students at Central Bridge Fire House on October 11th and 12th. The program included a “smoke house”. The volunteer firefighters provided cider and donuts to the students. Mrs. Gillis said they did a wonderful job and there were many positive reports from students and staff members.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the following donations:

DONATION of 30 jerseys for the Modified Soccer Program (\$300 value) from the Athletic Booster Club.

ACCEPT DONATION
OF JERSEYS FROM
BOOSTER CLUB

Mr. Rockhill said that Barb Sharpe and Ed LaBadia purchased the jerseys and donated them on behalf of the Athletic Booster Club.

DONATION of \$150 from the Kiwanis Club for the Wee Read Program.

ACCEPT DONATION
FROM KIWANIS CLUB

DONATION of \$6,500 from “The Rolphie Fund” to the District. Superintendent Sherman said that Mrs. Gillis is working with the people from “The Rolphie Fund” to acquire items to benefit our students.

ACCEPT DONATION
FROM THE ROLPHIE
FUND

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education adopt the 2008-09 Budget Development Calendar, effective during the 2007-08 school year. (copy attached to official Minutes)

APPROVE BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT
CALENDAR FOR
2008-09

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education authorize Budget Transfers as presented.

AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Mr. Bonaker gave a report on the budget status.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

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

WARRANTS #4 AND 4A

Warrant #4 totaling \$471,039.99 from the General Fund; \$16,382.72 from the School Lunch Fund; \$13,652.64 from the Federal Fund; -0- from the Capital Fund; \$13,531.88 from the Trust and Agency Fund; and -0- from the Expendable Trust Fund.

Warrant #4A totaling \$17,596.77 for employee Dental/Vision Reimbursement.

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education appoint the following as vote personnel for the EXCEL Building Project vote on November 27, 2007:

APPOINT VOTE PERSONNEL FOR EXCEL BUILDING PROJECT VOTE ON NOVEMBER 27, 2007

Doris Madison Margaret Carballeira
Darleen Schultz Barbara Miers
Marilyn Foland Cathy Luz
Anna Slavinski Carol McMichael
Terry Manchester Pamela Guest
Karen Gannon Mary Schultz
Substitute – Hetty Butler George Wilber will serve as Chief Inspector

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the following Facilities Use Requests for outside groups:

APPROVE FACILITIES USE REQUESTS

Rhonda Lynn Dance Studio April 9th and 11th
Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association February 28th, March 1st and 2nd

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Reinhart) Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

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The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

- 1. Elementary enrollment figures for 2005 - Present
- 2. Complimentary letter from a parent regarding the science and math programs in the Elementary School.
- 3. Various newspaper clippings regarding Schoharie Central School
- 4. FBLA Membership List
- 5. Letter sent home to parents of Elementary School students regarding procedures for dropping students off in the morning
- 6. Letter sent home to parents of Elementary School students regarding Halloween Celebrations and parade

President Spies stated that the next regular Board of Education Meeting and Public Hearing on the EXCEL Project Vote will be held on November 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom. The ensuing Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on November 27, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria. The EXCEL Project Vote will be held on November 27, 2007 from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm in the High School Library Lobby.

NEXT MEETINGS
11/14/07 AND
11/27/07

Mr. Quandt said that he was selling tickets for the Ziti Dinner to benefit the SCS softball and baseball field improvements. The dinner will be held on October 26th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mrs. Schlieder to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee contract and specific personnel issues.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:30 p.m.

RECESS
MEETING

The Executive Session came to order at 8:40 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Quandt, Miss Wilber, Mr. Gathen, Mrs. Schultz, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder to end the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Gathen to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2007 to be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk