

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2007
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: GATHEN, QUANDT (arr. at 8:50 pm) REINHART, SCHLIEDER, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT: SCHULTZ
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
JAMIAN ROCKHILL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR (arr. at 7:55 pm)
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 6 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
5 FACULTY MEMBERS; 3 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 19, 2007 to order at 7:10 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Gathen to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 5, 2007. APPROVE MINUTE
REGULAR MEETING
ON 9/5/07
Yes – 4
No – 0
Abstain – 1 (Wilber)
Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt) Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and September and October calendar of events and facilities use. He made note that there would be additions to the agenda as follows: CALENDAR AND
AGENDA
Personnel-Instructional Item b Appoint Elementary Curriculum Coordinators
Personnel-Non-Instructional Item f Retirement resignation of a bus driver

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR PRIVILEGE OF
THE FLOOR
President Spies offered the privilege of the floor. Mrs. Pamela Newell, President of the EPTSO, told Board Members that during the Kindergarten Ice Cream Social on September 28th introductions of faculty and Board of Education Members would be made. She also asked Board Members if they would allow the EPTSO to release Board Members' e-mail addresses to parents. President Spies said that would be fine.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Superintendent Sherman referred to a chart that was sent to Board Members in their information packets which gave the enrollment for the last 3 years in the Jr./Sr. High School. He made note that enrollment has dropped. He said that a chart for the Elementary School enrollment would be given at the next meeting.

ACT Testing Report – Mrs. Birdsall, Jr./Sr. High School Principal ACT TESTING REPORT
INITIATIVE
Mrs. Birdsall gave a report on the ACT Testing in 2007. She said that 23 members of the class of 2007 took the test. The test measures preparedness for college and tries to predict how students will do in college. Scores range from 1-36. She noted that:

- English – above state benchmark (18)
- Algebra – slightly below state benchmark (22)
- Social Science – slightly below state benchmark (21)
- Biology – slightly above state benchmark (24)
- Reading – slightly above state benchmark

Mrs. Birdsall also gave a report on the SAT Tests. She said they were very different than ACT Tests results. Thirty members of the class of 2007 took the SAT's, and most of them took the test in their Junior year. The highest score for the SAT is 800; 500 or above is considered a good score. Mean Scores were:

- Critical reading 564
- Mathematics 538
- Writing 543

Superintendent Sherman said that the October 3rd meeting will start earlier to introduce new staff members. There will be a reception in the High School Library to welcome them before the regular Board Meeting begins.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

EXCEL PROJECT

EXCEL PROJECT DISCUSSION

President Spies opened with a continuation of the discussion regarding the proposed EXCEL Aid project which the Board of Education hopes to offer to district residents.

He said that the project will address health and safety needs first before programmatic needs. Board Members and the Administration have been working with architects over the last several months to prepare the \$2.1 million dollar project. He said ventilation upgrades and fire alarms were included in the project. Also included would be approximately \$1.4 million for auditorium improvements. The next step is to decide how best to allocate the money.

Some items that have been proposed are locker room improvements and a fitness center. Brandon Mueller, a high school student, asked Board members to include track improvements in the project. President Spies said that, technically, the track is not part of the EXCEL project. There is \$55,000 on deposit specifically for the track. It is hoped that money will be added to the project so that it will be included to be voted on by district residents. The \$55,000 can leverage state aid so the whole budget for the track could be \$340,000.

President Spies said that the Board hopes to make a decision at the October 3rd meeting to adopt a resolution for the project to be presented to district residents for vote. Mr. Bonaker said that if a resolution is adopted at the October 3rd meeting, the earliest the project could be put up for vote would be November 20th. He said that the law states you have to have a 45 day period of legal advertisement and a public hearing will have to be scheduled.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve the Teaching Assistant Assignments for the 2007-2008 school year as outlined. (Copy attached to official minutes)

APPROVE
TEACHING ASSISTANT
ASSIGNMENTS

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to authorize to add \$7,604.66 to each teacher as a stipend for working without a contractual free period, effective for the 2007-2008 school year.

APPOINT
ELEMENTARY
CURRICULUM
COORDINATORS

- Janice Baptiste ELA Coordinator
- Mary Sherman Science Coordinator
- Heather O'Brien Math Coordinator
- Debra Schaffer Social Studies Coordinator

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to terminate the employment of Jenniffer Wright, Teacher Aide, effective immediately.

RESIGNATION
J. WRIGHT
TEACHER AIDE

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Cindi Mickle as Transportation Clerk, 5 hours per day, \$12.44 per hour (based on 2006-07 SCEA Contract and subject to change), effective retroactive to 9/6/07.

APPOINT
C. MICKLE
TRANSPORTATION
CLERK

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Melissa Schoeffler to a Probationary Appointment, Part-Time Teacher Aide, 3 hours per day, \$7.31 per hour (based on 2006-07 SCEA Contract and subject to change), effective 9/20/07. Appointment is conditional pending favorable fingerprint clearance.

APPOINT
M. SCHOEFFLER
PART-TIME
TEACHER AIDE

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following and add their names to the Substitute Bus Driver List, \$12.60 per hour, effective retroactive to 9/17/07. Appointments are conditional pending favorable fingerprint clearance.

APPOINT
SUBSTITUTE
BUS DRIVERS

Judith Durland-Relyea

Christopher J. Hubbard

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following and add their names to the Non-Certified Substitute List, at various pay rates depending on the position they are substituting in, effective 9/20/07. Appointments are conditional pending favorable fingerprint clearance.

APPOINT
NON-CERTIFIED
SUBSTITUTES

Jane Barnes

Judith Durland-Relyea

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education accept the retirement resignation of Marilyn Sager, Bus Driver, effective 10/23/07. Mr. Schlieder said the motion is with regret and appreciation for Mrs. Sager’s many years of service to the District.

RETIREMENT
RESIGNATION
M. SAGER
BUS DRIVER

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Gathen that the Board of Education authorize Budget Transfers as presented.

AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt) Motion Carried

Mr. Bonaker gave a report on the budget status.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

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

WARRANT #3

Warrant #3 totaling \$440,917.80 from the General Fund; \$10,755.78 from the School Lunch Fund; \$10,472.23 from the Federal Fund; \$43,963.60 from the Capital Fund; \$21,925.94 from the Trust and Agency Fund; and -0- from the Expendable Trust Fund.

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Routes and bus stops for the 2007-08 School Year (copy attached to official Minutes)

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND BUS STOPS FOR 2007-2008

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept the Bid Award for Bus Purchase Serial Bond to Sage Ruty & Co., Inc., effective NIC Rate 4.17300%.

BID AWARD BUS PURCHASE SERIAL BOND

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept the STAR Report for 2007-2008 (copy attached to official Minutes).

ACCEPT STAR REPORT

Yes – 5
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt) Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman made note that additional information on the STAR Program is available on the school website.

Mr. Rockhill arrived at 7:55 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept with gratitude and generosity, donations in the amounts of \$33,726.75 “to establish the Edward M. Scribner Scholarship Program with the Schoharie Central School District. The amount awarded annually shall be decided by George Guest and Pamela Guest, or the survivor thereof, and shall be awarded as a scholarship to a deserving graduate(s) going on to college for a minimum of two years and who is (are) majoring in the fields of electricity, electronics, computer, high tech or related fields. George Guest and Pamela Guest, jointly or the survivor thereof, are to consult with the Superintendent of the Schoharie Central School District. George Guest and Pamela Guest shall designate two persons to continue their advisory positions after their demise, should funds so permit.”; \$500 to the Sr. High Band, and \$500 to the Jr. High Band.

ACCEPT
DONATIONS
SCRIBNER
ESTATE

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Board Members thanked Mrs. Guest, who was in the audience.

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education accept, with gratitude, a Yamaha Alto Saxophone from an anonymous donor.

ACCEPT DONATION
OF YAMAHA
ALTO SAXOPHONE

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Schlieder 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
RECOMMENDATION

1. #6909 Requested Review
2. #90013 Requested Review
3. #6761 Requested Review

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Gathen, seconded by Mr. Reinhart that the Board of Education approve the Elementary School Code of Conduct for 2007-2008.

APPROVE ELEMENTARY
CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR 2007-2008

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

Motion Carried

New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)

Superintendent Sherman said that the District will need to let the public know that the proposed EXCEL Aid project will not impact the environment in any way. He said that we had approval from the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Army Corps of Engineers. It will be required to adopt a Resolution for New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) before beginning the project.

SEQR FOR NEW
PROJECT CAPITAL

OTHER BUSINESS

OTHER
BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for review:

1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School
2. District Report 2006-07 Mathematics Report (Grades 3-8)
3. District Report 2006-07 English Language Arts Results (Grades 3-8)
4. Education Report from the New York State Board of Regents
5. Habitat for Humanity of Schoharie County Spring/Summer 2007 Newsletter

President Spies stated that the next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on October 3, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom. The ensuing Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on October 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom.

NEXT MEETINGS
10/3/07 AND
10/17/07

Motion was made by Mr. Reinhart, seconded by Mr. Gathen to enter into Executive Session to discuss a security issue, a student issue and a staff member issue.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Schultz; Quandt)

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:08 p.m.

RECESS
MEETING

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

Mr. Quandt arrived at 8:50 pm.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Schultz)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 9:53 p.m.

RECONVENE
MEETING

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

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Schultz)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2007 to be adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk