

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: APRIL 2, 2008
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
KIND OF MEETING: BUDGET WORK SESSION
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: QUANDT; 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
DAVID BARNES, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 8 DISTRICT RESIDENTS; 2 STUDENTS;
3 STAFF MEMBERS

President Spies called the Budget Work Session to order at 7:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence to Charlene Diamond, Recess Aide, retroactive to 3/25/08 through 6/26/08.

APPROVE LEAVE OF
ABSENCE TO
C. DIAMOND
RECESS AIDE

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

President Spies extended congratulations to Mr. Reinhart on the birth of his twin daughters on April 1, 2008.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent Sherman started the budget work session by summarizing the 2008-09 Tentative Budget using a power point presentation. He described the following changes from the Preliminary Budget:

TENTATIVE BUDGET
2008-09

- Recalculation of projected heating oil / diesel fuel costs: \$106,000 increase
- Recalculation of projected health insurance costs: -\$72,450 decrease

The preliminary budget introduced on 2/6/08 was \$19,710,197; the tentative budget introduced this evening, April 2, 2008, is \$19,743,747; this is a net change of \$33,550.

After a lengthy discussion, there was a consensus among Board Members for the following:

- to deduct \$15,500 for grounds equipment
- to deduct \$4,490 for computer software
- to deduct \$20,000 for computer hardware
- to add \$21,377 for reading program workbooks for the Elementary School
- to add \$12,400 for math program workbooks for the elementary school

The net effect on the tentative budget is a \$6,713 decrease. It is anticipated that there will be other discussions and review at the next meeting on April 9, 2008.

OTHER BUSINESS

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BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

- 1. A letter from Meg and Len Berdan regarding their daughter who was selected by lottery to attend the Tech Valley High for next year.

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

NEXT MEETINGS

- Wednesday, 4/9/08 – Budget Adoption Meeting – 7 pm in the High School Library Classroom
- Monday, 4/21/08 – BOCES Vote and Meeting – 7 pm in the High School Library Classroom

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

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:35 p.m.

RECESS

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Quandt to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Budget Work Session meeting.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

President Spies reconvened the Budget Work Session meeting at 9:37 pm.

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the following legal proposition announcement for the May 20, 2008 vote.

APPROVE LEGAL
NOTICE FOR 2008-09
VOTE

SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2008-2009 Budget for the Schoharie Central School District shall be held in the Cafeteria of the High School building, 136 Academy Drive, Schoharie, New York, on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Prevailing Time. The budget will be available for review on April 30, 2008 at the District Office.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Schoharie Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the lobby of the High School library, 136 Academy Drive, Schoharie, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting by machine on the following items:

- 1. To adopt the annual budget of the Schoharie Central School District for the fiscal year 2008-2009 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
- 2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to three (3) year terms commencing on July 1, 2008 and expiring on June 30, 2011 to succeed F. Christian Spies and Zachary Reinhart, whose terms expire on June 30, 2008. An additional vacancy for the unexpired term due to the resignation of Shawn Gathen shall also be filled. This unexpired term shall commence on May 20, 2008 or as soon thereafter as the individual may be sworn in and expire on June 30, 2010.

3. To vote on the following propositions:

PROPOSITION # 1 - SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

“SHALL, the Board of Education of the Schoharie Central School District be authorized to: (a) purchase five (5) replacement school buses at the maximum aggregate cost of \$300,000, separate and apart from the annual school district budget (b) expend such sum for such purpose, (c) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account state aid received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board Education; and (d) in anticipation of the collection of such tax and state aid, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$300,000 plus interest on the debt service, in accordance with the Education Law and the Local Finance Law?”

PROPOSITION # 2 – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

SHALL the Board of Education of the Schoharie Central School District be authorized to (1) create a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the construction of general improvements, reconstruction, renovations or additions to the District’s buildings, including site work and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used; the ultimate amount of such fund shall be \$500,000; (2) annually deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund such portion of the unallocated fund balance as determined by the Board of Education. The probable duration of the Capital Reserve Fund is ten (10) years.

PROPOSITION # 3– PUBLIC LIBRARY

“SHALL an annual appropriation of \$55,000, separate and apart from the Schoharie Central School District annual school district budget, be approved to support and maintain the Schoharie Public Library, which said sum shall be raised annually by a tax upon the taxable property of said school district, pursuant to Sections 255 and 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, and said appropriation shall be the annual appropriation therefore until changed by further vote of the electors of the school district, and such tax shall be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes?”

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District’s budget for the 2008-2009 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at District school buildings between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and also at said District Election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the District Clerk at the District Clerk’s office in Schoharie, New York, not later than April 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the candidate. A copy of such petition may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk during regular school hours. The petition shall describe at least the length of the term of office and contain the name of the last incumbent, must state the name and residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2008.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except weekends, and on the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Dated: Schoharie, New York

April 2, 2008

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk
Schoharie Central School District

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

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

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Reinhart)

Motion Carried

ADJOURN
MEETING

President Spies declared the Budget Work Session meeting of April 2, 2008 to be adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk