

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: AUGUST 26, 2008  
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM  
KIND OF MEETING: SPECIAL  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: NEWELL, QUANDT, SCHLIEDER, SPIES, WILBER (arr. @ 7:25)  
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: ISLES; SCHULTZ  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS  
CYNTHIA BURTON, CLAIMS AUDITOR  
0 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 1 DISTRICT RESIDENT

President Spies called the Special Board of Education Meeting of August 26, 2008 to order at 7:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bonaker introduced Mrs. Cynthia Burton, the new Claims Auditor.

**PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Diane Poquette as follows:

APPOINT  
D. POQUETTE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
TEACHER

Name of Appointee:	Diane Poquette
Title of Position:	Special Education Teacher
Tenure Area:	Special Education
Effective Date:	9/1/08
Probationary End Date:	8/31/11
Certification:	Permanent – Special Education
	Permanent – Pre-K, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6
Salary Status:	Master’s Step 10 - \$45,628

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Isles; Schultz; Wilber)

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS**

Superintendent Sherman stated that he recently had a meeting with John Holmes (legal counsel for Cobleskill Stone) regarding the easement for the track project. He said that he recently learned that an existing pipe (3 foot round culvert pipe) was not actually on the District’s property. The pipe is on property belonging to Cobleskill Stone. He indicated that the District will have to file a TP-584 Easement Form with NYS Tax and Finance.

EASEMENT

Superintendent Sherman and Mr. Bonaker stated that they had received two bids for the track project:

1. Cobleskill Stone Products
2. HMA Contracting Corp.

Mr. Bonaker said that the lowest bidder was HMA Contracting. The base bid was in the amount of \$213,300. The alternate bids were:

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| 1. Track coating | \$127,000 |
| 2. Event area    | \$ 43,300 |
| 3. Fence         | \$ 27,960 |

Mr. Bonaker said that the base bid and alternate bid #1 (track coating) were \$40,000 more than what was originally allocated for the capital project budget. He said that in the 2004-05 school year, Board Members adopted a resolution to appropriate \$50,000 to the Capital Fund to have available funds, if needed, to finish the previous capital project. The District did not have to use the \$50,000, those funds are still available. Mr. Bonaker stated that the auditors said that District would need to use that money this year; therefore, a resolution would need to be adopted to use those funds this year. Mr. Bonaker said that the District shouldn't commit those funds until it is sure of what the total project costs will be. If the Board should accept the bid for the track in excess of what was budgeted, the District will have to come up with the extra funds.

Members agreed to consider accepting the base bid, as well as alternate #1 – track coating. It was noted that the coating would be urethane (which is more durable) rather than latex.

Mr. Gathen said that District employees could do the preparation work in the events areas, but the District would need to hire someone to pave the area. He also said a temporary fence would be put in place until a permanent one was installed.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education award the Bid for the track project to HMA Contracting Corp., PO Box 151, Mechanicville, NY in the amount of \$213,300 for the base bid and \$127,000 for the track coating (alternate #1), for a total amount of \$340,000.

AWARD BID FOR TRACK

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Isles; Schultz)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman said that Mr. Gathen and his crew were working hard to finish the cleaning and projects in the buildings before the first day of school. He said that the bathrooms in the hallway near the high school cafeteria had been gutted, but have not been completed. He said that Mrs. Birdsall requested that the Guidance Department offices be renovated as a first priority.

SUMMER WORK ON BUILDINGS

Mr. Gathen also said that the paint was peeling off the walls in the hallways on the second floor of the high school building and would all need to be repainted. The entire floor was painted this past May and the paint was defective. He said he anticipates the painting to be completed before the High School Open House in September.

Superintendent Sherman said that the lockers should arrive during the first week of school and would be installed as soon as possible.

Miss Wilber asked Mr. Gathen when the bathrooms would be completed. Mr. Gathen responded that his crew will complete the painting first, and then would complete the renovations in the bathrooms. He said he anticipates that it should take 2-3 weeks to complete.

President Spies stated that the next Board of Education Meetings will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom. He also noted that Mr. Schlieder, President Spies, Mrs. Nevulis, Mr. Bonaker and Superintendent Sherman will be meeting with the District's legal counsel next week regarding ongoing negotiations.

NEXT MEETINGS

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

ADJOURN  
MEETING

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Isles; Schultz)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Special Meeting of August 26, 2008 to be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk