

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: AUGUST 6, 2008  
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES, NEWELL, QUANDT, SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER  
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT BONAHER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY BIRDSALL, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & PUPIL SERVICES  
JAMIE ROCKHILL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
DAVID BARNES, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS  
0 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 2 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;  
5 FACULTY MEMBERS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 6, 2008 to order at 7:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 16, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
7/16/08

Yes – 6

No – 0

Abstain – 0 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and calendar of events and facilities use. He said the following were changes/additions to the agenda:

CALENDAR AND  
AGENDA

- Board of Education Goals for 2008-09
- Personnel – Instructional – addition to appoint Club Advisors
- Personnel – Instructional – table Elementary School Curriculum Coordinators appointments
- Personnel – Instructional – addition to appointment of coaches
- Personnel – Non-Instructional – changes to Items a. and b. (effective dates)

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REPORT

**Board of Education Goals for 2008-09**

President Spies noted that Board members had recently met to discuss the Board of Education Goals for 2008-09. A copy was distributed to members.

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education adopt the Board of Education Goals for 2008-09 as presented. (copy attached to official Minutes)

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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REPORT

Superintendent Sherman distributed copies of the following documents to Members:

- Certification of the Apportionment of Building Aid from State Education Dept.
- Copy of Notice to Bidders regarding the track reconstruction project

Mr. Bonaker noted that Board members should have a special meeting to discuss and award the bids. The sealed bid proposals will be received until 2:00 pm on August 21, 2008. It was decided that members would meet on August 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Reading Room.

Superintendent Sherman said he attended a Law Conference on August 6<sup>th</sup>. He said there were new laws regarding e-mails, as well as many other items. He will e-mail the new laws to Members and will have the information available at the next meeting.

**High School Academic Ineligibility Procedures**

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC  
INELIGIBILITY  
PROCEDURE

Mr. Barnes, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, gave a presentation on, and distributed copies of, the Academic Ineligibility Procedure for Grades 7-12. He said there is currently an ineligibility procedure used for student athletes. He said these procedures will not be used as a punishment, but will, instead, be used as a tool to encourage students to get back on track.

Mrs. Isles asked if there would be a parent/student/teacher conference prior to implementation. Mr. Barnes said there will be an assembly for students and the procedure will be presented to parents at the Open House in September. He said it will also be posted on the school’s website and will be in the Student Handbook.

**Repair of Driveway**

Mr. Gathen, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, reported that repair has been started on the driveway in front of the school. He said the digging has been completed and it was found that the concrete had broken away in a very large area. New walls will be poured on Thursday and it will be back-filled on Friday, providing it doesn’t rain. Mr. Gathen said he has been taking pictures as the repairs were being made and will provide copies to Board Members when repairs are completed.

UPDATE - DRIVEWAY  
REPAIRS

Superintendent Sherman made note that there were several areas in the parking lot where the asphalt had started to buckle. These areas were sealed by school personnel.

**Elementary Reading Program**REPORT ON  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
READING PROGRAM

Mrs. Gillis, Elementary School Principal, and Mrs. Nevulis, Director of Curriculum and Pupil Services, gave a power-point presentation on the Elementary School Reading Program.

Mrs. Gillis distributed copies of an article entitled “Kindergarten Readiness: A Challenge”. She said the article addressed the challenges of children’s readiness to learn. Superintendent Sherman said he was gathering information from other area schools on their procedures for children starting school. Currently, the cut-off for children entering Schoharie Elementary School is a child must be age 5 by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Gillis gave a summary of where we are in the Reading program. She said we are currently at Tier I.

Tier I includes:

- Harcourt Trophies adopted and fully implemented K-4 as the core reading series (9/06 – 6/08)
- Partially implemented at 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade levels (07-08)
- To be fully implemented at 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 08-09
- Assessment schedule established – student progress monitoring (school-wide) – will be providing interim reports more often
- Provides consistent and spiraling instruction based on five key components of reading instruction
- Assessments and student report cards aligned with core reading series
- Reading curriculum maps and guides completed
- Access to consultant services – usually a retired teacher who will come to the school to give our teachers instruction or help
- Evaluative survey planned for fall 2008 – Mrs. Nevulis and Mrs. Gillis will be working with staff in fall for feedback

Tier I current assessments include:

- Kindergarten Phelps readiness screening (used as both entrance and exit exam) – auditory process seemed to be what students struggled with during registration
- Standard reading inventory (SRI) – annual reading level screening for all students
- Harcourt Assessments – ongoing
- Literacy folders / running records
- Lexia reports (computer aided instruction)

Tier I interventions include:

- Interventions materials aligned with Harcourt Trophies program
- In-class reading support
- Lexia (computer-aided instruction) (grade level instruction) all students are exposed to Lexia during the week
- Fast For Word (computer-aided instruction) (auditory processing)

Mrs. Nevulis reported on the RTI component of the Reading program. She said that the 2008-09 RTI Reading plan is to give quality education to all students and to identify appropriate diagnostic tests. She said that once that is established, it will then be matched to an intervention that works. She said that a Reading RTI Steering Committee will be established.

The Committee focus will be:

- Disaggregate state screening data to identify at risk students and areas of instructional support for groups of students
- Research and plan diagnostic assessments for tiers 2 and 3
- Research and plan targeted interventions for tiers 2 and 3

The Reading RTI implementation bench marks include:

- Reading RTI plan overview to Board of Education August 2008
- Idea grant collaboration and planning to support efforts August 2008
- Formation of RTI Steering Committee September 2008
- Collaboration with SAT teams and PDP Committee October 2008
- Staff RTI awareness meeting November 2008
- Board of Education update January 2009

Superintendent Sherman added that curriculum mapping is currently in place. This provides new, incoming teachers a tool by which to review and give them a good idea of what curriculum is being utilized by other teachers and departments. Curriculum mapping information can be shared and compared for all subjects.

**PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL**

President Spies asked for a motion for action on Agenda Items a-d. Mr. Quandt made note that item b (Club Advisors) the SADD Advisor had been discussed last year as to whether or not to continue due to the seemingly low number of student participants. Mr. Schlieder said he would like to table the SADD Advisor appointment until a report of the 2007-08 student participation is received. Mr. Barnes felt that, when looking at the report, members should look at how many students are affected, not just how many participated. Superintendent Sherman will provide members a report on the participation of all clubs.

It was also noted that Betsy Macomber should not be paid as an “E-7” as she is no longer an employee of the District. Rather, her appointment should just list a salary.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to take action on Agenda Items a-d (but tabling the SADD Advisor and eliminating E-7 from the appointment of Betsy Macomber) as follows:

THAT the Board of Education appoint Sharon B. Trova as follows:

Name of Appointee: Sharon B. Trova  
 Title of Position: Long-Term Substitute Chemistry Teacher  
 Tenure Area: Science  
 Effective Date: 9/1/08  
 Ending Date: 6/30/09  
 Certification: Provisional – Chemistry 5-12  
 Salary Status: Master’s Step 1 - \$36,601

APPOINT  
 S. TROVA, LONG-TERM  
 TEACHER

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Club Advisors for the 2008-09 school year, stipends according to STA contract:

Amie Hausmann	Senior Class Advisor	E-5	\$2440
Janna O’Leary	Junior Class Advisor	E-5	\$2030
Jennifer McClure	Sophomore Class Advisor	E-4	\$1190
David Russell	Freshman Class Advisor	I-2	\$1030
Leah Schaeffer	Yearbook Co-Advisor	E-3	\$2710
Vanessa Baker	Yearbook Co-Advisor	E-2	\$2650
David Marbot	FFA Advisor	E-13	\$3520
Deborah Benson	FCCLA Advisor	E4	\$1190
Steve Hoard	Student Government Advisor	E-7	\$1280
Jennifer McClure	FBLA Advisor	E-4	\$1190
Mark Pracher	Musical Director	E-7	\$3410
Elizabeth Macomber	Assistant Musical Director		\$2550
Debra Schaffer	Musical Assistant – Costuming	E-5	\$1620
Jessica Gould	Musical Asst. Orchestra/Vocal (.5)	I-2	\$ 690
Eric Calvino	Musical Asst. – Scenery (.5)	E-6	\$ 830
Leah Schaeffer	Musical Asst. – Scenery (.5)	E-2	\$ 755
Pamela Guest	Musical Asst. – Publicity (.5)	E-13	\$1005
Judy Petrosillo	Builders Club Advisor (.5)	E-8	\$ 450
Vanessa Baker	Builders Club Advisor (.5)	I-2	\$ 345
Kevin Scofield	Varsity Club Advisor	E-6	\$2080
Francis Kugler	Key Club Co-Advisor	E-7	\$1280
Jane Phillips	Key Club Co-Advisor	E-12	\$1470

APPOINT  
CLUB ADVISORS  
FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL  
YEAR

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Department Heads for the 2008-09 school year, stipends according to STA contract:

Erika Loucks	Math Department Head		\$1380
Tom Clayton	English/Reading Department Head		\$1380
Janice Mullins	Science Department Head		\$1380
John Sorady	Social Studies Department Head		\$1380
Nancy Stewart	Guidance Department Head		\$1380
Lindsay Weir	Foreign Language Department Head		\$1380
Janna O’Leary	Practical Arts Department Head		\$1380
Marion Burghart	HS Library Media Specialist		\$ 760
Marion Burghart	District-Wide Library Media Specialist (.5)		\$ 310
Wendy Molle	District-Wide Library Media Specialist (.5)		\$ 310

APPOINT  
DEPARTMENT HEADS  
FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL  
YEAR

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following coaches, effective for the 2008-09 school year:

David Russell	Varsity Golf	I-2	\$1790
William Bevins	Varsity Boys’ Soccer	I-2	\$2610
Daniel Fountain	Jr. Varsity Boys’ Soccer	I-2	\$2030
Angela Jackson	Jr. Varsity Volleyball	I-2	\$2030

APPOINT  
COACHES.  
2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Rockhill, Athletic Director, introduced Will Bevins, the new Varsity Boys’ Soccer Coach, who was in the audience.

Mrs. Heather O’Brien, an Elementary School teacher, asked if there were any teachers who had applied for the position of Varsity Boys’ Soccer Coach. Superintendent Sherman stated that there was at least one.

**PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman and take action on Agenda Items a.-e. as follows:

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| THAT the Board of Education appoint Charles Schrom to the probationary appointment of Maintenance Mechanic, SCEA salary step 6 - \$26,033 (pro-rated), effective 8/7/08.      | APPOINT C. SCHROM<br>MAINTENANCE<br>MECHANIC                    |
| THAT the Board of Education accept the resignation of Charles Schrom as Custodian, effective 8/7/08.  | RESIGNATION<br>C. SCHROM<br>CUSTODIAN                           |
| THAT the Board of Education appoint Nilani deSilva as Elementary School Substitute Caller, effective for the 2008-09 school year, stipend of \$2,736.                         | APPOINT N. DESILVA<br>ELEMENTARY<br>SUBSTITUTE CALLER           |
| THAT the Board of Education appoint Michele Marshall as Jr./Sr. High School Substitute Caller, effective for the 2008-09 school year, stipend of \$2,736.                     | APPOINT M. MARSHALL<br>JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL<br>SUBSTITUTE CALLER |
| THAT the Board of Education appoint Cynthia D. Burton as part-time Claims Auditor, effective retroactive to 7/30/08 at \$15 per hour for an average of 12-16 hours per month. | APPOINT C. BURTON<br>PART-TIME<br>CLAIMS AUDITOR                |

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

Members asked if they would have an opportunity to meet Ms. Burton. Superintendent Sherman said he would arrange for her to attend a future Board Meeting.

**BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, 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  
RECOMMENDATION

1. #9807 Requested Review
2. #09791 Initial Eligibility Determination
3. #0191 Initial Eligibility Determination
4. #0190 Annual Review
5. #0097 Annual Review
6. #0061 Annual Review
7. #0078 Annual Review
8. #0090 Annual Review
9. #00118 Annual Review
10. #09528 Annual Review
11. #09711 Annual Review
12. #09810 Annual Review
13. #09917 Annual Review
14. #9914 Annual Review
15. #9298 Annual Review

16. #9836	Annual Review
17. #0045	Annual Review
18. #0065	Annual Review
19. #09867	Annual Review
20. #00155	Annual Review
21. #09890	Annual Review
22. #00130	Annual Review
23. #9524	Annual Review
24. #09246	Annual Review
25. #09383	Annual Review
26. #9271	Annual Review
27. #0098	Annual Review
28. #09376	Annual Review
29. #09285	Annual Review
30. #9907	Annual Review
31. #09187	Annual Review
32. #06396	Annual Review
33. #09028	Annual Review
34. #9431	Annual Review
35. #09169	Annual Review
36. #0092	Annual Review
37. #06398	Annual Review
38. #0093	Annual Review
39. #9223	Annual Review
40. #0095	Annual Review
41. #9216	Annual Review
42. #9516	Annual Review
43. #9209	Annual Review
44. #9245	Annual Review
45. #6975	Annual Review
46. #09839	Annual Review
47. #6605	Annual Review
48. #9175	Annual Review
49. #6802	Annual Review
50. #9768	Annual Review
51. #06966	Annual Review
52. #6639	Annual Review
53. #09283	Annual Review
54. #6839	Annual Review
55. #6953	Annual Review
56. #6378	Annual Review
57. #5962	Annual Review
58. #6673	Annual Review
59. #6701	Initial Eligibility Determination
60. #09842	Initial Eligibility Determination
61. #6872	Initial Eligibility Determination
62. #0174	Reevaluation CPSE to CSE Transition
63. #0175	Reevaluation CPSE to CSE Transition
64. #0176	Reevaluation CPSE to CSE Transition
65. #0182	Reevaluation CPSE to CSE Transition
66. #0184	Reevaluation CPSE to CSE Transition
67. #0187	Reevaluation CPSE to CSE Transition
68. #0190	Reevaluation CPSE to CSE Transition

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman provided copies of the Textbook “Fashion: From Concept to Consumer” to Board Members for review and for approval at the August 20, 2008 Meeting.

TEXTBOOK REVIEW

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Amend the 2007-2008 Budget: Records Grant. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION  
AMEND 2007-08  
BUDGET:RECORDS  
GRANT

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Declare Old Gym Lockers as Surplus. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION  
DECLARE OLD GYM  
LOCKERS AS SURPLUS

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Award Bid: Milk/Dairy Products and to award the Bid to Byrne Dairy, Inc., 240 Oneida Street, Syracuse, NY 13202. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION  
AND AWARD MILK/  
DAIRY BID

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Award Bid: Replacement School Buses and award the Bid to New York Bus Sales LLC, 7765 Lakeport Rd., Chittenango, NY 13037. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION  
AND AWARD BID FOR  
REPLACEMENT SCHOOL  
BUSES

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies said that Agenda Item g, Resolution to adopt the Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan would be tabled until more information is received. The District is still awaiting the review/ approval of the plan by the school attorney. He said that the Resolution will be presented at a future meeting.

TABLE UPDATED TAX  
SHELTERED ANNUITY  
PLAN

**OTHER BUSINESS**

OTHER  
BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School.

President Spies stated that the next Board of Education Meeting will be on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom. He reminded Members that there will also be a meeting on August 26, 2008 in the High School Library Classroom regarding bids for the track reconstruction project.

NEXT MEETINGS

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

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:47 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 9:10 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mrs. Schultz, Miss Wilber, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Newell, Mr. Quandt, Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker, Mrs. Gillis, and Mrs. Wilber present.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Mrs. Gillis and Mrs. Wilber were excused at 10:33 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Regular meeting.

RECONVENE  
MEETING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:09 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education authorize the final payment for moving expenses per the Superintendent’s initial contract.

AUTHORIZE FINAL  
PAYMENT FOR  
MOVING EXPENSES  
FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN  
MEETING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2008 to be adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk