

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2008
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES, NEWELL, SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: QUANDT
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY ADAMS, JR./SR/HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & PUPIL SERVICES
DAVID BARNES, ASST. JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
BRIAN BAILEY, ASST. PRINCIPAL GUILDERLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 4 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
10 FACULTY MEMBERS; 2 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 3, 2008 to order at 7:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Isles to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 19, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
11/19/08

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (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

- Business – Add Item h – Creation of 2 Part-time Custodian positions
- Business – Add Item i – Purchase of Sander/Plow Vehicle

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Spies offered the privilege of the floor. Mr. David Toborg, a district resident, spoke to Board Members regarding the request to have a snowmobile trail on school grounds. Mr. Toborg is a member of a local snowmobile riders club. He said, if approved, the snowmobile club would post signs to mark the trail, as well as clear brush and build bridges where necessary.

Board Members expressed concern regarding liability. There was also a concern that if there were a trail opened to snowmobiles, it may become an issue during other times of the year for other motorized vehicles such as ATV's.

Superintendent Sherman said that, to date, he has not received a Use of Facilities Request from the snowmobile club.

Motion was made by President Spies, seconded by Mrs. Newell that the Board of Education approve a request for the Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club to build a snowmobile trail on school grounds.

DENIAL OF REQUEST
FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL
ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Yes – 2 (Newell, Wilber)
No – 4 (Spies, Schlieder, Isles, Schultz)
Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Denied

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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There were no reports from Members.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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Masons – Student Assistance Program

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ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Ms. Adams gave a Power Point presentation on the Mason’s Student Assistance Program. The presentation included an overview of all three levels of the program.

- Grades K-4 – Primary Level
- Grades 5-8 – Middle Level
- Grades 9-12 – High School Level

The core components of the program include:

- Prevention
- Identification
- Intervention
- Post-vention
- Treatment
- Aftercare

Ms. Adams introduced the following team leaders for each level:

Mrs. Maryellen Gillis (on behalf of Nancy McGee) – Primary Level

Mrs. Gillis explained the referral process. She said many criteria are included in the process including:

- Academics
- Health
- Attendance
- Behavior

She said that the information must be factual, descriptive, observable and specific. She said that the Primary Level has been monitoring approximately 30 students by reviewing report cards, attendance, etc.

Mr. Steve Hoard – Middle Level

Mr. Hoard said that he is co-team leader for the Middle Level along with Mr. Steve Usher. Mr. Usher is in charge of grades 5-6 and Mr. Hoard is in charge of grades 7-8.

Mr. Hoard reported that the Middle Level is currently monitoring 8 students. He said that paperwork has been streamlined and is working much better this year (2nd year).

Mr. David Barnes is the administrator on the Middle Level team. He reported that there is now a planned overlap when students in grades 5-6 go to the high school building, so they are not starting from scratch, and there is a continuum of service.

Mrs. Bonnie Snyder – High School Level

Mrs. Snyder reported that there are currently 6 students being monitored at the high school level. She said that the training given by the Masons has taught team members how to be sensitive to students' needs and problems.

Mr. Barnes reported that the 3 day training is free – the only cost to the District is for substitutes. The training is held at the Masonic facility in Utica, New York. To date, 19 elementary staff members, 15 high school staff members and 3 administrators have received the training.

He reported that anyone can attend the training, including Board Members. He said that he would like to see more non-instructional personnel attend the training, including bus drivers. Bus drivers are the first people to see students in the morning, and the last to see them at the end of the school day. He said it is important to send a "Team" of people to the training.

Benefits of the training include:

- Understanding the history and facets of the program
- Understanding exactly how the process works
- Learning the dynamics of working as a team within the context of this process

Ms. Adams concluded the presentation by thanking Superintendent Sherman and the Board Members for their support.

President Spies and Superintendent Sherman thanked Ms. Adams and the team members for their presentation.

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to take action on Agenda Items a. and b., as follows:

THAT the Board of Education appoint Lisa Antonovich as Odyssey of the Mind Advisor, effective for the 2008-09 school year.

APPOINT L. ANTONOVICH
ODYSSEY OF THE MIND
ADVISOR

THAT the Board of Education appoint Cory D. Briggs as substitute bus driver at \$12.60 per hour, effective 12/4/08.

APPOINT C. BRIGGS
SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

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. #9011 Program Review
- 2. #0033 Annual Review
- 3. #6190 Requested Review
- 4. #0182 Amendment - Agreement No Meeting
- 5. #9209 Amendment - Agreement No Meeting
- 6. #06399 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 7. #9161 Requested Review
- 8. #09896 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 9. #6958 Requested Review
- 10. #0024 Requested Review
- 11. #6824 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 12. #0078 Requested Review

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the 2nd Reading of, and adopt Revised Board Policy #5752 – Idling School Buses on School Grounds.

APPROVE 2ND READING
AND ADOPT REVISED
POLICY #5752 – IDLING
SCHOOL BUSES ON
SCHOOL GROUNDS

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept, with appreciation, a donation from NYSCOPBA in the amount of \$100 to the High School Special Education Program.

ACCEPT DONATION
FROM NYSCOPBA
FUND

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the Tax Roll corrections as presented. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

APPROVE TAX ROLL
CORRECTIONS

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the school tax collector’s report for the 2008-09 school tax levy. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ACCEPT SCHOOL TAX
COLLECTOR’S REPORT
FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL
TAX LEVY

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education approve a Use of Facilities Request for the Depot Lane Singer’s Dress Rehearsal and Spring Concert from 5/1/09 to 5/2/09.

APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES FOR DEPOT LANE SINGERS FOR 5/1/09 – 5/2/09

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education approve the creation of 2 part-time custodian positions

Mr. Gathen, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, explained that he would like to replace an 8 hour per day custodian with 2 bus drivers who currently work 4 hours per day. The drivers would work 2nd shift as custodians for 4 hours at the conclusion of their afternoon bus run. By utilizing drivers who currently receive health benefits, it would save the district money.

After this discussion, Mrs. Newell amended her motion, and Mrs. Isles amended her second as follows:

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education approve the creation of two 4 hour custodian/4 hour bus driver positions.

APPROVE CREATION OF TWO 4 HOUR BUS DRIVER / 4 HOUR CUSTODIAN POSITIONS

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education authorize the possible purchase of a used, heavy duty pick-up truck or dump truck to hold the lot sander, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

AUTHORIZE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF USED TRUCK NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

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The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School
2. NYSCOSS State Budget Outlook
3. NYSSBA Membership Letter
4. Article – Liability Issues Related to Transportation of Student Athletes
5. BTANYS Letter recognizing Jen McClure for her presentation at their annual conference
6. Adventure Club Sign-Up Packet
7. Elementary School December Lunch Menu and Calendar

President Spies stated that the next Board of Education Meeting will be on December 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria.

NEXT MEETING

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 – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

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

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 8:45 p.m. with President Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Newell, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mr. Quandt arrived at 9:12 pm.

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Isles 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 10:13 pm.

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Miss Wilber to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2008 to be adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk