

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2009
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES, NEWELL (arr. @ 7:22 pm), QUANDT, SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES,
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: WILBER
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAHER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 2 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
2 FACULTY MEMBERS; 2 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 7, 2009 to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 17, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
12/17/08

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Newell; Wilber)

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

- Add Business Item e. 1st Reading BOE Policy – Meeting the Needs of Students With Life-Threatening Health Conditions

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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There were no reports from Members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Tech Valley High School Presentation – Mallory Ennist and Katherine Berdan

TECH VALLEY HIGH
SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Superintendent Sherman introduced Mallory Ennist and Katherine Berdan. Both are students at Tech Valley High School. Mallory and Katherine gave a Power-Point presentation on their experiences thus far at Tech Valley High School.

Mallory and Katherine said that the curriculum at Tech Valley is field work, or project-based learning. Both girls explained their programs and the classes they take. They said that every project has standards that have to be covered and met. Giving presentations was also a requirement of their programs. They said that Tech Valley also has many clubs available for students to join.

Both girls were very enthusiastic and said they enjoyed attending Tech Valley High School. Superintendent Sherman and Board Members thanked both girls for a very informative presentation.

Mrs. Newell arrived at 7:22 pm.

Superintendent Sherman said that there will be a reduction in the tuition for the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Ennist said that the location of Tech Valley will be changed for next year as well.

President Spies asked when there will be a discussion on the tuition for next year. Superintendent Sherman said it would be in late February or early March. A brief update on the search for a new location was presented.

EXCEL Project Update

**EXCEL PROJECT
UPDATE**

Superintendent Sherman introduced Mike Fanning and Gene Browning from Mosaic Associates Architects. He said that they are looking at some of the costs associated with the Bids received on November 13, 2009 and try to determine why the Bids came in so out of line. He said that after coming in over budget they have revised the project at no extra cost to the District. Mr. Fanning reviewed the information given to Members in their information packet on the EXCEL Bid Recommendations (copy attached to Official Minutes). He made note that the District is out one more year that was intended, therefore there is an extra year of inflation due to the turmoil in the economy.

Mr. Browning distributed a diagram of how the ceiling in the Theatre would look when completed. Superintendent Sherman said that after speaking with Mr. Pracher, Director of the High School Play, he felt that the travel track for the stage curtains should be left in the project.

Mr. Fanning said that if the Fire Alarm System was bid as an alternate, the District may receive a better price.

Mrs. Isles asked if there were past concerns regarding the ventilation, as this was one of the items suggested to be removed from the project. Superintendent Sherman said that there have been on-going concerns from the faculty. He said the ventilation would help to improve the modifications that were made in the 1970 project.

President Spies asked the status of preparedness. Mr. Fanning said it would be approximately 3 weeks. Bids would be received in February. He said that demolition in the auditorium would begin during the April break and work would continue after the break with construction being done during the 2nd shift and throughout the summer. The auditorium will not be available after the April break but it is anticipated that the theatre would be ready by opening day in September.

Board Members agreed with the recommendations from Mosaic Associates.

Internal Audit Risk Analysis Plan

INTERNAL AUDIT RISK ANALYSIS PLAN

Mr. Bonaker, Business Administrator, reviewed the proposed fees received from West and Company, CPAs. to update the initial risk assessment which identified six significant risks and seven other findings and recommendations. The following fees were proposed:

- Update the initial risk assessment \$4,500
- Fee to audit each risk area selected for the current year. \$2,500 - \$4,000

Mr. Bonaker explained that the update of the initial risk assessment is mandatory, and would recommend going ahead with the update.

He also explained that the \$2,500 - \$4,000 is for each risk area. He said that there are 6 areas of significant risk which were identified in the original assessment.

1. Business Office – Segregation of Duties
2. Internal Claims Auditor
3. Information Technology
4. Leave Time
5. Extraclassroom Activities
6. Payroll

He said that items number 1, 2 and 3 above have been rectified. He said that that the District has \$9,000 budgeted and would like to know which areas, if any, Board Members would like to recommend. Mr. Schlieder said he felt that the District should focus on Payroll.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Newell that the Board of Education authorize West and Company to update the initial risk assessment and to conduct a more in depth assessment of the District’s payroll operations.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR INITIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman said that the disaster recovery plan is currently being implemented with full system operation still about 1-2 months away.

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Mrs. Schultz 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 Cheryl Price, Provisional Appointment, as Half-Time Custodian, 4 hours per day – Step 1 - \$11,228 plus 2nd shift differential (pro-rated), effective 1/8/09.

APPOINT C. PRICE HALF-TIME CUSTODIAN

THAT the Board of Education appoint Belinda Liddle, Provisional Appointment, as Half-Time Custodian, 4 hours per day – Step 1 - \$11,228 plus 2nd shift differential (pro-rated), effective 1/8/09.

APPOINT B. LIDDLE HALF-TIME CUSTODIAN

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Isles 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. #0004 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 2. #90016 Requested Review Transfer
- 3. #09847 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 4. #6987 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education approve the updated Non-Resident Tuition Rates for 2008-2009 school year as follows:

APPROVE UPDATED
NON-RESIDENT
TUITION RATES

- Grades K-6 \$5,440
- Grades 7-12 \$4,621

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Award Bid: Gasoline for School Buses as follows:

APPROVE RESOLUTION
TO AWARD BID:
GASOLINE FOR SCHOOL
BUSES

- Laraway’s Inc.
- 169 Main St.
- PO Box 527
- Middleburgh, NY 12122
- Bid Price: \$1.35 per gallon over the posted price from the Hess/Albany terminal on the day of delivery

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of the Resolution to: Accept Designation of School District of Attendance and Authorize Payment of Collected Taxes to Duanesburg CSD.

APPROVE RESOLUTION
TO ACCEPT
DESIGNATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
ATTENDANCE AND
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT
OF COLLECTED TAXES
TO DUANESBURG CSD

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education waive the 1st Reading of Proposed Policy #7521 – Meeting The Needs of Students With Life-Threatening Health Conditions and table it for action at the January 21,2009 Meeting.

WAIVE 1ST READING
PROPOSED BOE
POLICY #7521 - MEETING
THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS
WITH LIFE-THREATENING
HEALTH CONDITIONS

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman distributed copies of an article from the Daily Gazette newspaper regarding the use of Transfinder software and noted that Schoharie Central is currently using the software.

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. Schoharie Elementary School January menu and calendar of events
3. Schoharie Elementary School Newsletter

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

NEXT MEETINGS

- January 21, 2009 – 7 pm – High School Library Classroom
- February 4, 2009 – 7 pm – High School Library Classroom
- February 25, 2009 – 7 pm – High School Library Classroom

President Spies said there were no items to discuss in Executive Session tonight.

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

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2009 to be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk