

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: JULY 16, 2008
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES, NEWELL (arr. @ 7:22 p.m.), SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: QUANDT
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAHER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY BIRDSALL, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
0 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 3 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
2 FACULTY MEMBERS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of July 16, 2008 to order at 7:17 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Minutes of the Reorganizational and Regular Meetings on July 2, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
7/2/08 & REORG

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt; Newell)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education rescind the motion made on July 2, 2008 to accept the resignation of Carol Benham, Internal Claims Auditor, until a replacement is appointed.

RESCIND RESIGNATION
C. BENHAM, INTERNAL
CLAIMS AUDITOR

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Quandt; Newell)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and July/August calendar of events and facilities use. He said there were two additions to the agenda as follows:

CALENDAR AND
AGENDA

- o Personnel – Non-Instructional – appoint temporary summer laborer
- o Business – Agreement for Lease of Buses

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Superintendent Sherman distributed a copy of a 1930 document showing the consolidation of the Schoharie Central School District.

Mrs. Newell arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Superintendent Sherman distributed an article from the New York Times regarding "Crucial Data on Graduates is Elusive".

Superintendent Sherman said that two candidates have been selected to be interviewed by the Board of Education for the Claims Auditor position.

Superintendent Sherman distributed information prepared by Mr. Bonaker. In re-examining the District's insurance coverage, Mr. Bonaker noted three missing items: Earthquake, Computer Transfer Fraud, and Limited Water Damage (as new for 2008-09). He said that the District's umbrella coverage has been increased from five million dollars to ten million dollars.

Superintendent Sherman said that Members had received in their information packets a list of teachers and teaching assistants who will be eligible for tenure within the next three years. Also in Member packets was a copy of the Commissioners Regulations regarding Tenure.

The approval has been received from SED (State Education Department) on the architectural and engineering plans which means we can now go to bid.

EXCEL PROJECT
UPDATE

Superintendent Sherman reported that a meeting was held with the architectural firm (Dodge, Chamberlin, Lazine, and Webber) and the construction management firm (Turner Construction) to go over time lines and the bidding process. Specs are being created for the bids by Turner and DCLW for publishing in September (timed to avoid the backlog of projects done by schools over the summer). We expect the bids to come back in late October to early November. The successful bidders would then have December to take care of their submittals. Construction could begin on the alarm systems, some HVAC, and the emergency lighting as early as January or February. This would be done second shift so as to not interfere with school during the day. The theatre renovation would begin after the school play which is scheduled for the first week in April. This would allow a week for our staff to do the required demolition in the theatre (take down the lights and curtain riggings, remove speakers and curtains, etc.). Asbestos removal would be conducted over the spring break when no students are in the building. The boys locker room renovation would take place in the late spring and into the summer as would the creation of the fitness center. The theatre renovation would be expected to take six months. During the time of the renovation of the theatre, concerts and ceremonies will take place in the gym. Before work can begin on the fitness center however, the new exit doors for the high school gym need to be installed (to meet required codes once we block off the corridor which will become the fitness center).

The girls' locker room has already been gutted and the new lockers are due to arrive any day and will be installed by our staff by mid-August. Painting and renovation in the locker room for the girls is taking place at this time (done by our staff). The girls' locker room renovation related to the fitness room will take place in the spring.

The boy's and girl's high school bathroom (near the cafeteria) renovations have begun and will be completed before school opens in September.

The building of the exterior ramps for the high school gym is expected to take place at the end of the summer and into fall (again, by our staff).

Site improvements have already begun. Superintendent Sherman reported that Mr. Gathen, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, recently arranged for the old backstop and debris to be removed from the "back 40" or small field area behind the JV soccer fields. The field has been leveled, additional land cleared, and is being seeded so as to be available to the athletic programs and youth soccer programs in the fall of 2009. The parking area at the top of the track has been expanded, leveled and additional gravel spread. That parking area will be available in a few weeks.

A meeting was held this past week with Buckman and Whitbeck (engineering firm) and our construction manager, and bidding on the track will go out around July 30th (plan also approved by SED). There are significant concerns as already mentioned regarding cost increases since the original estimate was established (price of petroleum products as well as transportation and shipping costs). To hedge against those concerns, the track will be bid as four separate items:

- the track and site preparation including paving
- the fence around the track
- the field events area (high jump, running jump, etc.)
- the latex surface of the track (red coating) – Black doesn't last as long and absorbs significantly more heat than red or blue; however blue is much more expensive.

We would expect that the track construction would take place in late August through the fall. This would necessitate movement in our athletic schedule and practice as well as competition locations (still at Schoharie, however) since the soccer field inside the track would not be available the entire season.

High School Integrated Algebra Regents

Superintendent Sherman said he had received several e-mails from an individual who was concerned about the High School Integrated Algebra Regents exams that were given in June. Mrs. Birdsall and Mr. Barnes researched the issue. Mrs. Birdsall said that review sessions are being provided to students who signed up for them. If a student receives a higher score on the Regents exam in August, that score will replace the lower score they received in June.

HIGH SCHOOL
INTEGRATED ALGEBRA
REGENTS

Mrs. Marion Jacqueway, a District resident, said her son took the review session. She thanked the administration for their effort in trying to correct the problem.

President Spies asked Mr. Sherman to report this information to the concerned parent.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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President Spies said that he and several other members have received letters from the New York State School Boards Association asking Board Members to join their organization. They have offered Members two registrations (at member rates) for NYSSBA educational events until the end of September. It was also offered that if the Board decides to join, NYSSBA will award one complimentary registration to NYSSBA's 2008 Annual Convention in October.

President Spies said that the cost needs to be investigated. Superintendent Sherman said that he would find out what both member and non-member costs are. President Spies said that the Board will make their decision at a meeting in August.

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Nancy Rera as temporary summer bus aide for a disabled student, effective retroactive to 7/7/08 until 8/29/08, 5.5 hours per day at a regular substitute rate of \$7.15 per hour.

APPOINT
N. RERA, TEMPORARY
SUMMER BUS AIDE

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint John Kendle, Jr. as temporary summer laborer, effective retroactive to 7/15/08 – 8/29/08, 8 hours per day, at minimum wage of \$7.15 per hour.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

APPOINT
J. KENDLE, JR.
TEMPORARY SUMMER
LABORER

BUSINESS

The Board received the report of the Claims Auditor for Warrant #13 (2007-08) in the amount of \$406,914.40 and Warrant #13 (2007-08) in the amount of \$25,335.70.

WARRANTS #13 AND
#13A (2007-2008)

The Board received the report of the Claims Auditor for Warrant #1 (2008-09) in the amount of \$646,779.16.

WARRANT #1 (2008-2009)

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education authorize Signing of Agreements with BOCES of Final AS-7 Contract for 2007-2008 school year, Preliminary AS-7 Contract for 2008-2009 school year and Classroom Rental Agreement for 2008-2009 school year. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

AUTHORIZE SIGNING
OF AGREEMENTS
WITH BOCES

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education take action on Agenda items d. and e. as follows:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Resolution to accept the BOCES Custodial Supply Bid for the 2008-09 school year. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ACCEPT BOCES
CUSTODIAL SUPPLY
BID FOR 2008-09
SCHOOL YEAR

THAT the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Participate in the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Service for the 2008-09 school year. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

ADOPT RESOLUTION
TO PARTICIPATE
BOCES COOPERATIVE
BIDDING SERVICE

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education award the bid for the Chevrolet Suburban to DePaula Chevrolet, Inc., 785 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 in the amount of \$38,934.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

AWARD BID
CHEVROLET SUBURBAN

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation Superintendent Sherman to designate the CSE and CPSE Parent Members for 2008-2009 school year (tabled from 7/2/08).

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

DESIGNATE CSE AND
CPSE PARENT MEMBERS
FOR 2008-09

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Authorize the Lease of Buses to the Village of Schoharie Youth Recreation Commission to transport District children to and from the Village Pool. The District will be compensated for the operating cost of the buses at \$.60 per mile. The Commission will employ Schoharie Central School District bus drivers to operate the vehicles.

ADOPT RESOLUTION
LEASE OF BUSES TO
VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE
YOUTH RECREATION
COMMISSION

Yes – 5
No – 1 (Wilber)
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. Schoharie Central School District Budget Vote History
3. Duties of the Claims Auditor
4. Purchasing Guidelines
5. NYS School Report Card Fiscal Accountability Supplement for SCS
6. July 2008 Labor Relations Report
7. Board of Education Member History

President Spies stated that the next Board of Education Meetings will be on August 6th and August 20th, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom.

NEXT MEETINGS

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Miss Wilber 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 8:21 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 8:25 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mrs. Schultz, Miss Wilber, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Newell, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

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

RECONVENE
MEETING

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

President Spies reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:52 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education adopt the resolution indemnifying the school architect regarding the track project. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION
INDEMNIFYING
SCHOOL ARCHITECT
TRACK PROJECT

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

ADJOURN
MEETING

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2008 to be adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk