

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: JUNE 17, 2009
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – JR. / SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES, NEWELL (arr. @ 7:20 pm), QUANDT (arr. @ 7:28 pm), SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: N/A
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
BARBARA MONSEES, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER ELECT
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 19 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
10 STAFF MEMBERS; 1 STUDENT

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 17, 2009 to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 3, 2009.

APPROVE MINUTES
OF REGULAR MEETING
ON 6/3/09

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Newell; Quandt)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda. He said the following are changes/additions to the evening's agenda:

CALENDAR AND
AGENDA

- Personnel – Non-Instructional – add item d. – Resignation of Keesha Lamont, Teacher Aide
- Business – add item k. – Declaration of Surplus Equipment (old tractor and radiators)
- Business – add item l. – Designation of School District of Attendance – Duanesburg CSD
- Business – add item m. – Track Project – Authorization of Change Order

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Spies offered the Privilege of the Floor.

Mrs. Jill Sholtes, a district resident, read and distributed a letter to Board Members in support of elementary school teacher, Bridget Krepcio. She asked Board Members to find a way to keep Mrs. Krepcio on staff, rather than lay her off due to budget reductions.

Mrs. Lorraine Stevens, a district resident, spoke to Board Members regarding the movement of teachers to different grade levels. She felt that parents should be made aware of changes in advance. Superintendent Sherman explained that the changes are driven by enrollment and the change in numbers in grade levels. He said that the Elementary School staff has been reduced by two teachers for next year.

President Spies said that Superintendent Sherman will have a report at the meeting on July 8th. He said that there would be a discussion about the proposed classroom teacher changes and the Board would also discuss the rationale of those changes.

Mrs. Newell arrived at 7:20 pm.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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There were no reports from Board Members.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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Superintendent Sherman gave an update on the Energy Performance Contract proposals. He said there are currently two very good companies in contention (Ameresco and Honeywell).

Superintendent Sherman reported that Mr. Rockhill has been appointed as the Vice-President of Section II Athletics.

Universal Pre-K Update

UNIVERSAL PRE-K
UPDATE

Superintendent Sherman reported that the District was informed on June 10th that all funding statewide for Universal Pre-K programs has been frozen at the 2008-09 levels. He said that, according to SED officials, new programs will likely not be funded until the 2010-11 school year, at the earliest. He said that due to this change he was withdrawing his recommendation for the Universal Pre-K program for 2009-10.

Mr. Quandt arrived at 7:28 pm.

There was a lengthy discussion with many district residents voicing their concerns. Residents asked Board Members if they had looked to see if there are alternate funding sources. Mr. Quandt said that no one advocated more for the program than Superintendent Sherman and the administration. He said that Superintendent Sherman and Mr. Bonaker had spent a lot of time trying to find a way to fund the program, without an impact on the operating budget that is approved by the District voters.

Mrs. Marion Jaqueway spoke to the audience and suggested that they attend meetings to keep informed regarding Universal Pre-K and to give their input, especially during the budget development process.

Mr. Jeff Senecal, a district resident, asked what the benefit of a Universal Pre-K is. Mrs. Gillis explained the Kindergarten screening process and said that approximately 1/3 of the group of students enrolled for September 2009 are functioning below National standards. A UPK program is designed to help students become better prepared for Kindergarten.

President Spies said that the Board will be discussing Universal Pre-K in the next budget sessions. Superintendent Sherman said that the SINI work will be touching on this topic as well.

Presentation – SINI Status Update

PRESENTATION -
SINI STATUS UPDATE

Superintendent Sherman said that on June 8th, he and the Committee consisting of Maryellen Gillis, Linda Nevulis, Debbie Castle, Ellen Langwig, Jan Baptiste, Kim McCarthy, Wendy Molle, and Steve Hoard made a presentation to the Capital Region BOCES panel. He said that the final report was submitted to SED on June 17th. He said that he would have a copy of the report within the next 2 weeks. He said the Committee has worked very hard and gave up a lot of their personal and teaching time to prepare the presentation. He thanked and congratulated all of them on a job well done.

Superintendent Sherman said that a Comprehensive Education Plan has to be submitted and in place by September 1st. He said that the plan will be presented to the Board for approval during the summer.

A copy of the report on the SQR (School Quality Review) presentation will be posted on the website when it is received from SED.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Claire Bartkus to a probationary appointment as follows:

APPOINT
C. BARTKUS
SCIENCE TEACHER

Name of Appointee:	Claire Bartkus
Title of Position:	Science Teacher
Tenure Area:	Science
Effective Date:	9/1/09
Probationary End Date:	8/31/12
Certification:	Initial – Biology 7-12 Initial – Extension for General Science 7-12 (pending)
Salary Status:	Masters Step 1 - \$36,601 (pending successor agreement)

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following individuals as Temporary Custodian/Maintenance Substitutes, \$7.88 per hour, effective 6/29/09 through 9/4/09.

APPOINT TEMPORARY
CUSTODIAN /
MAINTENANCE
SUBSTITUTES
B. RICKARD
K. SCOFIELD
J. EHRLICH

1. Beverly Rickard
2. Kevin Scofield
3. Judy Ehrlich

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to accept, with best wishes, the resignation of Keesha Lamont, Teacher aide, effective 6/26/09.

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Authorize Reallocation of Funds in the Extra-classroom Fund. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION TO
AUTHORIZE
REALLOCATION OF
FUNDS IN EXTRA-
CLASSROOM FUND

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Authorize Payments from Tax Certiorari Reserve Account. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION TO
AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS
FROM TAX CERTIORARI
RESERVE ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Newell that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Designate Use of Fund Balance. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION TO
DESIGNATE USE OF
FUND BALANCE

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the Health and Welfare Services Agreement with Albany City School District for services provided to students residing in Schoharie Central School District who are attending parochial or private schools located within the Albany City School District.

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

APPROVE HEALTH/
WELFARE AGREEMENT
WITH ALBANY CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for May 2009. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

TREASURER’S
REPORT

President Spies said members received a Revenue/Budget Status Report in their information packets.

The Board received the report of the Claims Auditor for Warrant #12 in the amount of \$450,757.56.

CLAIMS WARRANT #12

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education declare a 1994 Chevy Suburban, #125 Driver Education Vehicle, as surplus.

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

DECLARE 1994 CHEVY
SUBURBAN AS SURPLUS

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Committee 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
RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. #6695 Annual Review
- 2. #6901 Annual Review
- 3. #5995 Annual Review
- 4. #9405 Annual Review
- 5. #6787 Annual Review
- 6. #9403 Annual Review
- 7. #6071 Annual Review
- 8. #6177 Annual Review
- 9. #9847 Annual Review
- 10. #08062 Annual Review
- 11. #6967 Annual Review
- 12. #6273 Annual Review
- 13. #9011 Annual Review
- 14. #08050 Annual Review
- 15. #6366 Annual Review
- 16. #02824 Annual Review
- 17. #9418 Annual Review
- 18. #0174 Annual Review
- 19. #0175 Annual Review
- 20. #0176 Annual Review
- 21. #0090 Annual Review
- 22. #0123 Annual Review
- 23. #0181 Annual Review
- 24. #0182 Annual Review
- 25. #0061 Annual Review
- 26. #0184 Annual Review
- 27. #0187 Annual Review
- 28. #0078 Annual Review
- 29. #00155 Annual Review
- 30. #0190 Annual Review
- 31. #0191 Annual Review
- 32. #9030 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 33. #0278 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 34. #9751 Requested Review

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Jan Herrick, a district resident, addressed the Board regarding the CSE Recommendations for her children. She said that she wanted to acknowledge the Special Education Department and appreciated responses she had received from Board Members.

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education declare as surplus the following items:

DECLARE EQUIPMENT
AS SURPLUS

- 1. Ford 776A Front-End Loader Ford Tractor – not repairable
- 2. Steam radiators removed from the Theatre – no longer usable

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Accept Designation of School District of Attendance and Authorize Payment of Collected Taxes to Duanesburg Central School Distict. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATTENDANCE - DUANESBURG CSD

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Newell to adopt the Resolution to Authorize Change Order – Track Project with the following wording change:

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER – TRACK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the contractor, HMA Contracting Corp., Mechanicville, NY, has proposed a cost of \$14,300 as a Change Order to the site improvement contract for the track reconstruction to apply a rubberized coating to the field events areas,

(copy of adopted Resolution attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

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The following informational items were distributed to Board Members:

- Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School District
- Labor Relations Report – June 2009

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Reorganizational and Regular Meeting on July 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm
- Regular Meeting on July 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm

President Spies, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented a plaque to Bill Schlieder. Mr. Schlieder’s term concludes at the end of the 2008-09 school year. President Spies thanked Mr. Schlieder and said that he was a very cooperative and active member of the Board of Education and that he served the Schoharie Central School District and Board of Education very well. Mr. Schlieder was given a standing ovation. He thanked the Board Members and the Community for this honor.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO BILL SCHLIEDER

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz 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 8:31 p.m.

RECESS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt 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 10:07 pm.

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

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2009 to be adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk