

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: JUNE 3, 2009
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES, NEWELL (arr. @ 7:30 pm), QUANDT, 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
DAVID BARNES, ASST. JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
CLIFF HASLUN, TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR
SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 7 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
7 FACULTY MEMBERS; 6 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 3, 2009 to order at 7:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mr. Quandt to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 19, 2009.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ON 5/19/09

Yes – 5

No – 0

Abstain – 1 (Schlieder)

Absent – 1 (Newell)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Minutes of the Public Budget Vote and Board Member Election Meeting on May 19, 2009.

APPROVE MINUTES
BUDGET VOTE AND
BOARD MEMBER
ELECTION ON 5/19/09

Yes – 5

No – 0

Abstain – 1 (Schlieder)

Absent – 1 (Newell)

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

- Personnel – Instructional – add item a. Retirement Resignation of Jane Phillips, Math Teacher
- Personnel – Instructional – add item b. Appoint Patricia Battesh, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher
- Personnel – Non-Instructional – add item c. Approve Paid Leave of Absence to Melissa Schoeffler, Aide

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Spies offered the privilege of the floor. Mrs. Rhonda Sacket, a district resident, spoke to the Board regarding flyers for both profit and non-profit organizations being sent home. She requested that all community members be treated fairly. She said that she sent an e-mail to Board Members on June 3rd. President Spies said that Members would discuss the matter and that a response would be sent to her at a later date.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

BOARD REPORT

Miss Wilber reported that Schoharie Central School will be hosting the Schoharie County School Board training to be held at the school. It will include a two hour training program as well as a reception for newly elected school board members. Participating districts include Duanesburg, Gilboa-Conesville, Berne-Knox-Westerlo, and Schoharie.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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Presentation – First New York School Branch

PRESENTATION FIRST NEW YORK SCHOOL BRANCH

Superintendent Sherman introduced Kristy Smith and Lucy Gutting from the First New York Federal Credit Union. They gave a presentation to the Board regarding an in-school, student run credit union branch. The purpose of an in-school branch is:

- to educate the students in the area of financial marketing and service delivery by providing hands-on experience.
- to offer the student population the opportunity to learn personal financial responsibility with account ownership.
- to teach the students participating in the branch life skills in leadership, service and the basic skills of a teller.
- to teach the marketing students the fundamentals of financial marketing and new account sales.

The Credit Union would be responsible for providing a financial transaction system and appropriate training for students. They would also be responsible for the assessment of the hardware, software and security needs. They will also complete teller, security and marketing training of students and supervising staff.

The school would be responsible to provide a secure environment in which to operate a credit union branch and to provide proper supervision of the student staff and branch during business hours.

The primary purpose of the in-school branch is to provide convenience for the membership such as:

- Deposits – checks and cash accepted
- Check cashing, withdrawals and transfers
 - Students \$30.00 limit
 - Staff \$100.00 limit
- Loan payments

A student-run branch will be able to open new accounts and distribute account materials. The hours of operation will be weekly (hours and days will be determined by the school in conjunction with the credit union). Ms. Smith said that school lunch periods have proven to be the best time.

Ms. Smith said stated the following regarding information security for staff and students:

- First New York FCU operates in an off-line mode on premise.
- A laptop computer with receipt printer is provided with offline teller software. The laptop is delivered to the school prior to branch opening each week.
- After closing, the laptop computer is delivered to a branch location.
- Information is uploaded by a First New York employee to main frame and offline information is deleted.
- No member information is left on school premises, nor is account information available to students.

Ms. Adams said that the FBLA members would like to be involved in the in-school branch and that it would be located in the High School Library Classroom. Mrs. Gillis said that Mrs. Manchester, Teaching Assistant, would run the in-school branch in the elementary school computer room. Mrs. Gillis said that information could be included in the back to school letters to students.

Mrs. Newell arrived at 7:30 pm.

Motion was made by President Spies, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education authorize the establishment of an In-School Credit Union Branch in conjunction with the First New York Federal Credit Union.

ESTABLISHMENT
OF IN-SCHOOL
CREDIT UNION
BRANCH

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman distributed copies of the EXCEL Project time schedule. He made note that all items on the schedule will be completed mid to late August, which is 1-2 months sooner than originally anticipated.

Superintendent Sherman reported that the track is being paved and the field elements are being completed and should be operational by the end of the month.

Universal Pre-K Proposal

UNIVERSAL PRE-K
PROPOSAL

Superintendent Sherman distributed proposal information on Universal Pre-K. The assume district allocation by the state is approximately \$74,000 not including the \$15,000 planning grant. The administration has received one response to its RFP, that coming from the Schoharie County Child Development Council and Headstart.

Within the proposal, the following items were noted:

- The District would hire an appropriately certified teacher and look to confirm an acceptable one year MOA with the STA regarding working conditions since they will be different from that of our regular teaching staff.
- The District would share the expense of an aide to the program hired by Headstart.
- Headstart would hire a second teacher.
- Headstart would also employ the program supervisor who will work with the District's administration.
- There would be a contract.
- The District would provide an appropriately equipped classroom and Headstart will be responsible for materials and supplies for instruction.
- District services would include keys, radio to the office and phone access as well as access to the copier.
- Day to day supervision is the responsibility of the Headstart coordinator.
- The liaison to the District for operations would be the Director of Pupil Services and then the Elementary School Principal.
- The District will supply food services which would be reimbursed by Headstart.
- Headstart would provide training for our staff.
- Headstart staff would participate in our professional development days.
- The calendar would be the school calendar.
- Headstart would provide all transportation to and from the program.

President Spies asked what the criteria would be for choosing children. Superintendent Sherman said that Federal requirements limit us to 20 students to start the program. There are currently 26 children on a waiting list. He explained that the first 10 slots are for children who are Headstart income eligible who live in the Schoharie Central School District. The remaining 10 slots would be filled according to the order in which the parents called. The remaining students on the list would be placed on a waiting list. The selection process will be finalized by June 17th.

Superintendent Sherman said that a representative from Headstart and Mrs. Nevulis will be present at the meeting on June 17th to answer questions. Board Members expressed that they would like articulated, very clear expectations of the program. Mr. Schlieder said he would like to see a STA agreement in place. President Spies said, if approved, he would like a report or evaluation by the end of the first year.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to accept, with regret and with appreciation and best wishes, the Retirement Resignation of Jane Phillips, Math Teacher, effective 6/30/09.

RETIREMENT
RESIGNATION
J. PHILLIPS
MATH TEACHER

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

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

APPOINT
P. BATTESH
FAMILY AND CONSUMER
SCIENCE TEACHER

Name of Appointee: Patricia Battesh
Title of Position: Family and Consumer Science Teacher
Tenure Area: Home Economics – General
Effective Date: 9/1/09
Probationary End Date: 8/31/11 (previously tenured)
Certification: Permanent – Home Economics
Salary Status: Master’s Step 13 - \$48,706 (pending successor agreement)

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve the probationary appointment of David F. Hackney, Jr. as Mechanic/Bus Driver, 12 month, SCEA Step 5 - \$29,977, effective 7/1/09.

APPOINT D. HACKNEY
MECHANIC / BUS
DRIVER

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Jean Luniewski and add her name to the Non-Certified Substitute List, effective 5/27/09.

APPOINT
J. LUNIEWSKI, NON-
CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE

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 approve a Paid Leave of Absence to Melissa Schoeffler, Aide, effective 6/4/09 through the end of the 2008-09 school year.

APPROVE PAID
LEAVE OF ABSENCE
M. SCHOEFLER, AIDE

Yes – 7
No – 0

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. #0267 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
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3. #9406 Annual Review
4. #6715 Annual Review
5. #6881 Annual Review
6. #06384 Annual Review
7. #6906 Annual Review
8. #06583 Annual Review
9. #6921 Annual Review
10. #9017 Annual Review
11. #6391 Annual Review
12. #06832 Annual Review
13. #06585 Annual Review
14. #9423 Annual Review
15. #90013 Annual Review
16. #09000 Annual Review
17. #0959 Annual Review
18. #6808 Annual Review
19. #6829 Annual Review
20. #6844 Annual Review
21. #9907 Annual Review
22. #9516 Annual Review
23. #6783 Annual Review
24. #9006 Annual Review
25. #6185 Annual Review
26. #6922 Annual Review
27. #09187 Annual Review
28. #06396 Annual Review
29. #09028 Annual Review
30. #06835 Annual Review
31. #9431 Annual Review
32. #9209 Annual Review
33. #9211 Annual Review
34. #9216 Annual Review
35. #6854 Annual Review
36. #9102 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
37. #6615 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
38. #0259 Annual Review
39. #0249 Annual Review
40. #0171 Annual Review
41. #0173 Reevaluation CPSE to CSE
42. #0270 Annual Review
43. #0183 Annual Review
44. #0177 Reevaluation CPSE to CSE
45. #0177 Reevaluation CPSE to CSE
46. #0194 Reevaluation CPSE to CSE
47. #0172 Reevaluation CPSE to CSE

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education adopt the Bond Resolution for the Capital Project authorizing not to exceed \$2,079,042 aggregate principal amount of serial general obligation bonds and/or bond anticipation notes to finance the Capital Project authorized by the voters on November 27, 2007. (copy of resolution attached to official minutes)

ADOPT BOND
RESOLUTION FOR
CAPITAL PROJECT

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 Designate Use of Funds in Capital Fund: EXCEL Project. (copy of resolution attached to official minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION
DESIGNATE USE OF
FUNDS IN CAPITAL
FUND EXCEL PROJECT

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education authorize change order for the track project in the amount of \$12,940. (copy of resolution attached to official minutes)

AUTHORIZE CHANGE
ORDER FOR TRACK
PROJECT

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education award the bid for the repair of the chimneys to:

AWARD BID FOR
REPAIR OF CHMINEYS

PCC Contracting, Inc.
Albany, NY
Bid Price: \$37,250

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Newell that the Board of Education award bids for surplus vehicles to the following:

AWARD BIDS FOR
SURPLUS VEHICLES

1. 1952 Dodge Power Wagon	Robert Muller	\$1,087
2. 1989 Chevy Suburban	Benjamin Cooper	\$ 237
3. 1995 Chevy Suburban	Benjamin Cooper	\$ 237
4. Gang Mowers	Christopher Coyle	\$ 55

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education establish the date of July 8, 2009 for the Annual Reorganizational Meeting.

ESTABLISH DATE FOR
REORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the following textbooks for the 2009-10 school year.

APPROVE TEXTBOOKS

1. Algebra II and Trigonometry
2. Introduction to Geometry

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

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

APPROVE HEALTH/
WELFARE AGREEMENT
WITH SCHENECTADY
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve a transportation request change to Faith Bible Academy instead of St. Mark’s Christian School for one family (one child) for the 2009-10 school year.

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST CHANGE

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve Agenda Business Items k. and l. as follows:

THAT the Board of Education approve a revision of Non-Resident Tuition Rates as follows:

\$5,048 (K-6)
\$5,088 (7-12)

APPROVE REVISED
NON-RESIDENT
TUITION RATES FOR
2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

THAT the Board of Education approve a revision of Special Education Non-Resident Billing Rates revised as follows (and to be charged back to resident school districts for the 2008-09 school year)

\$17,347 (K-6)
\$17,387 (7-12)

APPROVE REVISED
BILLING RATES FOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION
NON-RESIDENT
STUDENTS

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation of 45 basketball jerseys for the Boys’ Little Indians Program from Shane Barton, Physical Education Teacher.

ACCEPT DONATION
BASKETBALL JERSEYS

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the following Field Trips:

THAT the Board of Education approve a field trip for 12th grade English students to go to New York City on 12/2/09.

APPROVE FIELD TRIP
12TH GRADE ENGLISH
STUDENTS TO NYC

THAT the Board of Education approve a field trip for Fine Arts students to go to New York City on 10/28/09.

APPROVE FIELD TRIP
FINE ARTS STUDENTS
TO NYC

THAT the Board of Education approve a field trip for FBLA students to attend the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA from 6/24/09 through 7/1/09.

APPROVE FIELD TRIP
FBLA TO NATIONAL
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE IN
ANAHEIM, CA

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by President Spies, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education approve a financial support request in the amount of no more than \$700 for the FBLA trip to the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA.

APPROVE FINANCIAL
SUPPORT TO FBLA
TO NATIONAL
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE IN
ANAHEIM, CA

Yes – 6
No – 1 (Quandt)

Motion Carried

Ashley Kalisz spoke on behalf of the FBLA to ask for financial support for Sigrid Kuntze who is competing at the National Level.

OTHER BUSINESS

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BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

1. Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School District
2. Article – Farm to School Project Training – School Food Service Staff
3. Elementary School Lunch Menu and Calendar of Events
4. Elementary School End-of-Year Activities List

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

NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm
- Reorganizational Meeting – July 8, 2009

Board Members received an invitation from the third grade to attend their “Feed the Hungry” program. Mr. Richard Ball from Schoharie Valley Farms will be visiting the third graders on June 4th to help them plant squash seeds. He would then take them back to his farm and plant them in the ground. Next year, the same students (who will be 4th graders) will go to the Schoharie Valley Farms to harvest the squash and then donate it to the Regional Food Bank.

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mr. Quandt 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 8:45 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 8:55 p.m. with Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Newell, Mr. Quandt, Mr. Schlieder, Mrs. Schultz, President Spies, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

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 11:11 pm.

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Schlieder to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2009 to be adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk