

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: MAY 19, 2009
TIME & PLACE: 8:00 P.M. – JR. / SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES, NEWELL, QUANDT, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: SCHLIEDER
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
SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 4 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
10 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 19, 2009 to order at 8:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 6, 2009. APPROVE MINUTES
OF REGULAR MEETING
ON 5/6/09

Yes – 5
No – 0
Abstain – 1 (Isles)
Absent – 1 (Schlieder) Motion Carried

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

- Personnel – Non-Instructional add item a. – appoint Sharon Tompkins, Substitute Bus Driver
- Personnel – Non-Instructional add item b. – appoint Brandon Marbot, Non-Certified Substitute
- Business – add item h. – Donation from Rose & Kiernan, Inc.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Spies offered the Privilege of the Floor. Mr. Lester Hendrix, a district resident, spoke to Board Members regarding the installment purchase of a tractor which was on this evening's agenda. He said that he had spoken with Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker and Mr. Gathen earlier in the day regarding his concern that the bid was being awarded to a company in Clifton Park when there was a local dealer who bid lower for an item different than was called for in the bid specifications. His other concern was that the dealer who would be awarded the bid is a relative of the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. He said that Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker and Mr. Gathen were all upfront and very helpful when he spoke with them. He said although the price of the John Deere from Nortrax appears to be a good deal, he wondered if the bid was properly done, as there was a possible appearance of impropriety of doing business with a school official's relative. He suggested that perhaps in the future this type of issue could be addressed with Board policy. He also suggested that the school disclose if there are relatives of employees involved, not just have the Board and Administration informed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (cont.)

Kathy and Crystal Hotaling, District residents and home-instructed students, read a letter they had written to Board Members regarding participating in the graduation ceremony. They had previously asked if they could walk across the stage and receive a diploma at the graduation ceremony on June 27th. They said that they were told by Superintendent Sherman that they could not and felt that there was no reason given. President Spies indicated the issue would be addressed by the Board in Executive Session, and that the children would have an answer this evening.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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There were no reports from Members.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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Superintendent Sherman gave an update on the status of the renovations of the theatre. He said the duct work has been installed and construction was ahead of schedule.

Superintendent Sherman said that the track would be ready for paving and it would be attempted on Tuesday, May 27th. He said that the rubberized surface would be installed approximately 2 weeks after the paving is completed. He said after this was installed it would be extremely important that no one walks on the surface for at least 24 hours. He said it may be necessary to have extra security during that time.

Superintendent Sherman said that the fire alarm / safety work was progressing on schedule.

Presentation - School Report Card

PRESENTATION -
SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Superintendent Sherman gave a Power-Point presentation on the 2007-2008 Accountability and Overview Reports. He explained how to interpret the reports received from the State Education Department. He said that reports show that our District, and the Junior/Senior High School are in “Good Standing” for the 2008-09 school year. The elementary school has one sub-group which has not met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) performance goal set by the state for the past two years. The school has been identified by SED as a “SINI” school or School In Need of Improvement.

Superintendent Sherman said that a committee, which includes Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Nevulis, 5 Elementary School teachers and 1 Jr./Sr. High School teacher, has been formed to work on a School Quality Review (SQR) prior to beginning the Comprehensive Education Plan for improvement. More information will be given to Board Members at a later date.

President Spies said there would be a brief Executive Session for a discussion with Cathy and Crystal Hotaling before hearing the results of the Budget Vote and Board Member Election.

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Miss Wilber to recess the regular meeting of May 19, 2009 and move into Executive Session. Members would then move to the High School Library Lobby to hear the results of the Budget Vote, Propositions Vote, and Board Member Election.

RECESS
MEETING

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Schlieder)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the regular meeting of May 19, 2009 to be in recess at 9:07 p.m.

RECESS

Chief Inspector, George Wilber, had declared the polls closed at 9:00 pm.

Rose Wilber, District Clerk, read the results of the Public Budget Vote, Bus Purchase Proposition Vote, and Board Member Election which included the following:

2009-2010 BUDGET VOTE
AND ELECTION RESULTS

2009-2010 Budget	“Yes” – 499	“No” – 310	Budget of \$20,155,040 was approved
Bus Purchase Proposition	“Yes” – 501	“No” – 303	Bus Proposition was approved

The following Board Members were elected:

Carol Ann Wilber	received 521 votes
Barbara Monsees	received 435 votes

After the results were read, Board Members entered into Executive Session. President Spies called the Executive Session back to order at 9:35 p.m. Present were President Spies, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Newell, Mr. Quandt, Mrs. Schultz, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman and Mr. Bonaker present. Also present were Mrs. Wilber (District Clerk), Mr. Gathen (Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds), and Mrs. Monsees (newly elected Board Member). During the Executive Session, President Spies left for a few minutes to convey the Board’s decision regarding the graduation request to the Hotaling Sisters. The Board decided to provide the girls with an opportunity for an alternate ceremony similar to that given to our veterans receiving diplomas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENE
MEETING

Yes – 6	Motion Carried
No – 0	
Absent – 1 (Schlieder)	

President Spies reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:40 pm.

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve Personnel – Instructional Agenda items a. and b., Personnel – Non-Instructional Agenda Items a. and b., and Business Agenda item a. as follows:

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

THAT the Board of Education abolish 2 FTE Elementary Tenure Area Instructional Positions, effective 6/30/09.

ABOLISH 2 FTE
ELEMENTARY TENURE
AREA INSTRUCTIONAL
POSITIONS

THAT the Board of Education accept the resignation of Gwen Medak, Teaching Assistant, effective 5/19/09.

RESIGNATION
G. MEDAK
TEACHING ASSISTANT

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

THAT the Board of Education appoint Sharon Tompkins and add her name to the Substitute Bus Driver List, \$12.60 per hour, effective 5/20/09.

APPOINT S. TOMPKINS
SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

THAT the Board of Education appoint Brandon Marbot and add his name to the Non-Certified Substitute List, effective 5/20/09.

APPOINT B. MARBOT
NON-CERTIFIED
SUBSTITUTE

BUSINESS

THAT the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for April 2009. (copy attached to Official Minutes).

TREASURER’S
REPORT

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Schlieder)

Motion Carried

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 #11 in the amount of \$1,003,649.92,

CLAIMS WARRANT #11

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education approve Business Agenda items d. through h. as follows:

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. #09854 Requested Review
- 2. #90009 Annual Review
- 3. #90007 Annual Review
- 4. #90008 Annual Review
- 5. #90005 Annual Review
- 6. #6909 Annual Review
- 7. #0260 Annual Review
- 8. #0200 Annual Review
- 9. #90014 Annual Review
- 10. #09440 Requested Review Transfer
- 11. #08171 Requested Review Transfer
- 12. #02835 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 13. #0033 Requested Review
- 14. #09927 Requested Review Transfer
- 15. #6906 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting

THAT the Board of Education award the bid for the installment purchase of a John Deere tractor/loader/backhoe, model 110 to:

AWARD BID FOR
TRACTOR/LOADER/
BACKHOE

Nortrax
14 The Crossing Blvd.
Clifton Park, NY 12065
Bid Price: \$38,775 (payments spread over 36 months)

THAT the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation of a tripod projection screen (valued at \$234) from the EPTSO for the Elementary School.

ACCEPT DONATION
TRIPOD PROJECTION
SCREEN FROM EPTSO

THAT the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation of \$500 from the Nancy Emily Widin Swart Class of 1951 Memorial Scholarship Fund.

ACCEPT DONATION
FROM NANCY EMILY
WIDIN SWART CLASS
OF 1951 MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THAT the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation of \$1,000 from Rose & Kiernan, Inc. to be divided into two (2) \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors enrolled in a course of study at SUNY Cobleskill.

ACCEPT DONATION
FROM ROSE & KIERNAN,
INC.

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Schlieder)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman provided copies of Algebra II and Trigonometry textbooks for the 2009-10 school year to be approved at the Meeting on 6/3/09.

REVIEW OF ALGEBRA II
AND TRIGONOMETRY
TEXTBOOKS

Superintendent Sherman provided copies of Introduction to Geometry textbooks for the 2009-10 school year to be approved at the Meeting on 6/3/09.

REVIEW OF
INTRODUCTION TO
GEOMETRY TEXTBOOKS

OTHER BUSINESS

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The following informational items were distributed to Board Members:

- Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School.
- Copy of Program for Career Exploration Day held on March 15th, 2009 for Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Memo from SED regarding Coaching Licenses

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Regular Meeting on June 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm
- Regular Meeting on June 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm

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

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Schlieder)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2009 to be adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk

