

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: MAY 6, 2009  
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING MEETING  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES (arr. @ 8:15 pm), NEWELL, QUANDT, SCHLIEDER (arr. @ 7:20), SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER  
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT:  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY BIRDSALL, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
DAVID BARNES, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
JAMIE ROCKHILL, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS  
CLIFF HASLUN, TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR  
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 4 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;  
9 FACULTY/STAFF MEMBERS; 1 STUDENT

President Spies called the Public Budget Hearing and Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 6, 2009 to order at 7:10 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and BOCES Administrative Budget Vote on April 20, 2009.

APPROVE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
4/20/09

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Isles; Schlieder)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and May and June calendars of events and facilities use. He said the following are changes/additions to the agenda:

CALENDAR AND  
AGENDA

- Personnel – Non-Instructional – add item b. Rescind Appointments of Vote Assistant Clerks and Election Inspectors (approved April 8, 2009)
- Personnel – Non-Instructional – add item c. Appoint Vote Assistant Clerks and Election Inspectors

President Spies said there was a change in the order of the Agenda for the evening. The Superintendent’s Report would precede the Board of Education Report/Public Hearing on the 2009-10 Budget.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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**Energy Education Award for Energy Stewardship**

ENERGY EDUCATION  
AWARD FOR ENERGY  
STEWARDSHIP

Mr. Bonaker introduced Mr. Lonnie Palmer from Energy Education, Inc. Mr. Palmer presented a plaque to Cliff Haslun. This Energy Education Award for Energy Stewardship is an environmentally-focused award to recognize the impact the district’s energy program is having on natural resources. Mr. Bonaker said the District has reduced energy consumption

during the past, and that we should save about \$80,000 in electricity and heating oil costs.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

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REPORT

**Public Hearing on Proposed 2009-10 Budget**

PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED 2009-2010  
BUDGET

Superintendent Sherman opened the Public Hearing with a Power-Point presentation on the 2009-10 Proposed Budget. The presentation summarized the proposed budget as presented at previous meetings. The presentation included:

- 2009-10 Budget Objective / Goals
- Major costs impacting the Proposed Budget
- 2009-10 Proposed Budget “Big Picture” highlights
- Items reduced or eliminated in the Proposed Budget compared to 2008-09
- New items included in the Proposed Budget compared to 2008-09
- What is being done with the Federal Stimulus funds?
- 2009-10 Tax Levy impact

Mr. Schlieder arrived at 7:20 pm.

The following items are on the ballot to be voted on by District residents on May 19, 2009:

- 2009-2010 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$20,155,040
- Proposition #1 – Purchase of 4 Buses (not to exceed \$332,000)

The following persons have filed valid nominating petitions for three-year terms for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012 for the Schoharie Central School District Board of Education. Bill Schlieder’s and Carol Ann Wilber’s terms will expire on June 30, 2009. On the May 19, 2009 election ballot are:

Carol Ann Wilber  
Lisa Watson  
Barbara Monsees

The names of these candidates were drawn by lottery and will appear on the ballot as listed above.

President Spies offered the privilege of the floor regarding the 2009-2010 proposed budget.

The following questions/concerns were voiced by District residents:

- How many teachers/employees are there?
- Will there be summer school?
- What has caused a significant increase for employees retirement payments to the TRS?

Superintendent Sherman and Mr. Bonaker gave appropriate details.

President Spies declared the Annual Public Budget Hearing on the 2009-2010 proposed budget to be closed at 7:40 p.m.

President Spies called the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2009 to order at 7:41 p.m.

**PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to accept the resignation of Lisa Abrams, Elementary Teacher, effective 6/30/09.

RESIGNATION  
L. ABRAMS  
ELEMENTARY TEACHER

No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

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Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to accept the resignation of Deborah Eiland, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, effective 6/30/09.

RESIGNATION  
D. EILAND, FAMILY AND  
CONSUMER SCIENCES  
TEACHER

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Isles)

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 Sharon Trova as a long-term substitute for Science as follows:

APPOINT S. TROVA  
LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE  
SCIENCE TEACHER

Name of Appointee:	Sharon B. Trova
Title of Position:	Long-Term Substitute Chemistry Teacher
Tenure Area:	Science
Effective Date:	7/1/09
Ending Date:	6/30/10
Certification:	Transitional B – Chemistry K-12
Salary Status:	Master's Step 2 - \$37,406 (based on existing schedule)

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

**PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Newell that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Karen Hotaling and add her name to the Substitute Bus Driver List, pending favorable FBI clearance and 19A requirements, \$12.60 per hour, effective 5/7/09.

APPOINT  
K. HOTALING  
SUBSTITUTE BUS  
DRIVER

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to rescind the appointments of Cathy Luz and Pauline Putman as Vote Assistant Clerks and Election Inspectors for the Budget Vote on 5/19/09. (Their schedules have changed and they are unavailable on 5/19/09.)

RESCIND APPOINTMENTS  
C. LUZ AND P. PUTMAN  
VOTE ASSISTANT CLERKS  
AND ELECTION  
INSPECTORS

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Michele Francis and activation of substitute Jean Luniewski as Vote Assistant Clerks and Election Inspectors for the Budget Vote on 5/19/09.

APPOINTMENT  
M. FRANCIS AND  
J. LUNIEWSKI, VOTE  
CLERKS AND ELECTION  
INSPECTORS

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Absent – 1 (Isles)

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  
RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. #09283 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 2. #0076 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 3. #0033 Requested Review
- 4. #0045 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 5. #6901 Annual Review
- 6. #9102 Annual Review
- 7. #09921 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
- 8. #0251 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education declare the following equipment as obsolete:

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

One (1) Huskie Lawn Sweeper (unrepairable)

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation from the Schoharie Country Store in the amount of \$50 for the 9<sup>th</sup> SCHOHARIE Grade Student Advisory Group.

ACCEPT DONATION  
FROM  
COUNTRY STORE

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation from the Harva Company in the amount of \$50 for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory Group.

ACCEPT DONATION  
FROM HARVA  
COMPANY

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Before the close of the meeting, Mrs. Heather O’Brien asked if there would be a discussion/change on the school calendar, specifically the Friday before Memorial Day. President Spies said that at this time there would not be a change to the school calendar.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board members for information:

- 1. Various news articles pertaining to Schoharie Central School District;

2. Elementary School menu and calendar for May 2009;
3. Information on the Schoharie Area School Boards Association Spring Dinner Meeting to be held on May 14, 2009 at Champlin Hall @ SUNY Cobleskill.

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

NEXT MEETINGS

- Tuesday, 5/19/09 – Budget Vote and Board Member Election – 9 am – 9 pm in the High School Library Lobby
- Tuesday, 5/19/09 – Regular Meeting – 8 pm in the High School Cafeteria

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Mr. Quandt 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 (Isles)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 7:48 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 8:04 p.m. with Mrs. Isles (arr. @ 8:15) Mrs. Newell, Mr. Quandt, Mr. Schlieder, President Spies, Mrs. Schultz, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker and Mrs. Wilber present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECONVENE MEETING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies reconvened the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Terri Blum as Mentor for Lisa Antonovich, with stipend of \$1,370 (pro-rated) effective 1/5/09 through 6/30/09.

APPOINT T. BLUM MENTOR

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

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

ADJOURN MEETING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2009 to be adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk

