

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2008
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – JR. / SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: ISLES, NEWELL (arr. @ 7:28 pm), QUANDT, SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAHER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & PUPIL SERVICES
DAVID BARNES, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 20 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
8 FACULTY/STAFF MEMBERS; 18 STUDENTS
BRIAN BAILEY, ASST. PRINCIPAL GUILDERLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL

The Elementary Honor Roll Awards presentation was held at 6:30 pm. Certificates were presented to 5th and 6th grade students who are on the High Honor Roll, Honor Roll, and Honorable Mention Roll. After the presentations, refreshments were served to students and their parents.

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 19, 2008 to order at 7:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 5, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
11/5/08

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Newell)

Abstain – 2 (Quandt, Wilber)

Motion Carried

Mrs. Newell arrived at 7:28 pm.

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and calendar of events and facilities use. He made note that the following items were added to the Agenda:

CALENDAR AND
AGENDA

- Board of Education Report – Report on Schoharie Area School Boards Dinner Meeting
- Superintendent's Report – addition of:
 - EXCEL Project Update
 - Student-Built Benches for Art Gallery
- Personnel-Instructional – Item b. Coaching – add #5 Steve Hoard, Assistant Wrestling
- Personnel-Instructional – add Item e. – Subject Coordinating Specialist Compensation
- Business – Add Item l. Request to allow snowmobiles on school property
- Business – Add Item m. – Equipment Transfer

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Spies offered the Privilege of the Floor.

Mr. Steve Hoard, Jr./Sr. High School teacher, spoke to Board Members regarding the Modified Wrestling Program. He explained that 2 years ago there were 5 members on the team, last year there were 10 members and this year 18 students have signed up. He said there are many benefits to 12-14 year olds – it gives them direction as well as teaches sportsmanship.

President Spies said it would be appropriate at this time to change the order of the evening’s Agenda and take action on Personal-Instructional Item b. #5 – the appointment of Mr. Hoard as Assistant Wrestling Coach.

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Steve Hoard as Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective for the winter season of the 2008-09 school year, with a stipend at level E-4 \$2,890.

APPOINT S. HOARD
ASSISTANT WRESTLING
COACH

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Mrs. Marion Jaqueway, a district resident, asked if the modified wrestling program would be cut this year if the Governor’s proposal were to be adopted by the Legislature, or if it would be intact for the whole season. President Spies explained that the issue has nothing to do with the wrestling program – the issue is budgetary. It was not anticipated that the program would be cut before the season was complete.

Mrs. Lauren Reinhart, an Elementary School teacher, made the suggestion that a little from each sport could be reduced instead of just one particular sport.

Miss Wilber asked if there were other expenses other than the coach’s salary. Superintendent Sherman said that there would be transportation costs, but that there would be fewer tournaments.

Mr. Hoard said that the modified team does not participate in tournaments and that on most occasions the modified team rode the bus with the varsity team.

Mrs. Barbara Liddle, a district resident and member of the Wrestling Booster Club, said that the Booster Club conducts fundraisers all year long in order to benefit the wrestling program. In the past they have supplied uniforms for the wrestling team, and have helped pay for tournaments and equipment.

President Spies asked if anyone else would like the privilege of the floor. No one else requested to speak.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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REPORT

Miss Wilber and Mrs. Newell reported that they attended the recent Schoharie Area School Boards Association dinner meeting on November 13th at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School. They both agreed that it was a very nice dinner prepared by the Cobleskill-Richmondville CSD lunch program staff with a variety of desserts made by the home and careers students. They also reported that there was some good brainstorming with other area schools.

At 7:46 pm., President Spies said that there would be a short break so that Board Members and any interested individuals in the audience could tour the new Elementary School Science Lab.

TOUR OF ELEMENTARY
SCIENCE LAB

Board Members returned at 8:10 pm and the meeting resumed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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Update on State Budget

UPDATE ON STATE
BUDGET

Superintendent Sherman gave a Power-Point presentation on the Governor’s school aid reduction proposal. He said that the 2008-09 formula used for state aid for Schoharie CSD was \$10,245,245. For 2007-08, the formula was \$9,925,285. The change from 2007-08 to 2008-09 is \$319,960, which was an increase of \$3.22%.

The Governor’s proposed reduction amount is \$369,263 for the current 2008-09 school year. This is a 4.12% reduction in aid from the amount currently due to the District. The resultant change from the 2007-08 formula aid would be a minus of \$49,303. This equates to a .50% decrease in aid from the 2007-08 school year. Superintendent Sherman said that Schoharie Central would take a very hard hit for a small school district.

The Power-Point presentation included the following:

What are we doing?

- A “spending curtailment” has been implemented.
- Should the proposal be accepted by the Legislature in January, the 2008-09 impact would be slightly less than the Governor’s proposal since we conservatively project our revenue figures.
- If a mid-year cut causes expenditures to exceed revenue, we would be forced to use fund balance monies which will decrease monies available to off-set taxes for 2009-10.

Recommendations for January

- Rigid enforcement of purchasing controls
- Energy Education program strictly enforced
- Attendance at conferences and/or seminars would be limited
- Driver Education would be eliminated
- Move third shift custodial staff to second shift
- Increase use of state aided resources
- Examine extra-curricular activities

Superintendent Sherman said he would be attending a meeting with area school Superintendents for further discussion and information on the Governor’s proposal.

EXCEL Project

EXCEL PROJECT UPDATE

Superintendent Sherman reported that the Bid Openings were last week and said that bids came in approximately \$700,000 higher than what was budgeted. The architects will be meeting with the bidders to see how their bids were calculated (broken down or bid on as a whole project). Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker and Mr. Gathen will be meeting with the architects on November 21st for more information. If the project has to be rebid, the project may have to be delayed. The bids must be done before December 31st in order for the school to receive state-aid during 2009-10. If done after December 31st, state-aid may be delayed by a year.

Superintendent Sherman said that recommendations would be made at the next Board of Education Meeting on December 3rd, or Board Members may wish to have a special meeting in order to review the project. He said that the architects are available to meet with Board Members.

Mr. Quandt asked how many bidders there were for the project. Superintendent Sherman reported the following:

- Asbestos – 14 bidders
- Reconstruction/Alterations – 4 bidders
- Theater Reconstruction – 7 bidders
- Sound – 7 bidders
- Mechanical – 13 bidders
- Electrical – 14 bidders

Superintendent Sherman said that most bids were very close in cost.

Board Members set a special meeting date of Monday, December 1st at approximately 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom. President Spies said that the meeting will be strictly a workshop and there will be no motions or actions at this meeting.

Permission to have a snowmobile trail on school property

DISCUSSION - PERMISSION
TO HAVE A SNOWMOBILE
TRAIL ON SCHOOL
PROPERTY

Superintendent Sherman introduced Luke Aulita, a senior at Schoharie Central. Luke said that he is requesting a right of way along Route 30 on school property in order for snowmobilers to get to the Mobil Mart for gas. He said that markers would be put up showing where the trail is.

Board Members asked Mr. Gathen if he felt that there would be any damage. Mr. Gathen said that the big concern is for the newly planted field. Another major concern would be that the spikes on the tracks of the snowmobiles could tear up the pavement.

Superintendent Sherman said that if it were approved, it could cause an increase in liability insurance. He also expressed that times would need to be set and posted so as not to interfere with the school day. He said he does not want students to ride snowmobiles to school.

President Spies asked if there would be an impact on the community and neighbors. Luke responded that the trail would be open to the public, but would probably not be used after 9:00 pm.

Mrs. Isles suggested that the school find out if there would be an extra cost for liability insurance. President Spies said that the question of liability should be addressed by the school's attorney.

After a lengthy discussion, the decision was made to table any action on the request for permission to have a snowmobile trail on school property until the issue is addressed by the school's attorney.

Student-Built Benches for Art Gallery

STUDENT-BUILT BENCHES
FOR ART GALLERY

Superintendent Sherman reported that benches have been designed by high school students Connor Brady and Noah Kosloske in their Mechanical Drawing Class. Students will build three benches in their technology class and will be placed in the hallway by the District Office for students to observe the art work displayed there.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Newell that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to take action on Agenda Items a. through e., as follows (with the exception of the appointment of Steve Hoard, Assistant Wrestling, Item b. #5, as the action was taken previously in the meeting):

THAT the Board of Education approve a Leave of Absence to Michele Borst, Speech / Language Pathologist, effective on or about 3/23/09 through 5/1/09.

APPROVE LEAVE OF
ABSENCE FOR
M. BORST, SPEECH
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as coaches, effective for the winter season of the 2008-09 school year, with stipends according to the STA contract:

APPOINT COACHES
WINTER SEASON 2008-09

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| 1. Tina Wellman | Modified Boys' Basketball (.5) | I-2 | \$ 725 |
| 2. Joshua Martin | Modified Boys' Basketball (.5) | I-2 | \$ 725 |
| 3. Barbara Almy | Elementary Girls' Intramurals | E-2 | \$1,200 |
| 4. Randy Gunther | Elementary Boys' Intramurals | E-3 | \$1,230 |

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individual as coach, effective for the spring season of the 2008-09 school year, with stipend according to the STA contract:

APPOINT COACH
SPRING SEASON 2008-09

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| 1. Barbara Almy | Elementary Girls' Intramurals | E-2 | \$ 960 |
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THAT the Board of Education appoint James Goblet as Volunteer Wrestling Coach, effective for the winter season of the 2008-09 school year.

APPOINT COACHES
WINTER SEASON 2008-09

THAT the Board of Education approve Subject Coordinating Specialist Compensation for working without a contractual free period to Mary Sherman, Science Coordinator, effective for the 2008-09 school year, Stipend - \$6,845 retroactive to 9/1/08.

APPROVE COORDINATING
SPECIALIST
COMPENSATION FOR
2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve the resignation of Michelle Palmer, Recess Aide, effective 11/26/08, and to add her name to the Non-Certified Substitute list.

APPROVE RESIGNATION
M. PALMER
RECESS AIDE

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for October 2008. (copy attached to official Minutes).

TREASURER’S REPORT

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education authorize a Budget Transfer as presented. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFER

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

The Board received the report of the Claims Auditor for Warrant #5 in the amount of \$561,624.75.

WARRANT #5

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Isles 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. #6943 Amendment-Agreement No Meeting
2. #90013 Requested Review
3. #6605 Annual Review
4. #5962 Annual Review
5. #0210 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
6. #9836 Requested Review
7. #0175 Amendment Agreement No Meeting
8. #09854 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
9. #6881 Amendment Agreement No Meeting
10. #6901 Requested Review
11. #06396 Amendment Agreement No Meeting
12. #0181 Requested Review
13. #09716 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
14. #03333 Requested Review – Transfer Student

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve and adopt the 2nd Reading of Proposed Revision of Policy #5670 – Records Management.

APPROVE 2nd READING PROPOSED REVIEW OF POLICY #5670 RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by President Spies, seconded by Mr. Schlieder that the Board of Education waive the 1st Reading of Revised Board Policy #5752 – Idling School Buses on School Grounds, and table it for action at the December 3, 2008 Meeting.

WAIVE 1ST READING REVISED BOE POLICY #5752 - IDLING SCHOOL BUSES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Board Members requested a copy of the existing policy.

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Is that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Award Bid: Photocopy Paper to Ricoh Corporation, \$29.32 per case (includes shipping/handling costs) (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION
AND AWARD BID
FOR PHOTOCOPY
PAPER

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 Authorize Local Government Efficiency Grant Application. (copy attached to Official Minutes).

ADOPT RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
EFFICIENCY GRANT
APPLICATION

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

This authorization is for equipment to be purchased and used by Schoharie Central School, BOCES and the Village of Schoharie. The equipment would be owned by Schoharie Central School (designated as lead agency) and BOCES and the Village of Schoharie would share in the cost of insurance on the vehicles.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the following donations from Brian Sherman, Superintendent of Schools:

ACCEPT DONATIONS
FROM B. SHERMAN,
SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS

1. Craftsman Speedaire Compressor with extra hoses and sprayer – Technology Classroom
2. Sears Hepa Filter Unit, Model #83254 – District Offices

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Isles that the Board of Education change the February 18, 2009 meeting date to the following Wednesday, February 25, 2009. February 18, 2009 is during the Winter Recess and many staff members will be on vacation.

CHANGE BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING
FROM 2/18/09 TO
2/25/09

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education accept the equipment transfer of Dell Computers/Monitors and Hewlett Packard Printers from the New York State Education Department (copy attached to Official Minutes).

Yes – 7
No – 0

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. Masonic Student Assistant Team Training Information for approval on 12/3/08
3. SCS Music Boosters October 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes
4. NYS School Boards Association October 2008 Report of the Task Force on Maximizing School District Resources
5. Schoharie Elementary School 1st Quarter Honor Roll

President Spies stated that the next Board of Education Meetings will be on December 3rd, 2008 and December 17th, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom. He also said that a special workshop meeting will be held on December 1st regarding the EXCEL Project rebid.

NEXT MEETINGS

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, 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 9:40 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 9:45 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Miss Wilber, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Quandt, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Newell 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 10:11 pm.

Motion was made by Mrs. Newell, seconded by Mr. Quandt to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

Yes – 7
No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2008 to be adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk