

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2011
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BLEAU, ISLES, MONSEES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT: BURTON, SCHULTZ, JAQUEWAY,
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY DELANEY, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES
SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 20 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
1 STAFF MEMBER; 2 STUDENTS

President Isles called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 17, 2011 to order at 7:08 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting on July 12, 2011. APPROVE MINUTES
7/12/11

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Schultz, Jaqueway)

Motion Carried

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7/12/11

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Schultz, Jaqueway)

Motion Carried

President Isles reviewed the Agenda and August/September calendar of events and facilities use. The following were additions/changes to the agenda: CALENDAR
AND AGENDA

- Personnel – add item. p. – appoint Francesca J. D’Amico-Bailey, Spanish Teacher

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Isles offered the privilege of the floor.

Mr. Wayne Regals addressed the Board regarding concerts by the Depot Lane Singers previously held in the Schoharie High School gymnasium. He said it had been suggested that they hold their future concerts in the auditorium. He requested that the Depot Lane Singers be allowed to continue to have their concerts in the High School gymnasium, as it has a larger seating capacity than the auditorium. He said the Christmas concert alone attracts over 500 people.

Mr. Bob Holt, President of the Depot Lane Singers, said there are many high school students who sing in the group and earn credit. He stated that many people in the community remember the gymnasium being built in the 60’s. He said the members would be willing to set up for their concerts an hour later, if necessary, to accommodate the sports teams.

Mr. Ron Cleeve asked if a decision had already been made for the group to perform in the auditorium. Superintendent Sherman said his decision was based on Board of Education direction and policy. He said a request needs to be made by someone to have it placed on the agenda again.

Miss Wilber said she would like this item to be placed on the agenda for the next Board of Education Meeting.

Ms. Anne Belowski said she had received the forms stamped denied. She asked if she should resubmit them. Mr. Sherman indicated it would not be necessary.

Ms. Linda Feuz asked if there is an athletic event scheduled for the evening that was requested in December. Superintendent Sherman said he was not sure and the athletic director was not in attendance. Ms. Feuz said the concert was the annual culminating event for “Christmas in Schoharie”.

Mr. Holt read a letter from Richard Colyer, former Board of Education member and member of the Depot Lane Singers, in support of continuing concerts in the gymnasium.

President Isles stated that she would like to continue the conversation when the remainder of the Board members are in attendance.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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REPORT

Miss Wilber asked if any members have information about a county School Board Association meeting. Ms. Monsees said she had just received the information and the meeting will be on September 8th.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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School Signage

SCHOOL SIGNAGE

Superintendent Sherman reported that the “Schoharie Tunnel” has been completed. Mr. Gathen said they are letting the ground settle and will pour the sidewalk on August 19th, weather permitting. He said he is hoping to have grass and the sidewalk completed when students arrive on September 7th.

Superintendent Sherman reported that the sign on the lawn in front of the high school was filled with a bees nest. He said when the maintenance crew was checking it over, the sign fell over and broke. Superintendent Sherman said he had information that the sign had not been a gift to the District, otherwise it would be completely restored. He said the District would like to purchase a new electronic sign. He made note that the electronic sign was in the original proposal for the building project, but had been removed. He said he is looking at other options and costs and would present drawings and proposals to the Board at a later date.

Summer School Report

SUMMER SCHOOL
REPORT

Mrs. DeLaney stated that summer school was a success. She said over 100 students from three districts participated. She said it was a challenge, but was also a huge success. She stated that only 4 students did not pass due to poor attendance. She thanked the Board for supporting this instructional program..

Superintendent Sherman said that Berne-Knox-Westerlo will be the host school in 2012, but it may still be held at Schoharie due to capital project construction at Berne-Knox.

President Isles said everyone involved should be commended on such a big undertaking.

Mrs. Gillis reported that the Elementary School Literacy Camp would be finishing soon. She said it was a very small group (approximately 12 students) receiving instruction in reading and writing. She reported that there was a student who struggled last school year and was in danger of retention. She said he attended the Literacy Camp, was tested and is solidly in the next grade level.

School Attorney RFPSCHOOL ATTORNEY
RFP

Superintendent Sherman distributed three documents which were responses to the RFP. He said he would give his recommendation for approval at the next meeting.

Construction UpdateCONSTRUCTION
UPDATE

Mr. Gathen reported on the summer construction and maintenance projects. He reported that the elementary school '76 gym has been painted and the doors between the gym and cafeteria have been removed and a block wall installed. He also stated that the Elementary School '52 gym has been repainted and new lighting has been installed as part of the Energy Performance Contract. He said the acoustics panels have been ordered and will be installed once it received.

He said work is being done in the High School technology shop for air quality and dust collection. He said floors in the second floor computer lab, high school art room, Ag. room, and High School office have all been tiled. The High School gymnasium has been completely repainted and reported that all gyms are now set up with the school colors.

He said the new boilers in the Elementary School are in place and work is continuing on piping. He said work is on schedule and will be ready for school to open on September 7th.

Financial Position of the DistrictFINANCIAL POSITION
OF THE DISTRICT

Superintendent Sherman and Mr. Bonaker gave a power point presentation on the financial position of the District. They reported that, according to the analysis of fund balance, the fiscal activities for 2010-11 show that the financial position of the District improved by \$277,480 over 2009-10 at year end. This was due to the revenues being more than the expenditures.

They said that it is recommended for 2011-12 that the amount of fund balance to be appropriated to reduce the tax levy be \$1,284,585; a change of \$166,567 compared to 2010-11.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Mr. Bleau, seconded by Ms. Monsees that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve agenda items A. – P. as follows:

THAT the Board of Education approve a Leave of Absence for Jennifer Bellen, Special Education Teacher, beginning on or about 11/18/11 for approximately six weeks.

APPROVE LEAVE OF
ABSENCE, J. BELLEN
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER

THAT the Board of Education approve the Resignation of Margaret Hesdorfer, Teaching Assistant, effective 8/10/11.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION
M. HESDORFER
TEACHING ASSISTANT

THAT the Board of Education approve a position reduction of .2 FTE from the Physical Education Tenure Area, effective 9/1/11.

APPROVE POSITION
REDUCTION

THAT the Board of Education appoint Adriene Bush as Summer Literacy Camp Coordinator .5 hours per day, effective retroactive to 8/1/11 through 8/31/11.

APPOINT, A. BUSH
SUMMER LITERACY
CAMP COORDINATOR

THAT the Board of Education appoint Danialle Schrom as Summer Literacy Camp Teacher, 3.5 hours per day, effective retroactive to 8/8/11 through 8/26/11.

APPOINT, D. SCHROM
SUMMER LITERACY
CAMP TEACHER

THAT the Board of Education appoint Lisa Antonovich as Summer Literacy Camp Teacher, 3.5 hours per day, effective retroactive to 8/8/11 through 8/26/11.

APPOINT
L. ANTONOVICH
SUMMER LITERACY
CAMP TEACHER

THAT the Board of Education appoint Christian Rossler as Summer Literacy Camp Teaching Assistant, 3 hours per day, effective retroactive to 8/8/11 through 8/26/11.

APPOINT C. ROSSLER
SUMMER LITERACY
CAMP TEACHING
ASSISTANT

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following coaches for the 2011-12 school year with various stipends according to STA contract:

APPOINT COACHES
FOR 2011-12

Shawn Gathen	JV Girls Soccer	I-2	\$1,145
Lisa Towle	JV Girls Soccer	I-2	\$1,145
Erika Loucks	Modified Cross Country	E-2	\$1,670
Crystal Perrott	Modified Girls Soccer	E-2	\$1,670

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Department Heads for the Jr./Sr. High School, effective for the 2011-12 school year, stipends according to STA Contract:

APPOINT DEPARTMENT
HEADS FOR JR./SR.
HIGH SCHOOL FOR
2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

John Styles	Science		\$1,550
Thomas Clayton	English/Reading		\$1,550
John Sorady	Social Studies		\$1,550
Erika Loucks	Math		\$1,550
Mark Pracher	Fine Arts		\$1,550
Janna O’Leary	Practical Arts		\$1,550
Lindsay Peterson	Foreign Language		\$1,550
Bonnie Newberry	Special Education/Transition Coordinator		\$1,550
Nancy Stewart	Guidance Chair		\$1,550
Marion Burghart	Library Media Specialist		\$ 850

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Elementary Coordinators/ Assistants, effective for the 2011-12 school year, stipends according to STA Contract:

APPOINT ELEMENTARY
COORDINATORS/
ASSISTANTS FOR
2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

Colleen Schlicht	Math Coordinating Specialist		\$1,550
Randall Gunther	Science Coordinating Specialist		\$1,550
Heather O’Brien	Grades K-1 Assistant Coordinating Specialist		\$ 850
Wendy Molle	Area IV Elementary Library Media Specialist		\$ 850

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as District-Wide Representatives effective for the 2011-12 school year, stipends according to STA Contract:

APPOINT DISTRICT-
WIDE REPRESENTATIVES
FOR THE 2011-12
SCHOOL YEAR

Wendy Molle	District-Wide Library Media Specialist (.5)		\$ 350
Marion Burghart	District-Wide Library Media Specialist (.5)		\$ 350

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Advisors, effective for the 2011-12 school year, stipends according to STA Contract:

APPOINT ADVISORS
FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL
YEAR

Leah Schaeffer	Yearbook Advisor	E-5	\$4,580
Jennifer McClure	FBLA	E-7	\$1,440
Amie Hausmann	Senior Class	E-8	\$3,020
Jennifer McClure	Junior Class	E-7	\$2,400
Mark Pracher	Musical Director	E-10	\$4,220
Betsy Macomber	Asst. Musical Director		\$3,170
Pam Guest	Musical Assistant (.5)	E-16	\$1,240
Debra Schaffer	Musical Assistant-Costumes	E-8	\$2,020
David Marbot	FFA	E-16	\$4,340
Lindsay Peterson	Key Club Advisor	E-2	\$2,130

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals and add their names to the Substitute List, effective 9/1/11:

APPOINT
SUBSTITUTES

Samantha Walter	Certified Teacher
Samantha M. Smith	Certified Teacher
Kira Ostrander	Certified Teacher
Christian Rossler	Certified Teacher
Christopher Scanlan	Certified Teacher
Sara Jane Cipperly	Certified Teacher
Nancy L. Nelson	Certified Teaching Assistant
Shayna Stewart	Non-Certified
Jill I. Antillon	Non-Certified
Hilary Rooney	Non-Certified
Sandy Cater	Non-Certified
Elizabeth Safford	Non-Certified

THAT the Board of Education appoint Kevin Scofield as Substitute Custodial Worker, effective 8/18/11 through 9/2/11.

APPOINT K. SCOFIELD
SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL
WORKER

THAT the Board of Education re-appoint Mosaic Associates Architects as Architect/Engineer for the District for the 2011-12 school year.

RE-APPOINT
MOSAIC ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS FOR
2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

THAT the Board of Education appoint Francesca j. D’Amico-Bailey as follows:

Appointee:	Francesca J. D’Amico-Bailey
Position:	Spanish Teacher – 2 Year Probationary
Salary/Wage:	\$22,806 (Step 6 MA - .5 FTE)
Start Date:	September 1, 2011
End Date:	August 31, 2013 (previous Tenure)

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Reports for June and July, 2011. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ACCEPT
TREASURER’S
REPORTS

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

The Board received the report of the Claims Auditor for the July, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$504,839.95.

CLAIMS WARRANT
JULY 2011

The Board received the Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Final 2010-11 Report.

EXTRA-CLASSROOM
ACTIVITY FINAL REPORT

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Bleau that the Board of Education approve Budget Transfers for Health Insurance Accrued Liability and NYS TRS Incentive Payment, final for 2010-11. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

APPROVE BUDGET
TRANSFERS

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the General Fund Reserve Report as outlined. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

APPROVE GENERAL
FUND RESERVE
REPORT

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mr. Bleau that the Board of Education approve the 2011-12 School Tax Warrant in the total amount of \$8,708,085. This amount is \$46,568 less than the amount anticipated at the time of the adoption of the proposed budget on April 13th. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

APPROVE SCHOOL
TAX WARRANT
FOR 2011-12

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Bleau, seconded by Ms. Monsees that the Board of Education approve agenda Business items g. through j. as follows:

Award bid (2011-12 – 01) for Scoreboards to:

Eversan Incorporated
Unitec Mfg. Division
34 Main Street
Whitesboro, NY 13492-1025
Bid Award Amount: \$20,808

AWARD BID FOR
SCOREBOARDS

Award bid (2011-12 – 02) for Parking Lot Paving to:

HMA Contracting
PO Box 151
Mechanicville, NY 12118
Bid Award Amount: \$56,736

AWARD BID FOR
PARKING LOT PAVING

Award bid (2011-12 – 03) for Tennis Court Resurfacing to:

Copeland Coating Co., Inc.
PO Box 595
Nassau, NY 12123
Bid Award Amount: \$15,825

AWARD BID FOR
TENNIS COURT
RESURFACING

Award bid (2011-12 – 04) for gasoline for school buses to:

Livingston Fuels
3599 U.S. Highway 20
Sloansville, NY 12160
Bid Award Amount: \$.095 per gallon over posted price

AWARD BID FOR
GASOLINE FOR
SCHOOL BUSES

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mr. Bleau that the Board of Education approve a Facilities Use Request by the Cave Rescue Commission from July 4, 2013 through July 13, 2013 for National Level Training.

APPROVE USE OF
FACILITIES REQUEST
CAVE RESCUE
COMMISSION

After a brief discussion, Ms. Monsees rescinded her motion and Mr. Bleau rescinded his second.

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Miss Wilber to Table the approval of a Facilities Use Request by the Cave Rescue Commission, until the next meeting on September 7th when all Board Members are in attendance.

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Bleau, seconded by Ms. Monsees that the Board of Education declare the following item as surplus and authorize sale of same.

DECLARE ITEM AS
SURPLUS AND
AUTHORIZE SALE

Extra Culvert Pipe

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Ms. Monsees 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. #0444 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
2. #0352 Annual Review
3. #0355 Annual Review
4. #0436 Annual Review
5. #0272 Annual Review
6. #0428 Annual Review
7. #0362 Annual Review
8. #0360 Annual Review
9. #0361 Annual Review
10. #0431 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
11. #0249 Annual Review
12. #0030 Annual Review
13. #9068 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
14. #0250 Annual Review
15. #09837 Annual Review
16. #09382 Annual Review
17. #09528 Annual Review
18. #0090 Annual Review
19. #0123 Annual Review
20. #09791 Annual Review
21. #0182 Annual Review
22. #09810 Annual Review
23. #08176 Annual Review
24. #0188 Annual Review
25. #09867 Annual Review
26. #0078 Annual Review
27. #0191 Annual Review
28. #0029 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
29. #09066 Annual Review
30. #0251 Annual Review
31. #0204 Annual Review
32. #0033 Annual Review
33. #0173 Annual Review
34. #0354 Annual Review
35. #09835 Annual Review
36. #0174 Annual Review
37. #9836 Annual Review
38. #0175 Annual Review
39. #9370 Annual Review
40. #09445 Annual Review
41. #09929 Annual Review
42. #0176 Annual Review
43. #0342 Annual Review
44. #0018 Annual Review
45. #09842 Annual Review
46. #0123 Annual Review
47. #09711 Annual Review

48. #9543 Annual Review
49. #0220 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
50. #0181 Annual Review
51. #09713 Annual Review
52. #0194 Annual Review
53. #0268 Annual Review
54. #0183 Annual Review
55. #09098 Annual Review
56. #0097 Initial Determination Meeting
57. #0061 Annual Review
58. #09896 Annual Review
59. #0065 Annual Review
60. #09090 Annual Review
61. #0423 Annual Review
62. #0249 Annual Review
63. #0437 Annual Review
64. #00155 Annual Review
65. #0190 Annual Review
66. #0278 Annual Review
67. #09088 Annual Review
68. #09890 Annual Review
69. #0272 Annual Review
70. #6881 Annual Review
71. #06384 Annual Review
72. #9751 Annual Review
73. #9907 Annual Review
74. #9161 Annual Review
75. #9245 Annual Review
76. #09246 Annual Review
77. #9516 Annual Review
78. #6901 Annual Review
79. #6783 Annual Review
80. #09169 Annual Review
81. #09170 Annual Review
82. #6906 Annual Review
83. #09227 Annual Review
84. #8186 Annual Review
85. #0092 Annual Review
86. #06583 Annual Review
87. #90007 Annual Review
88. #06399 Annual Review
89. #06398 Annual Review
90. #9006 Annual Review
91. #6921 Annual Review
92. #05959 Annual Review
93. #6808 Annual Review
94. #09917 Annual Review
95. #06891 Annual Review
96. #09187 Annual Review
97. #9271 Annual Review
98. #0098 Annual Review
99. #09376 Annual Review
100. #06396 Annual Review
101. #9017 Annual Review
102. #90005 Annual Review

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Bleau, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve Business items n. through p. as follows:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Elementary School Parent Handbook, effective for the 2011-12 school year.

APPROVE
ELEMENTARY
PARENT HANDBOOK

THAT the Board of Education approve the Junior High School Student handbook, effective for the 2011-12 school year.

APPROVE
JR. HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT HANDBOOK

THAT the Board of Education approve the Senior High School Student Handbook, effective for the 2011-12 school year.

APPROVE
SR. HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT HANDBOOK

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mr. Bleau that the Board of Education Table the first reading of Proposed Policy #5512 – Fund Balance, for anticipated approval and adoption at the 9/7/11 Board of Education Meeting.

TABLE FIRST READING
PROPOSED POLICY
#5512 – FUND BALANCE

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

OTHER
BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for review:

- Newspaper articles pertaining to Schoharie Central School District
- Thank you note from the American Red Cross regarding the Blood Donation Drive held on campus on July 25th.

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

NEXT MEETINGS

- Regular Meeting on September 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Elementary School Cafeteria
- Regular Meeting on September 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom

Motion was made by Mr. Bleau, seconded by Ms. Monsees to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and specific personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

President Isles declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:53 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 9:00 p.m. with Mr. Bleau, Mrs. Isles, Ms. Monsees, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker, Mrs. Gillis, and Mrs. Wilber present.

Mrs. Gillis and Mrs. Wilber were excused at 10:10 pm.

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mr. Bleau to end the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

END EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

President Isles declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 10:47 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Bleau to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

ADJOURN

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 3 (Burton, Jaqueway, Schultz)

Motion Carried

President Isles declared the meeting of August 17, 2011 to be adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk