

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2010  
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BURTON, ISLES, JAQUEWAY, MONSEES, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER  
ELECTED MEMBERS EXCUSED: NONE  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT BONAHER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
STEVE HOARD, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
JAMIE ROCKHILL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS  
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 5 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;  
2 STAFF MEMBERS; 9 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 6, 2010 to order at 7:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 22, 2010.

APPROVE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
ON 9/22/10

Yes – 6

No – 0

Abstain – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and October/November calendar of events and facilities use. The following were changes/additions to the evening's Agenda.

CALENDAR AND  
AGENDA

- Personnel – Non-Instructional – add item b. – Appoint Crystal Perrott, Teacher Aide
- Business – add item d. – Accept donation from Schoharie Baseball & Softball Association
- Business – add item e. – Authorize Tax Roll Corrections
- Business – add item f. – Adopt Resolution declaring 10/18/10 – 10/22/10 as School Bus Safety Week

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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THE FLOOR

President Spies offered the Privilege of the Floor.

Ms. Trisha Nelson, a district resident, spoke to the Board regarding a letter she received from the District regarding visiting her son during recess. President Spies said he would like to receive more information and asked Ms. Nelson if she would meet with Board Members in Executive Session. Ms. Nelson responded that she would.

Mrs. Jaqueway reported that she recently attended the “Rachel Challenge” sponsored by Youth As Leaders held at Schoharie Central School. She said many surrounding area schools attended. She reported that it was an excellent program teaching students how to be nice. Mr. Hoard has information that he will give to Board Members.

**PRESENTATION**

**Independent Auditor’s Report for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Superintendent Sherman introduced Mr. Rick Bigham and Mr. Allen Walther, external auditors from the Bonadio Group. Mr. Bigham and Mr. Walther reported that the District has earned two “unqualified opinions”, which means the results are all favorable.

The auditors reported that there were no disagreements with management, and there were no material findings or discrepancies regarding the District’s finances.

Mr. Bonaker said that the finalized audit report will need to be submitted to the State by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

PRESENTATION  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S  
REPORT FOR 2009-10

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**Discussion – Elementary Computer Lab Staffing**

Mr. Burton reported that during the recent Elementary School Open House he observed that the elementary computer lab is not staffed this year. Superintendent Sherman said this is due to the retirement of the teaching assistant who was in the lab last year and was not replaced, due to a need to reduce the budget. He said that the cost of hiring a teacher aide would be approximately \$24,800, including benefits.

President Spies said that the position should be reviewed at budget time for next year.

Superintendent Sherman said the lab is available to teaching staff and their students. Mrs. Gillis reported that Mrs. Manchester recently came to the school to train staff members on the use of some of the programs. Superintendent Sherman said that more training will soon be available to staff, as the District now participates in the BOCES Model Schools Program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REPORT

ELEMENTARY  
COMPUTER LAB  
STAFFING

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**Head Start Update**

Superintendent Sherman reported that the Head Start program began the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>. He said that all 17 students enrolled are SCS residents. He said the program is going very well and he meets with the Head Start staff daily. He said it has been a very smooth transition.

**Graduation Rate Task Force**

Superintendent Sherman welcomed Mrs. Schultz as the Board of Education Member for the Committee. The Committee which includes student, teacher, parents, and administration membership will hold its first meeting next week.

SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT

HEAD START UPDATE

GRADUATION RATE  
TASK FORCE

**Preliminary Discussion on 2011-2012 School Calendar**

PRELIMINARY  
DISCUSSION ON 2011-12  
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent Sherman distributed draft calendars from the Capital Region BOCES and Washington-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES for the 2011-2012 school year for Board Members to review. Area schools usually follow the Albany BOCES calendar. He made note that the BOCES calendar for 2011-12 has scheduled the spring recess for second week in April and also observes Rosh Hashanah on September 29<sup>th</sup>. In the past, the spring recess has been the third week in April.

**SED Update on Race to the Top**

SED UPDATE ON  
RACE TO THE TOP

Superintendent Sherman gave a Power Point presentation regarding the State Education Department Race to the Top program and Regents Reform Initiative. The tentative amount that Schoharie Central would receive is \$30,623. This amount is based on the Title I formula. He said that 25% of this amount must be held in reserve until an APPR plan is in place. As part of the program, required activities must include the establishment of network teams and the implementation of a teacher and principal evaluation system. RTTT funds remaining after budgeting for required activities may be used for any of the activities on the Allowable Activities list for each Assurance area, which include:

- Standards and Assessments
- Data Systems to support instruction
- Great Teachers and Leaders
- Turning Around the Lowest Achieving Schools

Superintendent Sherman said that letters of intent are due to the State Education Department by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Capital Project Update**

CAPITAL PROJECT  
UPDATE

Superintendent Sherman gave a Power Point presentation on the Capital Project update. He said items that were added since the last meeting include:

- Improved acoustics in the 1952 Elementary School Gymnasium
- Replacement of electronic scoreboards

The total estimated cost is:                 \$2,255,048

Projected State Aid:	\$1,878,455
Use of Capital Reserve:	<u>\$ 376,593</u>
Total Revenue Offsets:	\$2,255,048

The resulting net impact on local tax levy is -\$0-. He explained that the tax levy impact means there are no additional taxes caused by the project. If approved by the Board of Education, the project proposition would be placed before the District voters this December. He said the asbestos abatement would be performed in the spring of 2011 with no disruption during school. All other work would be conducted starting in 2011, but mostly in the spring and summer of 2012.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be publicized as a Public Forum and will be held in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

**PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Carol M. Russell and add her name to the substitute list, effective 10/7/10.

APPOINT C. RUSSELL  
SUBSTITUTE

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

**PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Burton that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Lisa M. Antonovich as Odyssey of the Mind Advisor, effective for the 2010-2011 school year, with a stipend of 1,200.

APPOINT L. ANTONOVICH  
ODYSSEY OF THE MIND  
ADVISOR

Ms. Monsees asked that that this appointment be tabled until after discussion in Executive Session.

TABLE APPOINTMENT  
ODYSSEY OF THE MIND  
ADVISOR

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Crystal Perrott as Teacher Aide, effective retroactive to 9/7/10, SCEA Step 1 in the amount of \$9,018 (pro-rated).

APPOINT C. PERROTT  
TEACHER AIDE

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Miss Wilber 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. #0090 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 2. #90013 Requested Review
- 3. #8186 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 4. #0283 Requested Review
- 5. #0250 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 6. #9298 Requested Review
- 7. #06585 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 8. #0033 Requested Review

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Abstain – 1 (Jaqueway)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman said that the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the revised BOE Policy #7110 – Comprehensive Attendance Policy will be presented at the next meeting. He said the adjustment to the current school policy will include that students who turn 16 during a school year, must complete the school year.

REVISED BOE POLICY  
#7110 – COMPREHENSIVE  
ATTENDANCE POLICY

Superintendent Sherman said there will be a Use of Facilities request at the next meeting from the Music Boosters. He reported that a teacher is willing to put together a County Children’s Choir (Gr. 3-8), and they would like to use the SCS Auditorium. It will be sponsored by the Music Boosters.

USE OF FACILITIES  
MUSIC BOOSTERS

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education accept, with thanks, a donation in the amount of \$1,776.30 from the Schoharie Baseball and Softball Association to be used for payment to Blake Equipment.

ACCEPT DONATION

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Burton that the Board of Education authorize the correction of Tax Roll as recommended by the Schoharie County Real Property Tax Services Agency. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

AUTHORIZE TAX  
ROLL CORRECTIONS

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to declare October 18, 2010 through October 22, 2010 as School Bus Safety Week. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

RESOLUTION TO  
DECLARE SCHOOL  
BUS SAFETY WEEK  
10/18 – 10/22/10

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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BUSINESS

The following informational items were distributed to Board Members:

- Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School District
- Water Usage Comparison Report
- Enrollment for the Jr./Sr. High School as of September 20, 2010
- Labor Relations Report – October 2010 issue

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Special Fiscal Training Workshop on October 13, 2010 – 6:30 pm – High School Library Classroom
- Regular Meeting and Public Form on October 20, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Isles to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and personnel matters relating to specific individuals.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the regular meeting of October 6, 2010 to be in recess at 9:09 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 9:15 p.m. with Mr. Burton, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Jaqueway, Ms. Monsees, Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Spies, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Ms. Monsees 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 10:26 pm.

Miss Wilber was excused at 10:26 pm.

Mr. Burton was excused at 10:27 pm.

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Lisa M. Antonovich as Odyssey of the Mind Advisor, effective for the 2010-2011 school year, with a stipend of \$1,200.

APPOINT L. ANTONOVICH  
ODYSSEY OF THE MIND  
ADVISOR

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Burton; Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mrs. Isles to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

ADJOURN

Yes – 5

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Burton; Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting of October 6, 2010 to be adjourned at 10:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk