

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2010
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CLASSROOM
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BURTON, JAQUEWAY, MONSEES, SCHULTZ, SPIES, WILBER
ELECTED MEMBERS EXCUSED: ISLES
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAHER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY ADAMS, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES
STEVE HOARD, ASST. JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
JAMIE ROCKHILL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
CLIFF HASLUN, TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE; 2 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;
2 STAFF MEMBERS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 22, 2010 to order at 7:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees seconded by Miss Wilber to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 8, 2010.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULR MEETING
ON 9/8/10

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent –1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

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

CALENDAR AND
AGENDA

- Personnel – Instructional – add item c. Rescind appointment of D. Fountain, Freshman Class Advisor
- Personnel – Instructional – add item e. Appoint R. Gunther as Boys Elementary Intramural Coach
- Business – add item j. – approve additional transportation request to Cornerstone Christian Academy
- Business – add item i. – authorize a budget transfer for debt service for school bus purchases

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Spies offered the Privilege of the Floor. Mr. Kurt Feuz, a district resident, spoke on behalf of the Depot Lane Singers requesting the Board to approve a facilities use request for the High School Gymnasium for their holiday concert in December. President Spies said that the building request was on the agenda and would be discussed later in the evening. He invited Mr. Feuz to stay.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTBOARD OF EDUCATION
REPORT

Miss Wilber reported that the Schoharie County School Boards Association Executive Committee met on Thursday, September 16th. She said the Fall Dinner Meeting will be held on November 18th at the Highland Restaurant and will be hosted by Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm. She said that they are looking for topics of interest for Board Members. The guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Jay Worona, chief attorney for NYSSBA (New York State School Boards Association).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTSUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Sherman reported that the caution beacons on Main Street have been continuously flashing. He said that the unit is not receiving proper electronic communications and the New York State Department of Transportation is working on the problem.

Capital Project Update/Discussion with ArchitectsCAPITAL PROJECT
UPDATE/DISCUSSION
WITH ARCHITECTS

Superintendent Sherman gave a Power-Point presentation, giving an update on the capital project. He said that the proposed capital project should not be confused with the past EXCEL project or the current energy performance project.

Superintendent Sherman introduced Mr. Mike Fanning, Chief Architect for MOSAIC Associates. He said Mr. Fanning would answer questions during the presentation.

Superintendent Sherman said the reasons for the project are based upon the preliminary results of the building condition survey that has been conducted by the architect and the engineer, and also the need to abate asbestos in the basement boiler room in the high school.

The list of necessary project elements in addition to the asbestos remediation includes:

- Upgrades to the fire alarm and clock systems
- Wiring and network infrastructure work for computer technology district-wide
- Replacement of the Bus Garage roof
- Replacement of exterior doors in the High School
- Improvements to the skylights in the High School library
- Improvements to the site, including resurfacing of the tennis courts and additional paving of parking lots

Superintendent Sherman said the estimated cost of the project is \$2,212,600 which would be paid for by New York State building aid for approved capital projects, and strategic use of the capital reserve fund that was approved by the voters in May of 2008. He reported that there will be little, if any, impact on the local property taxes. If approved by the Board of Education, the project proposition would be placed before the District voters in December.

Board members discussed other items to consider, which included the acoustics and ventilation in the '52 gym in the Elementary School.

Mr. Bonaker reported that the District will need 45 days from the date legal notice is published in the official newspapers before the Public can vote on the proposition. Superintendent Sherman reported that the potential costs of the new project continue to be analyzed for further discussion during the next Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to rescind the appointment of Barbara Stowell as Grades 4-5 Assistant Coordinating Specialist, made during the Board of Education Meeting held on 8/4/10.

RESCIND APPOINTMENT
B.STOWELL, ASSISTANT
COORDINATING
SPECIALIST, GRADES 4-5

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Kim McCarthy as Mentor for Megan Rempe-Carusio, Elementary School teacher, effective for the 2010-2011 school year, at a stipend of \$1,500.

APPOINT
K. MCCARTHY
MENTOR

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to rescind the appointment of Daniel Fountain as Freshman Class Advisor for the 2010-11 school year, per employee request.

RESCIND APPOINTMENT
D. FOUNTAIN

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Jaqueway that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following individuals as advisors, effective for the 2010-11 school year.

APPOINT ADVISORS

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| 1. | Daniel Fountain | Sophomore Class | E-2 | \$1,250 |
| 2. | Victoria Leonard | Freshman Class | I-2 | \$1,140 |
| 3. | Christine Quandt | After-School Tutoring | E-10 | \$1,030 |

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Randall Gunther as Boys' Elementary Intramurals Coach, effective for the Fall Season of 2010-2011 School Year, with stipend Step E-3: \$1,090.

APPOINT
R. GUNTHER
ELEMENTARY BOYS
INTRAMURALS

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Isles)

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 create the temporary position of Odyssey of the Mind Advisor, effective for the 2010-11 school year, with a stipend of \$1,200.

CREATE POSITION
ODYSSEY OF THE
MIND ADVISOR

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Miss Wilber asked if there are funds to pay for this position in a contingency budget. Superintendent Sherman responded that funds were budgeted for this purpose.

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Kecia Schultz and add her name to the Substitute List, effective 9/23/10.

APPOINT
K. SCHULTZ
SUBSTITUTE

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, 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
RECOMMENDATION

- 1. #0355 Requested Review
- 2. #0360 Requested Review
- 3. #0361 Requested Review
- 4. #05726 Reevaluation Transfer Student

Yes – 5
No – 0
Abstain – 1 (Jaqueway)
Absent –1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Jaqueway that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Report for August 2010.

TREASURER’S
REPORT

Yes – 6
No – 0
Absent –1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

The Board received the report of the Claims Auditor for Warrant #2 in the amount of \$410,720.92.

CLAIMS WARRANTS #2
AUGUST 2010

Mr. Bonaker made note that the Warrant was numbered incorrectly. He said that future warrants will be labeled by month instead of by number.

Mr. Burton asked questions regarding some of the payments. Superintendent Sherman and Mr. Bonaker answered with appropriate details.

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Jaqueway that the Board of Education approve the Use of Facilities request by the Depot Lane Singers to use the High School Gymnasium on December 3rd and 4th for their annual holiday concert.

APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES BY DEPOT SINGERS ON 12/3 AND 12/4, 2010

There was a lengthy discussion about the facilities use request for December 3rd and 4th. The gym has been scheduled for basketball practice. President Spies asked if the seating capacity in the High School Auditorium was adequate for the concert. Mr. Feuz said that it would be borderline, as the holiday concert draws the biggest audience. Mr. Gathen and Mr. Rockhill said that they would help set the gymnasium up for the concert after their practice.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Jaqueway, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the Use of Facilities request by the Depot Lane Singers to use the High School Gymnasium on May 6th and 7th, 2011 for their annual spring concert.

APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES BY DEPOT SINGERS ON 5/6 AND 5/7, 2011

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the Use of Facilities request by the Schoharie Valley Concert Band to use the High School Auditorium on October 22 and December 10, 2010, February 11, April 28 and April 29, 2011.

APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES BY SCHOHARIE VALLEY CONCERT BAND

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Mrs. Schultz asked if there would be a conflict with the high school play for the February date. Superintendent Sherman said it would not be a conflict.

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Jaqueway that the Board of Education approve a field trip request for the National FFA Convention to Cleveland, Bloomington, Indiana and Indianapolis from 10/17/10 through 10/24/10.

APPROVE FIELD TRIP FOR NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education declare the following vehicles as obsolete:

DECLARE VEHICLES OBSOLETE

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| | | | <u>condition</u> |
| 1. | Bus #137 | 1999 Gas 8-Passenger Chevy | Fair (over 200,000 miles) |
| 2. | Bus #140 | 1999 Gas 8-Passenger Chevy | Fair (over 200,000 miles) |

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education accept a donation from Target, Inc. in the amount of \$67.11 for the Wee Read Program.

ACCEPT DONATION

Yes – 6
 No – 0
 Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the Head Start Lease, effective for the 2010-11 school year. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

APPROVE HEAD
 START LEASE

Yes – 6
 No – 0
 Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve bus route changes for the 2010-11 school year. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

APPROVE BUS
 CHANGES FOR
 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

Yes – 6
 No – 0
 Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve additional transportation requests for two families (two children) to Cornerstone Christian Academy.

APPROVE
 TRANSPORTATION
 REQUEST TO
 CORNERSTONE
 CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Yes – 6
 No – 0
 Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education authorize a budget transfers for debt service payments for school bus purchases as outlined. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

AUTHORIZE BUDGET
 TRANSFERS

Yes – 6
 No – 0
 Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

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The following informational items were distributed to Board Members:

- Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School
- Copy of a reimbursement check from Utica National Insurance Group in the amount of \$15,361.50 for floor damage for High School Science Classroom
- Copy of the Schoharie Elementary School Parent Handbook

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

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

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the regular meeting of September 22, 2010 to be in recess at 8:43 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 8:50 p.m. with President Spies, Mr. Burton, Mrs. Jaqueway, Ms. Monsees, Mrs. Schultz, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

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

RECONVENE
MEETING

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

President Spies reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:12 pm.

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

ADJOURN

Yes – 6

No – 0

Absent – 1 (Isles)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting of September 22, 2010 to be adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk