

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 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 BONAKER, 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, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
SHAWN GATHEN, SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS  
0 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 1 DISTRICT RESIDENT;  
5 STAFF MEMBERS; 0 STUDENTS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 8, 2010 to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mrs. Isles to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 12, 2010, with noted minor corrections.

APPROVE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
ON 8/12/10

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

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

CALENDAR AND  
AGENDA

- Personnel – Non-Instructional – add items d. 9 and 10 – Additions to Substitute List
- Business – Add item h. – Designation of Energy Performance Project as a Type II SEQRA Action
- Business – Add item i. – Transportation Request to Cornerstone Christian Academy

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

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President Spies offered the Privilege of the Floor. No one requested to speak.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**

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REPORT

Superintendent Sherman told Board Members there will be a New York State School Boards Luncheon on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the School Boards Association Office in Latham. He said he did not have information on the time, but will try to get more information.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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**Staff Development/Opening School/New Teacher Orientation**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT/  
OPENING SCHOOL/NEW  
TEACHER ORIENTATION

Superintendent Sherman reported that opening day of school went very smoothly. He reported there were no major delays due to the state highway construction. He congratulated the administrators and staff for a job well done.

Superintendent Sherman reported that there were a lot of activities during the Staff Development Day. Some of the activities included:

- Anti-Bullying Presentation and Discussion - Superintendent Sherman said this training was well received by the staff.
- Service Awards were given to staff
- New Teacher Orientation

Superintendent Sherman reported that Mrs. Gillis, Ms. Adams and Mr. Hoard conducted a Substitute Teacher Training Workshop for people who are on the substitute list. He said the workshop went very well. Approximately 25 people attended. He said it will be held 3 times during the year.

**Head Start Request for Use of Facilities**

HEAD START REQUEST  
FOR USE OF FACILITIES

Superintendent Sherman said that Schoharie County Head Start (Child Development Council, Inc.) has requested to rent a room from the school to hold a Head Start class for 4 year olds. He introduced Colleen Mahar from Head Start who gave a presentation on the Head Start program.

Superintendent Sherman said that there is a room available and it is in an ideal location in the Elementary School, located near the Office of Pupil Services. He said that the room would be easy to set up as there is new furniture available which was originally to be used for the Universal Pre-K program. He said that the program would not disrupt the regular school day. Head Start students would arrive, via their own bus, after the school buses have arrived and unloaded in the morning. The Head Start hours are 8:30 – 12:30. Ms. Mahar said that there would be minimal administrative support needed. She said that if approved, they would like to begin the program September 28<sup>th</sup>.

President Spies said that the District’s attorneys will be contacted to look at a contract. If all goes well, a decision will be made at the next Board Meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion was made by President Spies, seconded by Ms. Monsees to enter into Executive Session at 7:58 pm to speak with a parent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION  
ON STUDENT ISSUE

Motion was made by President Spies, seconded by Mr. Burton to end the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:50 pm.

**Discussion of Needed Capital Improvements and Asbestos Abatement Project**

DISCUSSION OF  
NEEDED CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS

Superintendent Sherman distributed a spread sheet listing items for a possible capital project for consideration by voters. He said the main component of this project would be asbestos abatement in the high school boiler room. He said that there is \$500,000 in the Reserve Fund which will cover the local share of the project. Items on the list for consideration include:

- Repair High School library skylights
- Bathrooms near the Elementary School gym
- Storage area under Elementary School classrooms
- High School bathroom renovation
- Clock system rehabilitation
- Technology and Agriculture renovations
- New sign on the lawn
- Replace High School doors
- Electrical panel upgrades
- Fire alarm system upgrade
- Classroom renovations
- Parking lot addition/tennis court resurfacing
- Fitness Center addition (1,000 sq. ft.)

Superintendent Sherman said that one item not listed is the wiring infrastructure for computers. He said he will be meeting with Mid-Tel next week.

Mrs. Jaqueway said that she would like to see sound panels installed in the '52 gym in the Elementary School. She said the acoustics are bad and it is a hearing safety hazard.

Superintendent Sherman said that the architects will be at the next meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to answer questions. President Spies said the Board will need to discuss the project in depth.

**Summer Work Update**

Mr. Gathen reported that one Technology Lab has been renovated. Two walls were built by the maintenance department, a drop ceiling was installed, as well as a new floor installed. Windows in both walls were also installed so that the teacher could see in both rooms. He said that about a dozen computers were in the woodshop area. They will now be in a “separate room” and relatively dust free. The room was also rewired for networking.

Superintendent Sherman gave an update on the science classroom with the damaged floor. He said the damage was initially thought to be in about an 8 x 12 foot area. However, the damaged area that needs to be replaced is approximately a 20 x 30 foot area. He reported that the insurance company will reimburse the District in full, minus the deductible.

**PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to take action on agenda items a. through f. as follows:

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THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Mentors, effective the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following individuals as for the 2010-11 school year, with stipends of \$1,500.

APPOINT MENTORS

1. Marcia Stillman assigned to Peter Ziemins
2. Lindsay Peterson assigned to Victoria Leonard

THAT the Board of Education appoint Megan E. Rempe-Caruso as follows:

Name of Appointee:	Megan E. Rempe-Caruso	APPOINT
Title of Position:	Elementary Teacher	M. REMPE-CARUSO
Tenure Area:	Elementary	ELEMENTARY TEACHER
Effective Date:	Retroactive to 9/1/10	
Ending Date:	8/31/13	
Certification:	Childhood Education Early Childhood Education	
Salary Status:	Step 1 MA - \$40,008	

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Teaching Assistants, with a 3-year probationary term:

Name of Appointee:	Michele Francis	APPOINT
Title of Position:	Teaching Assistant	M. FRANCIS
Effective Date:	Retroactive to 9/1/10	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Ending Date:	8/31/13	
Salary Status:	SCEA Step 2 - \$10,967	

Name of Appointee:	Margaret Hesdorfer	APPOINT
Title of Position:	Teaching Assistant	M. HESDORFER
Effective Date:	Retroactive to 9/1/10	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Ending Date:	8/31/13	
Salary Status:	SCEA Step 4 - \$12,091	

Name of Appointee:	Victoria Stewart	APPOINT
Title of Position:	Teaching Assistant	V. STEWART
Effective Date:	Retroactive to 9/1/10	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Ending Date:	8/31/13	
Salary Status:	SCEA Step 4 - \$12,091	

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals and add their names to the Substitute List, effective 9/9/10:

APPOINT  
SUBSTITUTES

1. Marie Krohn
2. Holly Ellram
3. Richard Colyer

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

**PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Ms. Monsees to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to take action on agenda items a. through d. as follows:

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals:

Name of Appointee:	Bonnie Chrysler	APPOINT
Title of Position:	Temporary Teacher Aide for special Bus Run	B. CHRYSLER
Effective Date:	Retroactive to 9/7/10	TEMPORARY TEACHER
Ending Date:	6/24/11	AIDE

Hours: Approximately 3.5 hours per day  
Salary Status: SCEA Step 5 - \$8.23 per hour

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Name of Appointee: Nancy Rera  
Title of Position: Temporary Teacher Aide for special Bus Run  
Effective Date: Retroactive to 9/7/10  
Ending Date: 6/24/11  
Hours: Approximately 3.5 hours per day  
Salary Status: SCEA Step 4 - \$7.99 per hour

APPOINT  
N. RERA  
TEMPORARY TEACHER  
AIDE

Name of Appointee: David Joslin  
Title of Position: Mechanic / Bus Driver (conditional)  
Effective Date: 9/9/10  
Hours: 8 hours per day  
Salary Status: SCEA Step 5 - \$29,977

APPOINT  
D. JOSLIN  
MECHANIC/BUS DRIVER

THAT the Board of Education appoint the following individuals and add their names to the Substitute List, effective 9/9/10:

APPOINT  
SUBSTITUTES

1. Brandon Taylor
2. Elizabeth Gage
3. Mary Madison
4. Crystal Perrott
5. Donna Ruis
6. Theresa Smithgall
7. Lynda Rose
8. Florence Ogsbury (bus driver)
9. Patti Diamond
10. Melissa Wilson

Yes – 7  
No – 0

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. #9914 Annual Review
2. #9271 Annual Review
3. #0098 Annual Review
4. #09376 Annual Review
5. #09285 Annual Review
6. #09246 Annual Review
7. #09383 Annual Review
8. #0095 Annual Review
9. #09283 Annual Review
10. #0033 Annual Review
11. #0123 Annual Review
12. #09791 Annual Review

- 13. #09713 Annual Review
- 14. #09810 Annual Review
- 15. #09847 Annual Review

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- 16. #09779 Annual Review
- 17. #0250 Annual Review
- 18. #09382 Annual Review
- 19. #09837 Annual Review
- 20. #0342 Annual Review
- 21. #09711 Annual Review
- 22. #09917 Annual Review
- 23. #09896 Annual Review
- 24. #0065 Annual Review
- 25. #0078 Annual Review
- 26. #9370 Annual Review
- 27. #0093 Annual Review
- 28. #06583 Annual Review
- 29. #0092 Annual Review
- 30. #09528 Annual Review
- 31. #0251 Annual Review
- 32. #0174 Annual Review
- 33. #0175 Annual Review
- 34. #0176 Annual Review
- 35. #0177 Annual Review
- 36. #0181 Annual Review
- 37. #0191 Annual Review
- 38. #0002 Annual Review
- 39. #9751 Annual Review
- 40. #09066 Annual Review
- 41. #0018 Annual Review
- 42. #0268 Annual Review
- 43. #0190 Annual Review
- 44. #6829 Annual Review
- 45. #9907 Annual Review
- 46. #9006 Annual Review
- 47. #6185 Annual Review
- 48. #06396 Annual Review
- 49. #9211 Annual Review
- 50. #6901 Annual Review
- 51. #9516 Annual Review
- 52. #09227 Annual Review
- 53. #9209 Annual Review
- 54. #9126 Annual Review
- 55. #06891 Annual Review
- 56. #9245 Annual Review
- 57. #90007 Annual Review
- 58. #0183 Annual Review
- 59. #0183 Annual Review
- 60. #0340 Annual Review
- 61. #0278 Annual Review
- 62. #0352 Annual Review
- 63. #0259 Annual Review
- 64. #0283 Annual Review
- 65. #90009 Annual Review
- 66. #6967 Annual Review
- 67. #0024 Annual Review

- 68. #09187 Annual Review
- 69. #09169 Annual Review
- 70. #06398 Annual Review
- 71. #9216 Annual Review

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- 72. #9218 Annual Review
- 73. #6783 Annual Review
- 74. #9405 Annual Review
- 75. #6808 Annual Review
- 76. #06835 Annual Review
- 77. #6844 Annual Review
- 78. #02840 Annual Review
- 79. #6695 Annual Review
- 80. #6787 Annual Review
- 81. #9403 Annual Review
- 82. #08062 Annual Review
- 83. #9418 Annual Review
- 84. #6190 Annual Review
- 85. #06384 Annual Review
- 86. #06399 Annual Review
- 87. #06585 Annual Review
- 88. #6958 Annual Review
- 89. #0173 Annual Review
- 90. #0187 Annual Review
- 91. #09090 Annual Review
- 92. #6881 Annual Review
- 93. #0090 Annual Review
- 94. #09842 Annual Review
- 95. #0194 Annual Review
- 96. #05959 Annual Review
- 97. #08068 Annual Review
- 98. #09170 Annual Review
- 99. #9223 Annual Review
- 100.#0363 Annual Review
- 101.#08089 Transfer Student – Agreement No Meeting
- 102.#049 Transfer Student – Agreement No Meeting
- 103.#9161 Annual Review
- 104.#0184 Annual Review
- 105.#9035 Annual Review
- 106.#08075 Annual Review
- 107.#9431 Annual Review
- 108.#0182 Transfer Student – Agreement No Meeting
- 109.#90013 Annual Review
- 110.#9223 Annual Review
- 111.#9543 Annual Review
- 112.#0204 Initial Determination Meeting
- 113.#09088 Initial Determination Meeting
- 114.#6906 Annual Review
- 115.#0342 Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
- 116.#0283 Requested Review

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

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Isles that the Board of Education accept the STAR Report for the 2010-11 School Year.

ACCEPT STAR REPORT

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

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Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education adopt the Bond Resolution for Bus Purchase. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT BOND RESOLUTION FOR BUS PURCHASE

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the BOCES Agreement for Approval of Distance Learning Classroom Rental and Ancillary Services, 2010-11 School Year.

APPROVE BOCES AGREEMENT FOR APPROVAL OF DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSROOM RENTAL AND ANCILLARY SERVICES

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mr. Burton that the Board of Education approve Use of Facilities Request for System Soccer.

APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES FOR SYSTEM SOCCER

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution to Amend the 403(b) Retirement Plan. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO AMEND 403(b) RETIREMENT PLAN

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education designate the Energy Performance Project as a Type II Action under SEQRA. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

DESIGNATE ENERGY PERFORMANCE PROJECT AS A TYPE II ACTION (SEQRA)

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve a request to transport a resident student to Cornerstone Christian Academy.

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION REQUEST TO CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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The following informational items were distributed to Board Members:

- Various newspaper articles regarding Schoharie Central School District
- Labor Relations Report – September 2010 edition
- Elementary Parent Teacher Student Organization 2010-2011 calendar

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Regular Meeting on September 22, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom
- Regular Meeting on October 6, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom
- Regular Meeting on October 20, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom

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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 – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the regular meeting of September 8, 2010 to be in recess at 9:41 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 9:45 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 Miss Wilber 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 11:01 pm.

President Spies set Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm as a Board meeting. This is a fiscal training workshop for the Board Members on topics of interest and items that are not usually covered in the required 6 hour course on Fiscal Responsibility. Items/topics of interest to Board Members should be forwarded to Superintendent Sherman via e-mail so that they can be included in the training. No business is expected to be conducted that evening.

SPECIAL BOARD  
MEETING

Motion was made by Mrs. Isles, seconded by Mrs. Jaqueway to establish the hourly rate of pay for the Deputy District Clerk to be \$11.82, retroactive to August 1, 2010.

HOURLY WAGE FOR  
DEPUTY DISTRICT  
CLERK

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

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

ADJOURN

Yes – 7  
No – 0

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting of September 8, 2010 to be adjourned at 11:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk