

**Schuylerville Central School
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 22, 2009**

Members Present: Mike Booth, Stan Barber, Becky King, Jack Macica
and Karen Score

Member(s) Absent: Jim Burkett

I CALL TO ORDER

President M. Booth called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

II RECOGNITION

- a. Elementary Artists – Over the last 15 years, the Elementary School has been choosing art work of students, framing and displaying it in the building. The newest additions were created by Jillian Lebowitz, Otis Friday, Brooke Thomas, Jacquelyn Richardson and Steffani Constantino.
- b. School Board Recognition – In honor of School Boards Recognition Week, board members were presented with cards created by students in the FLIP program at the Elementary School and were entertained by the Chamber Singers and the Women’s Select Chorus of the Jr. Sr. High School. Representatives from various clubs also expressed their thanks to board members.

III PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV PEP REPORT

Betty Gifford reported the following:

- The Book Fair started today.
- Red Ribbon Week will begin next week.
- Harvest Fun Night will be held next week.
- An International Festival will be held on the evening of November 13.

V STA REPORT

STA President Heath Morris reported the following:

- The STA is once again collecting donations for the local food bank.
- A student currently attending Johnson & Wales spoke to Mrs. Bartolucci’s Gourmet Food Classes last week. She provided information about Johnson & Wales and also did a food demonstration for the students. The class is also planning its annual Thanksgiving Feast which will be held on November 5th.
- Students in Jr. High SADD will be attending Team Building Day in Saratoga Springs. Leadership skills and character building will be emphasized. The activity is sponsored by the Prevention Council.
- Students in 4th grade classes recently attended surrender day ceremonies at Fort Hardy Park.
- Art students from the Jr. Sr. High School entered their work in last summer’s Saratoga County Fair. Lucas Ehlinger and Olivia Burgher won honorable mention for their entries along with 64 others who won ribbons.

VI ADMINSTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Mugits

- There are 213 students involved in the FLIP program.
- Building Team surveys will be distributed at the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Mrs. McDougall

- Several teachers have volunteered to use the grade book function for grade reporting in the new School Tools program.

Mr. Sickles

- BRIDGES appears to be a great success; 25-20 parent members attend each meeting. On October 15, BRIDGES hosted a reception for parents of students in 7th and 8th grade. The evening was very successful.
- Parents are now receiving more concise information on the progress reports.
- The Technology Department is ending their affiliation with Project Lead the Way and implementing a program that better meets the needs of our students.

Mr. Barthelmas

- Working on student attendance with Mrs. Phillips. Have met with students regarding their attendance and have also increased communication with parents regarding student attendance and the make up of work missed.

Mrs. Elsworth

- Developed a new timeline for test preparation for the state ELA and math exams at the 7th and 8th grade levels.
- Study Island – using the both building AIS curriculum – monitoring and tracking student progress. Thanked Mrs. Mastrianni for purchasing the program through a grant.

Mrs. Mastrianni

- Grants provided by the state stimulus funds have been used to purchase programs for teacher and student use i.e. News to You, Visa Dollar Market and Book Share.

Mr. Haggerty

- Student Services is currently working to improve the transition for students from 6th to 7th grade.

Ms. Scieurba

- Sectional play for fall sports has begun.
- Dates for fall sports banquets have been scheduled.

Mr. Macica gave a brief summary of the information he received at the NYS School Boards Convention that he and several other board members attended in New York City.

VII BOARD DISCUSSION

BOCES Annual Legal Update – Dr. Sherman announced that the half-day session would be held on December 16. Any board member interested in attending should contact his office.

Enrollment – Dr. Sherman reviewed the current enrollment trends.

VIII BOARD ACTION

- J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to approve the October 8, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to declare the attached list of computer equipment obsolete/surplus. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to acknowledge receipt of the 2008/2009 audit. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to decrease the 2009/2010 tax levy in the Town of Northumberland in the following amounts due to assessment changes: \$373.76; \$799.03 and \$1,648.41. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to acknowledge receipt of the September 2009 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to award the bid for the following items to Henry Moak and Son at the amounts indicated:
 1995 GMC Van #104 (former bus) VIN# 1GDHG39Y3SF556551 (\$138.50)
 1995 GMC Van #105 (former bus) VIN# 1GDHG39Y65F556608 (\$138.50)
 1986 Toyota Pick-up (flat bed) VIN# JTRN50R5GO138728 (\$125.00)

- Motion carried unanimously.
- g. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to approve the second reading and adopt the following policies:
- #8110 – Curriculum Development, Resources & Evaluation
 - #8120 – Request for Part 100 Variance or Part 200 Innovative Program Waiver from Commissioner’s Regulations
 - #8130 – Equal Educational Opportunities
 - #8210 – Safety Conditions & Programs
 - #8211 – Prevention Instruction
 - #8220 – Career & Technical Education
 - #8230 – Guidance Program
 - #8240 – Instructional Programs: Driver Education, Gifted & Talented, Physical Education and Parenting Education
 - #8241 – Patriotism, Citizenship & Human Rights Education
 - #8242 – Civility, Citizenship & Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education
 - #8250 – Evaluation of the Instructional Program
 - #8260 – Programs & Projects Funded by Title I
 - #8270 – Instructional Technology
 - #8271 – The Children’s Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy
 - #8280 – Instruction for English Language Learners or Students with Limited English Proficiency
 - #8310 – Purposes of Instructional Materials
 - #8320 – Selection of Library & Audiovisual Materials
 - #8330 – Objection to Instructional Materials
 - #8331 – Controversial Issues
 - #8340 – Textbooks/Workbooks
 - #8350 – Use of Copyrighted Materials
 - #8360 – Religious Expression in the Instructional Program
 - #8410 – School Calendar & School Day
 - #8420 – Opening Exercises
 - #8430 – Independent Study
 - #8450 – Home Tutoring
 - #8460 – Field Trips
 - #8470 – Home Instruction (Home Schooling)
- Motion carried unanimously.
- h. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to approve the first reading of the following policies:
- #4110 – Administrative Personnel
 - #4210 – Administrative Organization and Operation
 - #4211 – Line Responsibility
 - #4212 – Organizational Chart
 - #4220 – Abolishing an Administrative Position
 - #4230 – Administrative Authority During Absence of the Superintendent of Schools
 - #4240 – Administrative Latitude in the Absence of Board Policy
 - #4250 – Use of Committees
 - #4260 – Evaluation of the Superintendent of Other Administrative Staff
 - #4310 – Superintendent of Schools
 - #4320 – Superintendent-Board of Education relations
 - #4330 – Administrative Staff
 - #4410 – Professional Development Opportunities
 - \$4420 – Compensation and Related Benefits
- Motion carried unanimously.
- i. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to approve CSE/CPSE/Section 504 recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to approve the 4th grade field trip to the Bronx Zoo on May 20, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

- k. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to compensate Pamela Bonesteel \$1500 to maintain the Kodak Gallery Account on the website for the 2009/2010 school year.
- l. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to accept the resignation of Jolene DeGarmo as a childcare worker in the Before/After School Program effective October 26, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Cheryl Clements as an Account Clerk Typist effective December 31, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
- n. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to approve a childcare leave for the 2009/2010 school year to Laura Nelligan. Motion carried unanimously.
- o. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to appoint John Rose as a long term substitute as an English Teacher for Laura Nelligan for the 2009/2010 school year at an annual salary based on step 2 MA + 20. Motion carried unanimously.
- p. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to approve a childcare leave from September 8, 2009 through January 31, 2010 to Krista Reville. Motion carried unanimously.
- q. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to appoint Diane Kivi as a long term substitute as an English Teacher for Krista Reville from September 8, 2009 through January 31, 2010 at an annual salary based on step 2 MA + 12. Motion carried unanimously.
- r. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to permanently appoint Dennis Brackett as a cleaner effective September 2, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.
- s. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to compensate John Brown for 8 credit hours from September 1, 2003 through June 30, 2009 in the total amount of \$1,964.80. Motion carried unanimously.
- t. J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to approve salary credit for courses taken for the following:

Anderson, Casey	1.5 Inservice Credits
Becraft, Lindsay	3 Credit Hours
Delair, Laura	18 Credit Hours
Dow, Walter	6 Credit Hours
O'Brien, Natalie	3 Credit Hours
Reid, Joan	3 Inservice Credits
Roberts, Cheeri	1 Inservice Credit
Schmidt, Peter	22 Credit Hours
Steinfort, Matthew	9 Credit Hours

 Motion carried unanimously.

IX PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

X EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to enter executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

At 11:20 p.m., J. Macica moved, seconded by D. Zdobnikow to return to public session and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk