

Schuylerville Central School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2014

Members Present: Stan Barber, Mike Booth, Becky King, Jack Macica, Lou Maggiore, Robert Thivierge, Veronica Wood and Dr. Sherman

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

At 7:00 p.m. President Stan Barber called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

II. *PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senior class members Rachel Baker, Allison Jones, Patrick Castle, Corwin Ackerman, and Austin Luna thanked the Board of Education for the recent senior class trip to Orlando, Florida. Each student spoke of memories from the trip such as the beaches, Universal Studios, and interacting with peers that have led to new friendships. Class Advisor Pam Driscoll complimented the class on how well they represented SCS.

III. STA REPORT

Terri Sullivan reported the following:

Debbie Bartolucci hosted the third annual "Girls Night Out" for grades 9-12. Mrs. Bartolucci stated it was well attended and workshops included skin care, hair care and Zumba.

Su Luke's 8th grade art project attended Saratoga Clay Arts sponsored by Saratoga Arts Council.

IV. PEP REPORT

None at this time.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Maria Weeks introduced third and fourth grade representatives from the Battle of Books competition. The Battle of the Books was held at Adirondack Community College on March 15th and included area students in grades 3-6. Schuylerville brought representatives from grades third and fourth. The students were required to answer questions from 10 books that are read by all teams. Half of the books are fiction and half are non-fiction. Mrs. Weeks met with students during lunch to review books and practice possible trivia questions. Each student explained which book was their favorite and why. Examples of the books are Rules, Winn Dixie, and River of Dreams.
- B. Parent volunteer Deb Meehan for Odyssey of the Mind gave a brief explanation of what the K-12 club represents. The team was required to perform an 8 minute skit. Members of the team gave an abbreviated version of a skit. They were given words on index cards and required to tell a 4 minute story using all of the words on the cards. Kelly Meehan has been a member for 8 years and stated it has helped her think out of the box.
- C. Wendy Morris reviewed the final budget proposal for 2014-2015. The proposal will result in an estimated tax levy increase of 1.3 %, which is below the district's state-determined tax levy cap of 2.6%.

VI. BOARD ACTION

- A. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the following consent business items as presented:
 - Motion to accept the regular minutes of March 24, 2014.
Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- B. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the CSE/CPSE Section 504 recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- C. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints Christopher Bott as a microcomputer technician in the competitive class

of the civil service, to serve a 52 week probationary term, commencing April 7, 2014, at a salary of \$31,500 annually. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

- D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to grant Christen Porpora medical leave approximately April 7 – June 12, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- E. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED the Board hereby appoints Sara Baker, who possesses a 7-12 General Science and Earth Science Initial Certificate for Christen Porpora from approximately April 7, 2014 through June 11, 2014 with the salary to be set in accordance with the Teachers' Collectively Negotiated Agreement, at 1/200th of Step 1 MA of the 2013-2014 Salary Schedule, prorated, based upon full-time status, effective approximately April 7, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- F. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve a sub-district FFA field trip to visit the New Holland equipment factory and Amish culture in Lancaster, PA on April 17 -18, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

- G. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District ("Board") is proposing to undertake a project consisting of the installation of an integrated solar electric system at its campus located at 14 Spring Street, Schuylerville, New York 12871, comprised of (1) a roof mounted 201,300 watt net-metered system to be installed on the roof of the existing high school building, (2) a roof mounted 92,400 watt net-metered system to be installed on the roof of the existing bus garage, and (3) a roof mounted 201,300 watt net-metered system to be installed on the roof of the existing elementary school building, together with any related equipment ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and reviewed in connection with the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the Short Environmental Assessment Form was transmitted to the New York State Education Department (NYSED), an involved agency, together with notification of the Board's desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has consented to Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves the installation of an integrated solar electric system at the District's campus located at 14 Spring Street, Schuylerville, New York 12871, comprised of (1) a roof mounted 201,300 watt net-metered system to be installed on the roof of the existing high school building, (2) a roof mounted 92,400 watt net-metered system to be installed on the roof of the existing bus garage, and (3) a roof mounted 201,300 watt net-metered system to be installed on the roof of the existing elementary school building, together with any related equipment.

2. The proposed action is classified under SEQRA as an Unlisted action.

3. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Short Environmental Assessment Forms, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

4. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a

substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems.

5. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to nature resources.

6. The project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.

7. The proposed project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.

8. The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character.

9. The proposed project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy. The proposed project is intended to result in a beneficial impact to the environment by reducing the use of conventional energy, and reducing the pollution and emissions associated therewith.

10. The proposed project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.

11. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.

12. The proposed action will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action.

13. The proposed action will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action.

Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

H. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Schuylerville CSD ("District") maintains the Schuylerville CSD 403(b) Retirement Plan ("Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Plan was duly adopted on the 18th day of November, 2013 by the District's Board of Education ("Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to restate and amend the Plan as regards section 2.7 Non-elective Employer Contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that section 2.7 Non-elective Employer Contributions of the Plan is hereby restated and amended to read as follows:

2.7 Non-elective Employer Contributions Employer Non-Elective Contributions shall be permitted under the Plan at the discretion of the Employer to certain class(es) of Employee(s), as specified or referenced in the Plan Adoption Agreement and/or consistent with terms and conditions of the Employer's collective bargaining agreement(s), memorandum(s) of agreement, or similar written arrangement.

The Employer shall be solely responsible for determining that a contribution is Non-Elective. Neither The OMNI Group, Inc., nor any recordkeeper, nor any Participating Service Provider, shall have any right or duty to inquire into the amount or

appropriateness of any Non-Elective Employer Contribution made by the Employer, the method used in determining the amount of any such contribution, or to collect the same. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District has caused this Resolution and Amendment to be adopted this 7th day of April, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

- I. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the 4th grade and Mrs. Jordan's class to attend The Farmers' Museum and Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, NY on June 10, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- J. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the resignation of Linda Giumarra for purposes of retirement effective June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- K. J. Macica moved, R. Thivierge to accept the resignation of Elaine Miller for purposes of retirement effective June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- L. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the resignation of Veronica LaPlante for the purposes of retirement effective June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- M. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to adopt the 2014-2015 budget in the total amount of \$32,782,083. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

VII. *PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 8:03 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to enter executive session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law relating to the STA and CSEA unit(s) and to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

At 9:47 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to return to public session and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

* A public comment period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes each shall be provided at each business meeting. In an effort to provide an opportunity for all interested speakers, all speakers shall be limited to three (3) minutes during the public comment period. When members of the public speak to the Board, they shall state their name and address, the name of the organization (if any) which they represent, and the agenda item they wish to comment on. Please be aware that by law individual student information or particular personnel issues cannot be discussed at public sessions of the board. The Board will not permit interruptions, slanderous remarks or "name-calling" by speakers or the audience. We take public comment very seriously and careful notes will be taken. However, the board generally does not respond while the meeting is in public session.

Judi Dunkel, Board Clerk