

Schuylerville Central School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2014

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

Board Member(s) Absent: Jack Macica

Administration Present: Gregg Barthelmas, Eric Blakely, Laura Delair, Katie Elsworth, Aaron Grady, John Haggerty, Lynn Mastrianni, and Matt Sickles

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

None at this time.

III. STA REPORT

Terry Brennan reported the following:

First grade collected \$1250 to donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the McDonald House.

Erin Lloyd and Sierra DeJoseph brought 14 students to compete at Siena for a field hockey tournament against area schools. It was a round robin tournament with 4 games played.

Second grade raised \$300 which will be matched by Stewarts.

On December 20th the FFA President along with state leaders visited our campus and spent time with approximately 40 students and Mr. Cahan. Soon 12 FFA members will be traveling to Syracuse for goal setting and group work.

Mr. Belden and Mrs. Guyon raised \$1000 through the code.org program.

IV. PEP REPORT

None at this time.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. Elsworth explained how Mr. Belden and Mrs. Guyon have currently raised \$1000 through code.org. The program allows money to be earned through student participation. 15 students have completed the program with 7 of them female.

Dr. Sherman reviewed the 2014-2015 school calendar. Students return to school on September 4, 2014. Winter break consists of a 2 week break again this year. Graduation is scheduled for June 27, 2015.

Dr. Sherman reviewed the District Reserves and the purpose for each: Capital Reserve, Unemployment Reserve, Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve, Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve and Tax Certiorari Reserve.

Dr. Sherman gave a brief outline of the 2014-2015 Budget Expenditures. Dr. Sherman is expecting to have a line-by-line budget on January 27th. The following are projected: salary (based on contracts), benefits (based on estimates), property liability insurance and BOCES increased 5%, utilities and supplies frozen. The possibility of increasing the part-time physical education teacher to full-time and adding a coach to modified cross country, indoor track and JV football are being considered. Dr. Sherman stated that negotiations went well and he is optimistic as he waits for the Governor's budget.

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the following consent business items as presented:

- To accept the regular minutes of December 16, 2013.
- To accept the attached computer list obsolete/surplus.
- To accept October, November, and December 2013 Claims Auditor Report as presented.

- To approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, due to an accident that occurred on October 29, 2013, when a motor vehicle rear ended Bus #124 at a railroad crossing, the bus has been damaged and is in a state of disrepair; and WHEREAS, the District's insurance company has declared the bus "totaled" as a result of the accident and the District is unable to utilize the bus for District transportation; and

WHEREAS, lack of transportation provided by this vehicle threatens the health and safety of District students and immediate replacement of the bus is necessary to provide uninterrupted transportation for District students to and from school and District sponsored events; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHUYLERVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby determines that the replacement of one (1) twenty (20) passenger District bus is a non-recurring, ordinary contingent expense that is necessary to preserve property, assure the health and safety of students and staff and continue District transportation. The Board of Education further determines that lack of transportation provided by the bus is a condition that affects the health and safety of students and staff and that the replacement of the bus requires immediate, emergency action to preserve the property.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to undertake the replacement of one (1) twenty (28) passenger bus, pursuant to Education Law §1709(25)(a), and expend an amount not to exceed \$47,332 from the 2013-14 unappropriated fund balance, with any portion received by the District's insurance company for the to be used to offset the total amount expended from the general fund.

Section 3. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to file any necessary and proper paperwork with the State Education Department to proceed with the replacement of the totaled vehicle, and to execute any contracts, papers or agreements to proceed with the purchase.

Section 4. Due to the emergency situation, a contract for the purchase of District bus will be awarded immediately. Therefore, no competitive bidding will be utilized.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

- B. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the CSE/CPSE Section 504 recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- C. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to retroactively approve the wrestling team to attend a tournament in Unatego, NY on January 11, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- D. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the quiz team field trip to Storrs, Ct to compete in the Connecticut Invitational Academic Bowl on February 22, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- E. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to cancel the scheduled board meeting on February 24, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- F. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the 2014-2015 school calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- G. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to increase the general fund budget by \$47,331.29 to offset the cost of bus #124 which was declared a total loss by Utica National after it was involved in an accident on 10/29/13. Insurance recoveries will offset \$3,266.67; the remaining \$44,064.62 will be from unappropriated fund balance. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- H. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to increase the general fund budget by \$12,664 to cover the cost of a new Grant Writing and Development service provided by Capital Region BOCES. The increase is funded from unappropriated fund balance. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- I. B. King 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 Anne Marie Hathaway as an educational aide in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a 52 week probationary term, commencing on, January 13, 2014, at a salary of \$14,011 annually. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

VII. *PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 7:44 p.m. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to enter executive session 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. (6-0)

At 9:10 p.m. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the request of bus driver Thomas L. McCall for an unpaid leave of absence for the one-year period from October 4, 2013, through October 3, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to create one full-time 7-12 Math teacher effective January 13, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

At 9:12 p.m. B. King moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

* 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, District Clerk