

Schuylerville Central School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2014

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

Administration Present: Eric Blakely, Laura Delair, 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.

J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Wendy Morris as acting district clerk. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

II. *PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

III. STA REPORT

Andrew Jennings reported the following:

- Home and Careers grade 6 and 7 are continuing to make bears and blankets for the Glens Falls Hospital.
- Grade 9 English classes are conducting research on a topic related to social media/technology. They will be using www.livebinder.com to store their research.
- Christopher Tucker Appreciation – Chris was presented a certificate from the STA and Elementary School for his continued support and dedication to the Holiday Sing-Along.
- Mr. Jennings spoke about a family who was facing a tough fiscal situation. In one day the district collected over \$900 for the family. Mr. Jennings used \$400 to pre-pay the family's hotel bill and then purchased clothes, food, and other personal items to donate.
- The first grade teachers will host the annual Valentine's Day dance on February 12th for students and their parents.
- The Elementary Caring and Sharing Program provided a Christmas to over 75 children in grades K-6. The generosity of staff and community groups was overwhelming.
- The Middle/High School Caring and Sharing Program provided Christmas to 53 children in grades 7-12 and 7 preschool age. Twenty children were sponsored through the Empty Sock Program, 7 by individuals/families in the community, 5 were sponsored by staff members and 1 was sponsored through the French Club.
- This week eight FFA members attended the NYS 360 Leadership Conference in Syracuse. Students participated in workshops and strategies and skills to take back to school. On February 11th two students will represent our FFA chapter at the Governmental Awareness Institute in Albany. The Schuylerville FFA is hosting the upcoming Sub-District Leadership Contest on February 26th at 3 p.m.

Board Member Lou Maggiore entered at 7:10 p.m.

IV. PEP REPORT

Angela Meislin reported the following:

- February 7th Valentine Fun Night 6:30-8 pm;
- February 25th Tae Kwon Do starts in Kindergarten and 1st grade for 5 weeks;
- March 14th St. Patrick's Day Social 7-8:30 for 5th grade; and
- 5th grade Moving Up Committee starting to meet.

GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL

- Next meeting February 5th;

- Snowflake Challenge;
- Earth Night in April – Middle School Green Team; and
- High School Environmental Club will be starting soon.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

Laura Delair and Cassie Luthringer reported Elementary School Acts of Kindness:

- Emma DeGarmo celebrated her 9th birthday and asked for donations to SAFER. Three boxes of food and \$65 were collected.
- KC Club with help from Judy Greene, Barb Nevins, Cassie Luthringer, and Jen Schroll participate in the following acts of kindness: Backpack Program (Feeding America), collect cans and bottles, and the Lemonade Stand to name a few. Random Acts of Kindness week is February 10-16th.

Dr. Sherman gave an update on the admission revenue from football and basketball games.

Wendy Morris gave a brief overview of the budget including revenue and state aid.

VI. BOARD ACTION

A. Motion to approve the following consent business items as presented:

- To accept the regular minutes of January 13, 2014.
- To approve a contract for health services for 6 students for the 2013-2014 school year with Glens Falls City School in the amount of \$356.87 per student totaling \$2,141.22.
- To decrease the 2013/2014 taxes in the town of Saratoga by \$1077.36 due to an assessment change.
- To accept the December 2013 Treasurers Report as presented.

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 agreement between Schuylerville Central School and The Southern Adirondack Substitute Teacher Alliance (SASTA) effective July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the foreign language field trip to Spain/France from March 1-10, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

E. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Missy Germain as Deputy Treasurer for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

F. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Andy Jennings and Matt Becht co-coach modified softball 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

G. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to grant unpaid child care leave to Denise Birge effective approximately March 24, 2014 through May 2, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

H. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED the Board hereby appoints Kirsten O'Brien, who possesses a Childhood Education Initial Certificate for Denise Birge from approximately February 8, 2014 through May 2, 2014 with the salary to be set in accordance with the Teachers' Collectively Negotiated Agreement, at 1/200th of Step 1 BA of the 2013-2014 Salary Schedule, prorated, based upon full-time status, effective approximately February 8, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

I. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the resignation of Cathy Scheren as an educational aide effective January 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

J. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board hereby appoints Tyler Greene, possessing an Initial Mathematics 7-12 Certificate, to a three year probationary term as a Math teacher, in the Mathematics tenure area, effective January 28, 2014 through January 27, 2017 at an annual salary in accordance with the Teachers' Collectively Negotiated Agreement at Step 1 MA of the Salary Schedule for the 2013-2014 school year

VII. *PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m. J. Macica 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. (7-0)

At 10:00 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to return to public session and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

Wendy Morris, Acting District Clerk

* 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.