

# Schuylerville Central School

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014

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Board Members Present: Stan Barber, Mike Booth, Becky King, Jack Macica, Lou Maggiore, Robert Thivierge, Veronica Wood and Dr. Sherman  
Administration Present: Gregg Barthelmas, Eric Blakely, Laura Delair, Katie Elsworth, Aaron Grady, and John Haggerty

### I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

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

### II. \*PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community member Sue Palmer distributed a list for the board to review of 63 schools she contacted to compare how many offer resource rooms or study labs.

### III. STA REPORT

None at this time.

### IV. PEP REPORT

None at this time.

### V. BOARD DISCUSSION

- Athletic Director Heath Morris introduced wrestling coach Eric Johanson and 10<sup>th</sup> grader Anthony Cardinuto. Coach Johanson congratulated Anthony on his recent accomplishment of competing in the second round at the state championship.
- Betty Gifford presented the board with an invitation to attend the Robotics competition at RPI on Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Gifford also stated she would forward the schedule and link to stream live online.
- Director of Transportation Don Young gave the vehicle replacement presentation to the board. Mr. Young's recommendation is to purchase two large diesel buses and one small (28 passenger) gasoline bus for a total of \$262,000 to replace buses that meet the replacement criteria.
- High School Art Teacher Kirt Winslow presented the board with two pieces of art work that will be donated to the school. Evelyn Darrah and McKayla Williams were the winners from the art show last year.
- Dr. Sherman read the attached thank you letter from SAFER to the district for their overwhelming support by staff, students, and families.
- Wendy Morris reviewed a preliminary budget for 2013-2014. Ms. Morris plans to present a final budget on March 24<sup>th</sup> and adopt the budget on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### VI. BOARD ACTION

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

- To accept the regular minutes of February 10, 2014.
- To approve the January Treasurers Report.
- To approve a contract for health and welfare services for 23 students for the 2013-2014 school year with Saratoga City School in the amount of \$11,139.13.
- To approve a contract for health and welfare services for 4 students for the 2013-2014 school year with Ballston Spa Central School in the amount of \$2060.84.
- To accept the January and February 2014 Claims Auditor Report.

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 increase the general fund budget by \$41,342 for prior years tax refund (\$14,663) and salary/benefits for AIS math teacher (\$26,679). The increase is funded from unappropriated fund balance. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

- D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Tyler Greene and Steve Brennan as volunteers for the baseball program. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- E. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Katie Donovan as a volunteer for the girls lacrosse program. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- F. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the resignation of Jessica Patenaude as modified track coach for the 2013-2014 season. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- G. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Dave Mehan as modified track coach for the 2013-2014 season. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- H. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the Course Enrollment Criteria for Grades 9-12 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- I. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the FFA field trip to Cobleskill, NY to participate in the Sub-State FFA Competitions on March 29, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

VII. \*PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 pm 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 9:18 pm 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.

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Judi Dunkel, Clerk

Monday, March 10, 2014

Schuylerville Central School District  
Board of Education  
14 Spring Street  
Schuylerville, NY 12871

Dear Schuylerville students, staff and Board of Education,

The SAFER board of directors would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Schuylerville Central School District for its ongoing support of SAFER. The district's students and staff continue to amaze us with their generosity and commitment to helping their fellow community members. In the last few years, all ages and grade levels came up with activities designed to benefit SAFER. Some of these activities include:

- The sale of Bon-Ton Community Coupon booklets by the Middle School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), which yielded nearly \$1,600 in donations. Students in the FBLA have also collected more than 3,000 food items to help stock the shelves of our food pantry.
- Participation over the last few years by the district's fourth-graders, the High School FBLA, a kindergarten class and the High School Spanish Club where students collected food and monetary donations to help our cause.
- Many ongoing activities from members of the district's National Honor Society at the High School. Students have held bake sales and conducted community fundraisers for the last two years at Glens Falls National Bank, along with responding to calls for help in sorting and organizing food.
- A 100th Day of School celebration at Schuylerville Elementary School, during which time students from the Kindness and Compassion (KC) Club collected more than 1,100 cans and boxes of food.
- Regular bake sales and food collection drives from Parents as Education Partners (PEP). In fact, many PEP activities include an admission "price" of a donated food item.
- Continued support from the High School Student Council. Members of this organization have supported SAFER for many years with ongoing collections of food and monetary donations. This year, the group also chose to donate proceeds raised from its "Powder Puff" football game to SAFER.
- A multi-year check-writing campaign organized by Schuylerville teachers, which has resulted in more than \$4,000 in monetary donations.

These are just a few of the many activities that take place in your district for which we are so grateful. We must also recognize the school administrators, who have found extremely creative ways to encourage students to donate food items. Most recently, three administrators agreed to

kiss a calf if your Middle School students met a donation goal. Last year, the Middle School principal and assistant principal agreed to be duct-taped to the cafeteria wall if enough donations were made. Prior to that, your High School principal agreed to be dressed and decorated by Student Council members after students collected nearly 3,900 food items in just four days. Needless to say, the students enjoyed the fruits of their labor and learned some valuable lessons about community service—all while helping their neighbors in need.

The SAFER board can't thank you enough for your continued support. Your dedication and overwhelming support help ensure that we can continue help our residents.

Respectfully yours,

The SAFER Board of Directors