

# Schuylerville Central School

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2014

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

Member(s) Absent: Stan Barber

Administration Present: Gregg Barthelmas, Eric Blakely, Aaron Grady, John Haggerty, Lynn Matrianni, and Matt Sickles

### I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

At 7:00 pm Vice President Becky King called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

### II. \*PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

### III. STA REPORT

Michael Leonard reported the following:

- Maria Weeks organized the Battle of the Books Club for over 20 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Maria DeFilippo and Barb Nevins joined Mrs. Weeks and the students to attend ACC for the regional Battle of the Books where they competed in a trivia style completion against other schools in the area. Our third grade team finished in second place and our fourth grade team missed the finals in a sudden death ice breaker.
- Tom Bryson took the Quiz Team to participate in the Connecticut Invitational academic tournament. The team finished with a record of 4-6 and individually Mike Pumiglia placed 6<sup>th</sup> McKenzie Goldup 50<sup>th</sup> and Zack Galcik 63<sup>rd</sup> for the 93 students that participated.
- Emily Flores is holding a nonfiction book project with her Modified Living Environment One classes. The current book is Immortal Life by Rebecca Skloot.
- On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Weeden's students celebrated PI Day. Students brought in circular treats to celebrate. Mr. Weeden posted the first 100,000 digits of PI for students to look at in the hallway. Students were encouraged to see how many digits of PI they could memorize. Michael Havens III recited the first 155 digits (a new SCS record).
- Michael Craner stated that Schuylerville Symphonic Band Members, Bryan McQuade and Alexander Malin, performed alongside the Capital Region Wind Ensemble. Senior Daniel Caro has been accepted to the Purchase Conservatory of Music at SUNY Purchase and Kelly Meehan has been accepted to Ithaca College of Music.
- Vicki Young reported twenty-one 6<sup>th</sup> grade band members performed for senior citizens at the Town Hall in Schuylerville for their monthly meeting. In addition, Thirty-nine 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade band members participated in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA).
- Andrea Willson reported the Spanish Club hosted a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. A donation of approximately \$300 and 10 boxes of food will be given to St. Therese's Food Pantry in Gansevoort.
- The second grade participated in the Wilton Preserve and Park Blue Lupine planting program. Also, Mrs. Giumarra's class made pink ink drink in honor of Dr. Seuss and Read Around America.
- Ms. Moran reported that the senior class sponsored a "Lock In" from 7-midnight. Fifty-five students attended. Students played laser tag, volleyball, basketball, dodge ball and danced. A thank you to all who volunteered to chaperone.

### IV. PEP REPORT

None at this time.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

- Kim Gamache introduced and congratulated tenth grader Suzann Hanehan who qualified to compete in the NYS Indoor Track and Field Championships in Ithaca. Suzi joined 3 other Section 2 athletes to compete in a relay. Mr. Gamache explained that Suzi injured her ACL in April and her hard work and dedication shows in her performance.
- Eric Blakely presented a Technology Update – Plan for 2014. Currently 6<sup>th</sup> grade utilizes iPads 1 on 1 for students. For the 2014-2015 school year both 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be assigned one. Teachers are participating in professional development opportunities. Mr. Blakely is pleased with the responsibility students are showing with their iPad. There are currently 3 apps that are used frequently; however many are being utilized. The opportunity to bring your own device (BYOD) is possible. Many avenues are being looked into. The iPad may not be the best solution for high school students. Board Member Robert Thivierge asked how the chemistry class liked the iPad. Mr. Blakely stated that they are used as a classroom tool not 1 on 1; therefore, it is not as consistent as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Business Manager Wendy Morris gave a presentation on the 2014-2015 budget. Click here to view the presentation.

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 March 10, 2014.
  - To accept February 2014 Treasurers Report.
  - To approve a contract for health and welfare services for 2 students for the 2013-2014 school year with South Colonie School District in the amount of \$1248.66.
  - To authorize participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by the WSWHE BOCES for the 2014-2015 school year for the following commodities: Ice Cream, Milk, Bread Products, Custodial Paper Products, and Cafeteria Paper Products.
- Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- B. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the CSE/CPSE Section 504 recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- C. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to increase the 2013-2014 general fund budget by \$3,000 for weight room equipment. The increase is funded from a donation from the Schuylerville Booster Club. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the FFA field trip from May 8-10, 2014 to Medina, NY to attend the NYS FFA Convention. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- E. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to conduct the Annual District vote on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from noon until 9:00 p.m. and BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:
1. The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:  
AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at such time:  
Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:  
RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHUYLERVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$262,000, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED SUCH ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF

EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$262,000. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

3. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

- F. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint the following election personnel for the May 20, 2014 vote: Election Inspectors (\$80 per day) Patricia Behrens, Dorothy Leone, Ronalee Myers, Kathleen Turcotte, and Lois Miner; Custodian of the Voting Machines (\$125) Ardeen Demarco, Jr. and Chief Election Inspector Judi Dunkel. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- G. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to extend Denise Birge's unpaid childcare leave through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- H. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to extend Kirsten O'Brien as a long term substitute for Denise Birge through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- I. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to grant unpaid child care leave to Christine Huestis from approximately May 27, 2014 through June 4, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- J. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED the Board hereby appoints Avi Stark, who possesses a 7-12 Social Studies Initial Certificate for Christine Huestis from approximately April 8, 2014 through June 3, 2014 with the salary to be set in accordance with the Teachers' Collectively Negotiated Agreement, at 1/200<sup>th</sup> of Step 1 BA of the 2013-2014 Salary Schedule, prorated, based upon full-time status, effective approximately April 8, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- K. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to declare Friday, May 23, 2014 as a non-school day (unused snow day) for all students and staff providing a snow emergency day is not used before the date. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

VII. \*PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 7:52 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. (6-0)

At 8:50 p.m. Becky King left executive session.

At 8:55 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to return to public session and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

\* 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, District Clerk

