

Schuylerville Central School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2013

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, 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. BOARD DISCUSSION

- John Haggerty congratulated the 17 students who received Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards from the College Board. AP exams are reported on a five-point scale, five being the highest. The AP Scholar Award is given to students who receive an average score of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. The following students earned this distinction: Mckenzie Bergan, Connor Crawford, Tayler Dooley, Sydney Edwards, Sara Gronlund, Theordora Hennessy, Brittany Law, Brenna Rosen, Mikaela Thomas, and Colin Wasacz. The AP Scholar with Honor is given to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. The following earned this distinction: Robert D'Andrea, Samuel Goldenberg, Thomas Greeno, Emily Pieper, and Megan Sorel. The AP Scholar with Distinction is given to students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The following students earned this distinction: Luke Pumiglia and McKenzie Prunier. National AP Scholar Award is given to students in the United States who received an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. This award was earned by Luke Pumiglia. Luke thanked his teachers and coaches for their support.
- Katie Elsworth, Laura Delair, and Eric Blakely gave a brief presentation on how the iPad will be incorporated into the 6th grade curriculum. Mrs. Elsworth explained how ESpark will be partnering with us to individualize the iPads for each student to align with the Common Core Standards.
- Eric Blakely reviewed the iPad Policy, Procedure, and Information for students. Students will be allowed to take the iPad home. Board Member Robert Thivierge asked if they expect some households to choose not to allow their children to use an iPad. Mrs. Elsworth stated it is the first year and they expect there to be some reservations from some families but feels they will embrace the opportunity once they are fully informed of the advantages the iPad offers. She also stated if a household does not have WIFI assignments can be printed to take home. A discussion was held regarding the time students spend on electronic devices and how it affects their social skills. Dr. Sherman explained the iPad is not a replacement of the teacher.
- Dr. Sherman reviewed the procedure in place for the APPR Teacher/Principal Score Release to Parents. According to the Education Law, parents or legal guardians of students may request the final quality rating and composite effectiveness score for each of the teachers and for the principal of the school building their child is assigned to for the current year. Any request must be made in writing on the authorized request form. Once the request is approved, an appointment will be made to meet with the building principal to review the score. Teachers will be given the names of parents or guardians that request their scores,

IV. BOARD ACTION

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

- To accept the regular minutes of July 29, 2013 as presented.
- To accept the June and July 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented.
- To approve the 2013-2014 tax warrant as presented.
- To accept the school lunch budget for the 2013-2014 school year as presented.

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 \$16,047 for salary and benefits for an additional 3 hour bus driver position and an increase from 2 to 3 hours for a driver position created during the budget process. The increase will be funded from Unappropriated Fund Balance. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to create two 3 (three) hour bus driver positions effective September 4, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- E. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Erin Lloyd as JV field hockey coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- F. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve and amend the Code of Conduct as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- G. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept and adopt the second reading of policy #6130 Evaluation of Personnel. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- H. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to amend Shannon Awillow as a cafeteria worker from 5.50 hr (five hours-fifty minutes) to 5.40 hr. (five hours-forty minutes) at an annual salary of \$12,553 effective September 3, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- I. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve Katelynn Donovan as a volunteer field hockey coach for the 2013-2014 school year pending required courses. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- J. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the iPad Policy, Procedures, and Information as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- K. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the resignation of Natalie O'Brien as Jr. High Class Advisor for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- L. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to grant unpaid child care leave to Krista Phelps effective approximately September 4 through November 22, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Stan Barber clarified that the board receives documents and information prior to the actual meeting. Mr. Pumiglia asked if a presentation is given at a meeting that it not be an agenda item up for approval on the same night.

VI. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 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 unit. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

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

Judi Dunkel, District Clerk