

# Schuylerville Central School

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2013

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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, Aaron Grady, John Haggerty, Lynn Mastrianni

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

President Stan Barber explained the addition to the agenda regarding public comments. He asked when a community member speaks that they give their name and address.

No public comments at this time.

III. STA REPORT

None at this time.

IV. PEP REPORT

None at this time.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. High School Principal Matt Sickles congratulated and presented Greg Gill with his diploma.

B. Each principal stated the opening day of school went smoothly. They thanked student services and the custodial staff for all of their help. 6<sup>th</sup> grade held an Open House with high attendance and kindergarten students enjoyed the annual trial bus run.

C. Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Peter Riggi gave a brief presentation on each building. Mr. Riggi reviewed the initiatives his department are using such as the pilot floor finish program in the high school and the aeration and over seeding on the grounds. He reviewed the completed projects in high school which included gym lighting, gym heating and ventilation, upgrading/replacement of classroom and hallway lighting and replacement windows and front façade. The elementary and middle school also upgraded/replaced classroom and hallway lighting and single pane window replacement. The administration building replaced carpeting, windows, lighting, roof (replaced second half), rain gutters added with heat tape and interior paint. The bus garage replaced the HVAC unit for the office, rain gutters, door hardware, and door adjustments. The following are additional items to be worked on cafeteria lights and heat, main and back gym lights and heat, locker room and shower (domestic hot water), exterior doors in the administration building. Moving forward Mr. Riggi's focus is continued energy and efficiency savings initiatives, continued evaluation and monitoring of district mechanical systems and continued implementation of sustainable and environmental products and techniques.

Stan Barber stated that the District campus looks amazing and he is very proud of the hard work Mr. Riggi's staff does every year. Mr. Barber also stated our students and staff also show great pride in our school by the way they treat it.

Mr. Riggi also shared the Fire Inspection Report from July 25<sup>th</sup> with the Board.

D. Lynn Mastrianni, Director of Special Education, Federal Grants & Pupil Services gave a presentation on enrollment to the Board. As of September 6<sup>th</sup> 73 students moved into the district and 46 moved out. Total enrollment on September 6<sup>th</sup> was 1797. Students moved in from a variety of locations such as Ohio, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Hawaii, Haiti and Greece to name a few. Currently 28 students receive ESL (English as a second language). Languages include Spanish, Haitian, and Creole. Mrs. Mastrianni reviewed the district's current free and reduced information. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> the district reports a 25% poverty rating which is up 2% since 2011 and up 5% from 2009. Currently 83 students are being homeschooled. Board Member Becky King asked if there was any feedback to why they choose to homeschool. Mrs. Mastrianni stated it varies but many like the variety they have by homeschooling. Dr. Sherman stated one of the targeted areas is to work with students who

are economically disadvantaged. Currently one grade level has 46 students that are economically disadvantaged. Board Member Jack Macica asked if our current families have seen income changing. Mrs. Mastrianni stated that yes the result of an increase in poverty is current students and incoming.

## 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 August 19, 2013.
  - To amend the Tax Warrant for 2013-2014 as presented.
  - To accept the June Financial Reports as presented.
  - To declare the following text books obsolete/surplus: Biology, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., by Cambell Reece and ChemCom, Chemistry in the Community, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Kendal/Hunt Publisher.
  - To accept the Fire Inspection Report as presented.
  - To increase the 2013/14 taxes in the town of Wilton by \$1,630.21.
- 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 accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints Kristine Graber as a monitor in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a 52 week probationary term, commencing September 4, 2013, at a salary of \$4,615 annually pending clearance from the NYS Education Department. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to amend the annual salary of Timothy Lowe to .67 Step 1 MA + 3 effective September 4, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- E. J. Macica 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 Gary Sherman as a 3 hour bus driver in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a 52 week probationary term, commencing September 4, 2013, at a salary of \$9,347 annually. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- F. J. Macica 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 Stephen Drohobycky as a 3 hour bus driver in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a 52 week probationary term, commencing September 4, 2013, at a salary of \$9,347 annually. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- G. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept and adopt the Board of Education Guiding Principles. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- H. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints RosaLynn Cosimano, who possesses an Initial Certificate in Student with Disabilities, Literacy Birth to Grade 6 and Childhood Education grades 1-6 to a Special Education Teaching position for Krista Phelps from approximately September 4 through November 26, 2013 with the salary to be set in accordance with the Teachers' Collectively Negotiated Agreement, at step 1 MA of the 2011-2012 Salary Schedule, prorated, based upon full-time status, effective, September 4, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- I. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to amend Donna Maggiore and Kimberly Delaney's salaries to \$14,011 effective September 4, 2013. Motion carried (6-0-1). Lou Maggiore abstained.
- J. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the FFA field trip to Cobleskill College for Agriculture and Natural Resources Day for high school students to participate in educational competitions and visit the campus Friday, September 20, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

## VII. \*PUBLIC COMMENTS

Denise Zdobnikow asked how many of the athletic passes were sold. Dr. Sherman reported that approximately \$1,200 was sold at general admission and an additional 80 season passes were sold. Mr. Barber stated there have been a few comments negative comments regarding charging for admission but overall the public is satisfied with the decision.

Mrs. Zdobnikow asked what the Guiding Principals. Dr. Sherman stated it is an expectation of each of our Board Members He further explained the detailed list is linked to the agenda on our website.

Sue Palmer asked if the BOCES Aid for the iPads for 6<sup>th</sup> grade needs to be approved or if it is guaranteed. Wendy Morris explained it does not need to be approved. Mrs. Palmer also stated that the cost (approx. \$125,000) of the iPads could be a teaching position. Dr. Sherman explained the iPads are a one-time purchase and a teaching position is ongoing. Kathryn Leopold asked if the first year will be assessed and the iPads used in a different grade if needed. Dr. Sherman explained that year one is an assessment of many things.

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58 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)

\*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.

At 9:00 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to return to public session and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

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Judi Dunkel, Board Clerk