

# Schuylerville Central School

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2013

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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: Eric Blakely, Gregg Barthelmas, Laura Delair, Katie Elsworth, Aaron Grady, John Haggerty, Lynn Mastrianni, and Matt Sickles.

### I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

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

Dr. Sherman and Mr. Sickles recognized Tylor Sherman for saving a man from a fire in Greenwich. Tylor is a tenth grade student at Schuylerville High School. He was presented a certificate and thanked by Board Members for his act of bravery.

### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

### III. STA REPORT

Darrin Renner reported the following:

Cheri Roberts class is participating in a babysitting experience.

Varsity Girls Soccer Coach Dave Mehan acknowledged they recently beat Hoosick Falls.

Fourth Grade is currently working on their ELA module.

### IV. PEP REPORT

Angela Meislin reported that currently all board positions are filled.

Current fundraisers:

5 Below offers 10% of purchase to PEP

Entertainment Books are currently being sold for \$25

Cookie dough and other food fun options will be sold

Fall Events:

Harvest Night, Book Fair, Health Fair, Tae Kwon Do, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social and Monthly Popcorn Sales

### V. BOARD DISCUSSION

Gregg Barthelmas and Cassie Luthringer explained the Lucky Bucket Program that is currently being held in the Elementary Building. Students can be nominated by classmates and teachers for acts of kindness. Anna Belden and Katie Pelletier-Hoblock explained the ways they were nominated such as labeling school supplies with a student that missed the first day of school and helping a friend with homework that does not speak.

Mr. Barthelmas also explained that there will be more of a presence from the police on campus. The goal is to familiarize the students with the officers and the officers with our campus. He stated the visits have been positive and well received by the students. Board Member Robert Thivierge asked if we have an emergency book for the campus. Dr. Sherman stated we do for every event and the police have a copy. Board Member Becky King asked if the students asked why they were present and Mr. Barthelmas stated there were no questions or concerns. They will attend athletic games and visit the campus on weekends as well.

Dr. Sherman announced the five awards the district won by the NYS Public Relations Association (NYSPRA). Dr. Sherman congratulated Kim Smithgall and thanked her for her hard work. The five awards are as follows:

2012-2013 "Window on our World" district calendar won an award of excellence (top honor given) in the graphics and design category.

2012-2013 budget newsletter won an award of excellence in the capital project/budget communication category.

2012-2013 district calendar also won an award of excellence in the calendar category, one of four awards given statewide.

The photograph entitled "Rainbow for Newtown" received a merit award.

Dr. Sherman stated that senior Kelly Meehan was chosen to sing the National Anthem at the NYS Association for Superintendents of Buildings and Grounds Convention this month.

#### 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 September 9, 2013.
- To decrease the 2013/14 taxes in the town of Saratoga (Village of Victory) by \$1,214.82.
- To decrease the 2013/14 taxes in the town of Fort Edward by \$586.00.
- To increase the general fund budget by \$2147.97 to cover the cost of repair to a school van that was involved in an accident. The increase will be funded from an insurance recovery.
- To accept the August 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented.
- To award the bid for contract transportation for 2 students to Sanford Street School to North County Transportation effective September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$149.00 per day plus an aide.
- To award the bid for contract transportation for 2 students to Prospect Saec School to North County Transportation effective September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$149.00 per day plus an aide.

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 appoint Trisha Leary and Chad Jorgensen as Jr. High Class Co-Advisors for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Kim Gamache as the Modified Cross Country coach for the 2013-2014 school year as a self-funded program. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

E. M. Booth moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept that Schuylerville Central School will certify that Jack Macica, a member of the Schuylerville Central School District school board, has been designated as its VOTING DELEGATE for the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association to be held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center at 12 noon on Saturday, October 26, 2013. Motion carried (5-0-1 Jack Macica abstained).

F. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Tom Havens as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2013-2014 season. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

#### VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

#### VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 pm 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. (6-0)

\*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 8:45 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to return to public session and adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)