

Schuylerville Central School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2013

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

President Stan Barber called the meeting to order and led the pledge. Mr. Barber acknowledged Board Member Robert Thivierge was absent due to work out of town.

II. BOARD APPRECIATION

Assistant Principal Aaron Grady explained the Gourmet Foods class brought trays of cookies for the Board in appreciation for everything they do. In addition, students from extra-curricular clubs including French Club, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Quiz Team to name a few attended the board meeting to thank the board members for their dedication. Alexis Cuniff presented SAFER a donation of \$350.00 in honor of The Board of Education and thanked them for all their continued support.

II. *PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tennis member Kai Kobori-Hotchkiss voiced his opinion on eliminating the modified tennis team. Kai feels modified tennis is an important step for the varsity program. Dr. Sherman explained that with the support of the varsity coach it was decided to eliminate the modified tennis program and to designate it as an intramural program. A discussion was held with possible ways for the team to scrimmage other schools.

III. STA REPORT

Terri Sullivan reported the following:

Su Luke's art classes are participating in "Our World Our Future". Ms. Luke's 8th grade students learned about the social revolution that occurred in the 1960's in response to the Vietnam War for example. They compared what is happening in our world today to the events that we have experienced in our past history and offered suggestions for positive change. Students created works of art using ink and watercolor pencil. They were asked to solve this problem: "IF you make the choice to promote a peaceful change in our world, what will it look like in the future?" Student's art work will be displayed on November 7th at the Schuylerville Town Offices.

Lynn Sorrentino's creative writing class is currently preparing pieces to submit to the Gifted and Unlimited.

Vicky Young is bringing 28 students in grades 6-12 to All County Band this weekend.

Cheri Roberts home and career's class is creating stuffed bears for Glens Falls Hospital.

Maria DeFilippo's 4th grade class visited the Schuylerville Library.

Fourth Grade is collaborating with the Green Ribbon School on a tulip journey.

Amy Jordan's class participated in the Green Ribbon School's 5 k challenge.

Terri Sullivan's class is pen pals with students from Burnt Hills and hope to meet at the end of the year.

Dave Mehan acknowledged the soccer teams' final record: boys 9-2 and girls 13-1. Both teams are moving on to sectionals.

Terri Sullivan thanked administration and the board for the support and training given to the teachers for the new modules.

IV. PEP REPORT
None at this time.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

Heath Morris explained that Schuylerville was a recipient of "Stay in the Game". The sportsmanship award is given to recognize schools that met the qualification of no coach or student athlete disqualified.

Mr. Morris also reported that Schuylerville will host 15 regional and sectional games on the turf. He acknowledged the soccer teams qualifying for sectionals, golf co-champions and volleyball finishing second place. The fall sports banquet will be held November 4th. Mr. Morris also explained the recent fund raiser the Booster Club held which raised \$12,000. In addition, the Booster Club has been the hosting concession stand.

Matt Sickles explained the Parking Lot Committee Report. After analyzing the parking situation on campus, the district will establish seven visitor parking places in the main parking lot; four will be near the Elementary School and Middle School and three will be in front of the High School. In addition, 18 new student parking places will be added behind the Administration Building. Board Member Mike Booth stated what a great idea the visitor parking is. Board Member Jack Macica asked how the flow of traffic is in the main parking lot. Dr. Sherman stated the additional pedestrian signs have helps with crosswalks. Ruthanne Thivierge asked when students can sign up for the additional spaces. A drawing will be help on October 28th to assign the 18 new spaces. Mr. Sickles also gave an update on the senior trip. Currently only 42 students have signed up to attend. If numbers drop, a suggestion of an alternate location was made. Mr. Sickles stated he will keep the board informed.

Independent Audit Report - Jeff Beecher was delayed at another school board meeting.

VI. BOARD ACTION

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

- To accept the regular minutes of September 23, 2013.
- To decrease the 2013/2014 taxes in the town of Northumberland in the amount of \$3251.69.
- To decrease the 2013/2014 taxes in the town of Saratoga in the amount of \$2186.30.
- To accept the Claims Auditor Report for July, August and September 2013 as presented.
- To accept the September 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented.
- To declare the following obsolete/surplus:
Sweepster sweeper model #M24C5A serial #0028073 asset tag #13064
Howard Price Turf Blazer model #TB530-4 serial #4E4-0563 asset tag #13076
Power Pro Lawn Tractor 46" cut model #13AQ695H120 serial #1D247H2013
I/C Pressure Washer model #33429 serial #513702163
Smithco Linestar Linemarkers model #44-508 serial #LN787 asset tag #13055

Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

B. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to approve the CSE/CPSE Section 504 recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

C. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to increase the general fund budget by \$18,988 to cover the costs for purchase/installation of AtmosAir Purification System for the high school locker room and driver salary/benefits for 2nd BOCES am run. The increase is funded from unappropriated fund balance. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

D. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints Nancy Leisenfelder as a monitor (2 hr/180 days) in the non-competitive class of the civil service, to serve a 52 week probationary term, commencing October 21,

2013, at a salary of \$4,615 annually pending clearance from the NYS Education Department. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

- E. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to approve the Student Council field trip to the NYS Council for Leadership Conference on November 24 – 26, 2013 in Buffalo, NY. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- F. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to accept the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board for reason of economy and efficiency has determined that it is appropriate to abolish and create the following non-pedagogical positions in the District; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes One (1) FTE clerk position and create one (1) FTE administrative aide position effective October 21, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- G. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to appoint Jake Zakrzewski as modified wrestling coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- H. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to accept the 2012/2013 Independent Audit Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

VII. *PUBLIC COMMENTS
None at this time.

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 pm J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King 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)

At 8:50 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

2012-2013 Audit Report – Jeff Beecher a representative of our Independent Auditing Firm reviewed the audit that he recently completed for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Beecher reported another clean audit and complimented on the District for its fiscal oversight.

At 9:00 pm J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to return to executive session. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

At 9:15 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to approve Bucky Anderson as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

At 9:20 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by B. King to adjourn. 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.

Judi Dunkel, District Clerk