

# Schuylerville Central School

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2013

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Board 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, 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. STA REPORT

Pam DeLucia reported the following:

Many clubs and classes collected money and food for SAFER such as: 4<sup>th</sup> grade, The Jr. and Sr. Powder Puff game, and Honor Society.

The Spanish Club collected Halloween costumes.

The High School Life Skills class raked community member's yards.

Student Council held a bake sale to support a classmate.

IV. PEP REPORT

None at this time.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

- ✓ Katie Elsworth, sixth grade teachers and representatives from the sixth grade student body gave an iPad Presentation. Teagan Andrews, Haleigh Eustis, Saydi Sargent, Audrey Sickles, Sean Swenson, Andrew Vito, and Colton Weatherwax partnered with board members to take an example of a quiz using the iPad. Each teacher explained how they utilize the iPad in their classrooms. The instant feedback and communication with students were just a few of the results the teachers are pleased with. Board Member Becky King asked what is planned for next year for the current sixth grade students. Mrs. Elsworth stated they would be looking into options for next year soon. Board Member Veronica Wood asked how long it took for the students to feel comfortable using the iPad. The sixth grade teachers agreed it was an average of three weeks and they are continuing to learn.
- ✓ Board Member Jack Macica gave a brief overview of the New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention he attended in October. Mr. Macica stated the main topic of discussion was the Common Core Standard. He also had the opportunity to attend NYS Education Commissioner, Dr. John King's speech which he voiced his dedication to making the Common Core successful. Mr. Macica also voiced his support for Mr. Gary DiLallo who currently serves on the Shenendehowa Board of Education and is seeking a nomination for the NYSSBA Area 7 Director.
- ✓ John Haggerty reviewed the classes that provide college credits and tuition benefits for our students. With the addition of the second distance learning lab Schuylerville now offers 16 courses with 4 courses that earn college credits. Mr. Haggerty explained the tuition breaks our students receive through colleges such as SCCC and SUNY Adirondack.
- ✓ A Special Education Audit Committee Update was given by Gregg Barthelmas. Mr. Barthelmas gave a summary of the two committee meetings that were held on

September 27 and November 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee discussed the recommendations made by Dr. Rita Levay's Special Education Audit. In addition, the following areas were discussed: progress monitoring for all IEP goals in 2013, annual review protocol for CSE expectations in fall 2013, data included when making recommendations, reviewing of professional development opportunities (special education related to Common Core Standards), over prescribing building level speech services, proof-reading all documents submitted to the CSE office, appropriate accommodations/modifications, parent-to-parent link on the district website. The second meeting was focused on two main goals of restructuring the co-integrated special education model at the Elementary and 15:1 primary special education instruction model at the High School. The committee will meet again in December prior to the holiday break.

- ✓ Dr. Sherman gave an update regarding the Victory Mills Project and explained the proposed PILOT Program from Saratoga IDA.

## 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 October 21, 2013.
  - To accept the 2013-2014 Tax Collector Report 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 approve the fifth grade field trip to visit the Bronx Zoo on May 8, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Marcus LaBombard and Kim Duncan as volunteer indoor track assistant coaches for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- E. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to appoint Malcolm Lindahl as a volunteer 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- F. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to grant unpaid child care leave to Krista Phelps from approximately November 25, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- G. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to amend the appointment of Rosa Lynn Casimano to step 1 MA effective September 4, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Moved carried unanimously. (7-0)
- H. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the 2014-2015 Budget Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- I. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: **WHEREAS**, Mr. DiLallo has served thirteen years on the Shenendehowa School District Board of Education, holding the office of President for two years and serving as Vice-President for two years, (current school year included); and **WHEREAS**, Gary DiLallo is currently serving his first term representing Shenendehowa on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Board of Education and has held positions on multiple committees including: the Legislative Advisory Committee, the Component/Community Relations Advisory Committee, and the Human Resources Advisory Committee, fulfilling the responsibilities of these diverse committee assignments; and **WHEREAS**, Gary serves as a NYSSBA Ambassador; is a member of the NYSSBA State Legislative Network, is an author of five successful NYSSBA resolutions; serves as a member of the NYSSBA Resolutions Committee and is a representative on the NYSSBA Teacher Quality Task Force; and **WHEREAS**, Gary has received the 2011 New York State School Boards Association's Advocate of the Year Award for his dedication to public education and tireless work on behalf of students; and **WHEREAS**, Gary DiLallo is a past President of the Saratoga County School Boards Association; therefore **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Schuylerville Central School Board of Education considers Gary DiLallo exceptionally well qualified to serve as a NYSSBA Area 7 Director and enthusiastically nominates Gary DiLallo to a two – year term on the New

York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Board of Directors commencing January 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

- J. 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 Tracy Lyon as an administrative aide in the competitive class of the civil service, to serve a 52 week probationary term, commencing November 26, 2013, at a salary of \$32,700 annually. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)
- K. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District hereby approves the successor collective bargaining agreement by and between the District and the Schuylerville Teachers Association Bargaining Unit dated November 7, 2013, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreement and ratifies and approves the payment of money contained therein. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

VII. \*PUBLIC COMMENTS

A community member asked when the minutes and agenda are posted on the website. Dr. Sherman explained the agenda is typically posted the Thursday before a meeting with the meeting minutes that were previously approved.

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47 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. (7-0)

At 10:30 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to return to executive session and adjourn. 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.

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Judi Dunkel, District Clerk