

Schuylerville Central School

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2013

Board Members Present: Stan Barber, Mike Booth, Becky King, Jack Macica, Robert Thivierge, Veronica Wood, and Dr. Sherman

Board Members Absent: Louis Maggiore

Administration Present: Gregg Barthelmas, Eric Blakely, Laura Delair, Katie Elsworth, Aaron Grady, Matt Sickles

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

At 7:00 p.m. President Stan Barber called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Larry Ahleim from the Lions' Club presented 4 winners from the Peace Project. The theme of the project was "Our World our Future 2013-2014". The winners were Alice Voell-White, Sydney Gregorek, Julia Rivers, and first place was awarded to Grace Hanehan. The state level will be judged in February. Board member Stan Barber stated he is never surprised but always thrilled by our students.

II. *PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

III. STA REPORT

James Burleigh reported the following:

The elementary band performed winter concerts at the town hall.

Cheri Roberts class received a thank you note from Glens Falls Hospital for the bears and blankets they have supplied.

On December 7th Mr. Burleigh's students participated in a one hour physics lab session at Union College.

Ms. Lloyd's class volunteered 10th period to unload food at SAFER.

IV. PEP REPORT

None at this time.

V. BOARD DISCUSSION

Technology teacher Mark Belden and Sixth grade teacher Laurie Guyon presented their "Week of Code" project their students are participating in. At code.org there is a K-8 Intro to Computer Science 20 hour course. The course is designed to learn the basic concepts of Computer Science with drag and drop programming.

Peter Riggi reviewed the recent safety measures taken by the district. The district is installing intruder locks on all classroom doors. These locks have an additional cylinder on the inside of the door that allows key holders to lock the doors from the inside of the classroom. In addition, entryway glass of each building will soon be treated with a film that prevents shattering of glass, making it more difficult to break the glass panels and enter the school during lockdowns or other emergencies. This is a safety measure part of the SAFE Act legislation.

Board Member Becky King arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Representative Ryan Guay gave a presentation from Monolith Solar. Mr. Guay explained the back ground and current customer base they serve. In addition, he explained the long-term

savings (over 20 years approximately \$300,000) for the district with solar panels attached to the bus garage, elementary and high school buildings. Mr. Guay explained that there are no upfront costs, a 10-year opt-out option is available for the district and the warranties on the roof will not be affected.

Wendy Morris and Eric Blakely gave a presentation on mySchoolBucks. MySchoolBucks is an online payment option for lunch money. Parents can view and enter payments for a 3.95% transaction fee. A letter to parents informing them of this option will go home after break.

Athletic Director Heath Morris announced the sports teams that were awarded the Scholar Athlete. The award is given to teams that have a 90 or above average. The fall teams were field hockey, boys and girls soccer, football, boys and girls cross country, and volleyball. Mr. Morris also congratulated Dave Mehan for being awarded coach of the year in the Post Star.

The boys and girls soccer teams were honored at the Glens Falls Civic Center during a recent hockey game. The Robotics team was also present.

Mr. Morris congratulated the Booster Club for raising \$20,000 to date.

Josh Thomas was awarded the LookTV's \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to an athlete that who has been named a Janney Player of the Game by Look TV and then proves through letters and online voting that he provides other important qualities.

Dr. Sherman reviewed the recent lockdown drill that took place on December 12th. The district's safety specialist, New York State police and district administrators were all present. Following the drill they met to review where areas of improvement could be made. Dr. Sherman stated an unannounced lockdown drill is something to consider. Things to consider were communication with parents, local law enforcement, student reaction, etc.

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 November 18, 2013.
- To declare bus #124 Vin #1GDHG31F221177287 and #121 Vin #1HVBBABN01H410327 an obsolete/surplus.
- To accept the October and November 2013 Treasurers Report as presented.
- To approve a contract for health services for 6 students for the 2013-2014 school year with Corinth Central School in the amount of \$2090.01.
- To award the bid for contract transportation for 1 student to St. Joseph School, Ft. Edward to North Country Transportation effective January 6- June 26, 2014 in the amount of \$117.99 per day.
- To decrease the 2013/2014 taxes in the town of Northumberland by \$756.00.
- To declare the attached list of textbooks obsolete/surplus.
- To accept the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District ("Board") is in receipt of a written report issued by the Director of the Saratoga County Real Property Tax Service Agency recommending approval of an application for the refund of taxes filed on behalf of Level 3 Communications LLC pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 556 and seeking a refund of school and library taxes paid for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years with respect to property designated as Tax Map No. 646.000-9999-760.700-1882 ("Application"); and WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 556(5) of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board, as the tax levying body, has examined the application and report to determine whether the claimed unlawful entry exists and, upon such examination, the Board has determined that the claimed unlawful entry does exist. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Application is hereby approved; and it is further RESOLVED, (i) that a notation be made on the Application and a copy thereof that the Application is approved on the basis of unlawful entry, and indicating the

amount of school and library taxes to be refunded (ii) that a copy of the approved Application be mailed to the applicant; and (iii) that a copy of the Application be filed with the records of the District.

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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 authorize the transfer of the excess amount \$1,414,244 as authorized by NYS Comptroller's Office, in the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve to General Fund to be added to the Unreserved Fund Balance. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- D. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the senior trip to Orlando, Florida from April 2 – 6, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- E. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve the FFA field trip in Syracuse to attend the annual FFA Conference January 25-26, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- F. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to amend Malcom Lindahl as a volunteer 8th grade girls basketball coach to a volunteer girls basketball coach. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)
- G. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Schuylerville Central School Board of Education casts one vote for Gary DiLallo as NYSSBA Area 7 Director. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

VII. *PUBLIC COMMENTS
None at this time.

VIII. ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT
At 8:33 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. (6-0)

At 9:30 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to accept the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuylerville Central School District approves the execution of the contract with Monolith Solar. Motion carried unanimously. (6-0)

At 9:32 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by R. Thivierge 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