

Board of Education Meeting (Monday, January 14, 2019)

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Board Members Present: Stan Barber, Mike Bodnar, Mike Booth, Matthias Donnelly, Jack Macica, Frank Nesbitt, Robert Thivierge, and Dr. Sherman

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order / Pledge

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

Information: 1.2 Public Comments

District residents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davies of 3 Sherman Rd requested to amend their boundary line and attend Saratoga Springs School District. Mr. and Mrs. Davies provided the Board with maps showing the Saratoga line in relation to their property. In addition, they provided the mileage for all three Saratoga schools in comparison to Schuylerville. The Davies explained mileage, convenience and family time were their reasons for the request.

The Board stated they would consider the request and send a follow-up decision to them.

Information: 1.3 STA Report

None at this time.

2. Board Discussion

Recognition: 2.1 Peace Poster

Middle School Principal Katie Elsworth and Art Teacher Matt Roberts honored Lions Club Peace Poster winners. Mr. Alheim from the Lions Club introduced the following winners:

Spring 2018 – 1st Place – Lauren King, 2nd Place – Brenna Moran, 3rd Place Meghan Cowles

Fall 2018 – 1st Place – Abby Becker, 2nd Place – Brenna Moran, 3rd Place – Chole Barber

Information: 2.2 GOALS Update

Elementary Principal Gregg Barthelmas and Middle School Principal Mary Kate Elsworth presented the board with a Goals Update presentation.

Goal - Improve Student Achievement through the following: full implementation of Reader's Workshop, K-2 Inclusion of AIS into the classroom regarding intervention services, incorporate a new Phonics program in K-2, Align writing strategies in MS English and social studies, and formalize team meeting intervention process and documentation.

Goal – Enhancing Professional Practice through the following: begin the process of reading and learning about the next generation of learning standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

3. Board Action - Consent

Action (Consent): 3.1 Approval of consent business items

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to approve the consent items as presented.

* To approve the CSE/CPSE Section 504 recommendations as presented.

* To approve and accept the meeting minutes of December 17, 2018.

* To declare the textbooks and computer equipment obsolete/surplus as presented.

* To appoint Gregg Barthelmas as CSE/CPSE Chairperson for the 2018-2019 school year.

* To approve and accept the December 2018 Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion carried 7-0

4. Board Action

Action: 4.1 Advocacy Priorities for the 2019 Legislative Session

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Schuylerville School District strives to provide an outstanding education and post-secondary pathway for each and every student; and

WHEREAS, the District works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling the ever increasing list of state mandates and contractual obligations; and WHEREAS, our School District's free and reduced lunch rate has increased from 24.6% to 27.9% since 2013-14; and

WHEREAS, the district continues to work diligently to create a balanced budget that respects the needs of area taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level has provided an increased need for State Aid to maintain quality programs; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they are prepared for college, military or a career; and

WHEREAS, each child in Schuylerville only has one opportunity to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Schuylerville Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to act upon the following priorities:

1. Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula

- Adjust the weighting factor for Free and Reduced Lunch from .65 to .75-.80 to reflect large increases in this population.

- Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.

- Provide a minimum increase in foundation aid to all school districts.

- Review and Update the Foundation Amount - currently \$6,557.00 per pupil.

2. Increase the \$30,000 threshold on BOCES Aid for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs by providing 100% aidability for the salaries of CTE teachers.

3. Building Aid for Small Capital Projects

- Increase the threshold for base year capital outlay expenses from the current amount, established in 2002 from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to assist districts in making critical capital improvements.

4. SMART Schools Bond Act

- The process for distributing this funding has been slow and unpredictable, making it difficult for schools to take full advantage of this funding opportunity. To ensure that the funding is available in a timely manner for schools, the process must be improved and expedited by establishing firm deadlines by which projects are approved and funded.

Motion carried 7-0

Action: 4.2 STA Long Term Leave

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to accept the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District hereby appoints and employs Christopher Thomas to a term position as a Social Studies teacher, for the maximum period September 26, 2018 to June 26, 2019 at Step 1 MA. This is a term appointment, in effect until no later than June 26, 2019 only, unless terminated earlier or extended by further action of the Board, and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that

Christopher Thomas has agreed to waive any rights he may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement will be evidenced by a writing to be signed by both parties.

Motion carried 7-0

Action: 4.3 US Communities Resolution

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica Motion to accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS; THE Schuylerville Central School District pursuant to the authority granted in State of New York Statutes, General Municipal Law, Article 5A (Public Contracts) Section 103 desires to participate in the OMNIA Partners. Said Alliance is sponsored by the Association of School Business Officials International; The National Association of Counties; the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing; the National League of Cities; the United State Conference of Mayors. New York State Sponsors include New York Conference of Mayors; New York State Association of Counties; New York State School Boards Association; and New York State Recreation and Park Society.

WHEREAS; THE Schuylerville Central School District desires to participate for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its respective public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions;

WHEREAS; THE Schuylerville Central School District has reviewed the benefits of participating in this program and based on this review has concluded the program will provide the best value to taxpayers of the Schuylerville Central School District through the anticipated savings to be realized;

OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Governing Board of the Schuylerville Central School District is authorized to participate in the OMNIA Partners and the Superintendent, Purchasing Agent or designee is authorized to register for the OMNIA Partners program on behalf of Schuylerville Central School District; I certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body of Schuylerville Central School District on the 14th day of January, 2019.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of January, 2019.

Motion carried 7-0

5. Public Comment

Information: 5.1 Public Comments

None at this time.

6. Anticipated Executive Session/Adjournment

Action: 6.1 Enter into executive session

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica 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 7-0

Action: 6.2 Return to public session

Recommended Action:

At 10:00 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to adjourn executive session and return to public session.

J. Macica moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to appoint the following spring coaches for the 2018-2019 school year:

Varsity Track Boys	Ron Hayes	\$5,682.00
Varsity Track Girls	Sierra DeJoseph	\$5,682.00
Varsity Lacrosse Boys	John Bowen	\$5,682.00
Varsity Lacrosse Girls	Erin Lloyd-LaBombard	\$5,682.00
Tennis	Matt Steinfort	\$4,553.00
Outdoor Track Assistant	Ashley Zdobnikow	\$3,836.00
JV Girls Lacrosse	Beth Roberts&Marcus LaBombard	\$3,836.00
Modified Lacrosse Boys	Fred Lefton	\$3,570.00
Modified Lacrosse Girls	Julianne Torres	\$3,570.00
Tennis - Intramurals	Matt Steinfort	\$1,962.00

Motion carried 7-0

Action: 6.3 Adjourn meeting

Recommended Action:

At 10:03 p.m. J. Macica moved, seconded by F. Nesbitt to adjourn. 7-0