

Board of Education Meeting (Monday, April 15, 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 R. Thivierge called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Information: 1.2 Public Comments

- Parent, educator, and musician Heidi Levin read a statement addressing her concerns with the district's decision to not replace Ms. Young. Ms. Levin feels the larger groups sessions will set students up for failure. Ms. Levin urged the district to reconsider the cut.
- Parent Birgit Murray listed what she believed to be the upcoming class sizes for chorus, band, and lessons. Ms. Murray feels larger classes will affect the students and not fair to the teachers. In addition, Ms. Murray reviewed the assistant coaching staff for athletics. Dr. Sherman stated all but two assistant coaches were cut last year. Ms. Murray feels the current construction project could be altered to accommodate keeping the music position.
- Parent and Music Teacher at Mechanicville Sarah Bacon stated she moved specifically to Schuylerville because of the support for the arts. Ms. Bacon recognized her children's successes in the arts department. In addition, listed the many achievements Schuylerville students have had throughout the music department (all-county, jazz ensemble, all-state). Ms. Bacon feels the enrollment has gone down in the music department because of scheduling. Ms. Bacon feels by not replacing Ms. Young it will affect the program.

Information: 1.3 STA Report

None at this time.

2. Board Discussion

Information: 2.1 Budget Presentation

Dr. Sherman stated his support of the music department and the collaboration with the music teachers and principals regarding scheduling. In addition Dr. Sherman stated the recent social media post regarding the music department staffing and scheduling are inaccurate. Dr. Sherman and Business Manager Marian Chrisman presented a budget overview and details regarding the music department. Please see the attached presentation.

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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 March 18, 2019.

- * To accept and approve the 2019-2020 board meeting dates as presented.
 - * To approve the first reading of revised Policy #3280 Use of School Facilities, Materials, and Equipment as presented.
 - * To declare the attached computer equipment obsolete and surplus.
 - * To accept and approve the March Treasurer's Report as presented.
- Motion carried 7-0

4. Board Action

Action: 4.1 2019-2020 Budget/Property Tax Report Card

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to approve the 2019-2020 budget in the total amount of \$36,233,795 and accept the Property Tax Report as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Action: 4.2 Easement

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to accept the following resolution: WHEREAS, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (National Grid) and Verizon New York, Inc., owner of incoming utility services located at 14 Spring Street in the Town of Saratoga – Village of Schuylerville, requests an easement to access incoming utility services located on the Schuylerville Central School District property, for the purposes of installing and maintaining underground utility lines (power, cable, telephone, etc) which would serve the property located at 14 Spring Street in the Town of Saratoga – Village of Schuylerville.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District hereby approves and authorizes Robert Thivierge (Board President) to execute the Easement and authorizes the District's Owner's Representative (Saratoga Project Management) to proceed with preparation of and filing said documents with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (National Grid). Motion carried 7-0

Action: 4.3 Resignation

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to accept the letter of resignation from Christine Otto effective May 1, 2019. Motion carried 7-0

Action: 4.4 STA Probationary Appointment

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Leanne Dombrowsky to a four (4) year probationary appointment at Step 3 MA in the Speech tenure area, commencing September 3, 2019 and ending September 2, 2023, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 3012, 3012-c and/or 3012-d. Ms. Dombrowsky holds an Initial Certificate in Speech and Language Disabilities. Motion carried 7-0

5. Public Comment

Information: 5.1 Public Comments

- Additional discussions were held regarding the music department. Parent Ahyrah Jessop stated every student should have the opportunity to take classes in their interest. Dr. Sherman stated some high school students will have to make choices regarding scheduling.
- Community Member Deb Kelleher asked Mrs. Chrisman to review the current state aid numbers.

6. Anticipated Executive Session/Adjournment

Action: 6.1 Enter into executive session

Recommended Action:

At 8:43 p.m. 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:

S. Barber moved, seconded by J. Macica to adjourn executive session and return to public session. Motion carried 7-0

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to accept the letter of resignation of Debora Cahan effective August 31, 2019.

Motion carried 7-0

Action: 6.3 Adjourn meeting

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0