

Board of Education Meeting (Monday, June 17, 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

None at this time.

Information: 1.3 STA Report

None at this time.

Dr. Sherman presented Board Member Frank Nesbitt with NYSSBA recognition for board professional development.

2. Board Discussion

Recognition: 2.1 Spring Sports Recognition

Athletic Director John Bowen stated it was one of the most successful seasons. Mr. Bowen thanked the community support.

- Coach Sierra DeJoseph recognized Sunni LaBounty for earning the sectional championship for the girls steeplechase.
- Coach Bowen recognized the boys lacrosse team. The team won Class D sectional for the second consecutive year. Justin Carte was awarded a plaque with his personal career stats of: 296 goals, 134 assists, 430 career points, and Section II single season points leader with 154. Board Member Frank Nesbitt congratulated Coach Bowen for being named Section II Coach of the Year.
- Varsity Baseball Coach, Darrin Renner, introduced the Champion Section II Class B Baseball Team. This was the first sectional title win since 2005. The team advanced for the first time in program history to the State Baseball Tournament championship losing against Center Moriches. Coach Renner acknowledged how the team handled themselves on and off the field. In addition, he thanked the community for their support.
- Athletic Director John Bowen recognized Stratton Sherman for being awarded the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Capital District Chapter Student-Athlete Award.

Student Council President Paul Harshbarger presented Board Members Stan Barber and Jack Macica plaques from shop class for their time served and thanked them for their support. Dr. Sherman recognized Mr. Macica and Mr. Barber for their combined 30 plus years of service. Dr. Sherman thanked them for always doing what was best for the students and their continued pride in the district. Board Members Nesbitt and Booth thanked both for their time and mentorship. Board Members Barber and Macica shared memories from the years they served.

Information: 2.2 Class of 2019

Guidance Counselors Sarah Rust and Janine O'Brien presented a video of the Top 10 Graduates. In addition, a presentation of the Class of 2019 was shown. Some statistics from the class of 2019 are as follows: 4yr college – 74, 2yr college – 37, trade 1, military 5, employment 11, other 4. Nine students plan to attend Clarkson University. Twenty-two students participated in the senior internship. One senior sold over 51,000 Girl Scout cookies. Athletics – 2 students D1, 2 students D2, and 8 students D3.

Information: 2.3 Center for the Family

High School Principal James Ducharme asked the board of education to consider a mental health counselor partnered with Saratoga Center for the Family. The cost to the district for adding the position is \$12,000. Mr. Ducharme feels this would benefit the students of the district and the rise of students struggling with mental health.

Board Member Nesbitt stated he was happy no family would be turned away. Discussion was held regarding the evaluation of the position.

3. Board Action - Consent

Action (Consent): 3.1 Approval of consent business items

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge 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 May 20, 2019.

* To accept and approve the results of the May 21, 2019 Annual Vote as presented.

* To accept the State Farm Companies Foundation Good Neighbor Program donation of \$500.00.

* To accept the May 2019 Claims Auditor Report Treasurer's Report as presented.

* To approve and accept the agreement between Stacey Rice and the Schuylerville Central School District as presented.

* To accept and approve the Comprehensive School Counseling Plan as presented.

* To accept and approve the cooperative bid through Cambridge Central School District for snacks with Roberts Foods for the 2019-20 school year as presented.

* To accept Avi Stark's letter of resignation effective September 3, 2019.

Motion carried. 7-0

4. Board Action

Action: 4.1 Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District ("District") hereby accepts the resignation of Gregg Barthelmas from his position as Elementary Principal for the District, effective June 30, 2019. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District hereby abolishes the position of Director of Student Services, effective June 30, 2019. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, effective July 1, 2019, the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District hereby creates the position of Director of Pupil Personnel Services and accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Gregg Barthelmas to this position in the tenure area of Director of Pupil Personnel Services, for a probationary period of four (4) years, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023. Motion carried. 7-0

Action: 4.2 Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge WHEREAS, section 3651 of the Education Law allows a school board to establish a reserve fund to be known as the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of paying judgments and claims from a tax certiorari proceeding, in accordance with Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law; and WHEREAS, the Schuylerville Central School District Board of Education duly established a Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in the amount of \$200,000 during the 2015-2016 year for any tax certiorari proceeding commenced in said year; and WHEREAS, the Schuylerville Central School District is not liable for any tax certiorari proceedings, judgments, claims or appeals from the 2018-2019 year; and WHEREAS, Education Law §3651(1-a) requires the return of any Tax Certiorari Reserve funds to the general fund no later than July 1 of the fourth fiscal year after their deposit if they are not used for tax certiorari proceedings for the tax roll in the specific year they were deposited; and WHEREAS, in accordance with the above provision of law, the Schuylerville Central School District seeks to return the 2015-2016 monies designated for the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to the General Fund; and IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the sum of \$200,000, deposited into the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in the 2015-2016 fiscal year for the purpose of paying judgments and claims from tax certiorari proceedings in said year, be returned to the General Fund pursuant to Education Law §3651(1-a). Motion carried. 7-0

Action: 4.3 Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Reserve

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge WHEREAS, on or about June 17, 2019, the Board of Education of the Schuylerville School District established, by resolution, a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund known as the Retirement Contribution Reserve pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law for the purpose of financing retirement contributions to the New York State Employees Retirement System ("ERS"); and WHEREAS, pursuant to an amendment to the Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law, school districts may now establish a reserve fund for the purpose of financing retirement contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"); and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined it is appropriate to establish a sub-fund within the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law. NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Education of the Schuylerville School District hereby resolves: 1. The Board hereby establishes a sub-fund within the Retirement Contribution Reserve to be known as the Schuylerville District Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund, for the purpose of financing contributions to the New York Teachers Retirement System. 2. The source of funds for this Reserve Sub-Fund shall be as allowed by law and the moneys contributed to the Reserve Sub-Fund during any particular fiscal year may not exceed 2% of the total compensation or salaries of all teachers employed by the District who are members of TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The total amount of the Reserve Sub-Fund shall not exceed 10% of the total compensation or salaries of all teachers employed by the District who are members of TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. 3. By resolution, the Board of Education may authorize expenditures from this Reserve Sub-Fund, as allowed by law. 4. The moneys in this Reserve Fund shall be deposited and secured in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Board of Education or its authorized designee may invest the moneys in this Reserve Sub-Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law. Any interest earned or capital gain realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and

become part of this Reserve Sub-Fund. 5. The chief fiscal officer shall account for this Reserve Sub-Fund separate and apart from all other funds of the District. Such accounting shall show: the source, date and amount of each sum paid into the sub-fund; the interest earned by such sub-fund; capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of this sub-fund; the order, purpose thereof, date and amount of each payment from this sub-fund: the assets of the sub-fund, indicating cash balance and a schedule of investments. The chief fiscal officer, within sixty (60) days of the end of each fiscal year, shall furnish a detailed report of the operation and condition of this sub-fund to the Board of Education. 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately. Motion carried. 7-0

Action: 4.4 Credit Hours

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge to approve 27 credit hours to Leanne Dombrowsky for courses taken effective September 3, 2019. Motion carried. 7-0

Action: 4.5 Retirement

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge Motion to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Helen Scott effective June 27, 2019. Motion carried. 7-0

Action: 4.6 Fall Coaches

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge Motion to appoint the following 2019-2020 fall coaches: JV Volleyball - Jeff Selditz Varsity Girls Soccer - Paul Rogan Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach - Matt Saddlemire & Zach Warriner
Motion carried. 7-0

Action: 4.7 Addendum Agreement

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Schuylerville Central School District hereby approves the amendment to the employment agreement of Ryan Sherman as Superintendent of Schools, dated June 17, 2019, setting forth the revised terms and conditions of his employment and approves the payment of money provided therein. Motion carried. 7-0

Action: 4.8 Co-curricular Advisors

Recommended Action:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge Motion to appoint the following co-curricular advisors for the 2019-2020 school year:

GROUP I

Elementary Yearbook Co-Advisor - Shannon Vallee

Elementary Yearbook Co-Advisor - Jenn Pemrick

Senior Class Advisor - Tom Robinson

Student Council Advisor - Pam Delucia

Yearbook Co-Advisor – Fred Lefton

Yearbook Co-Advisor – Ross Marvin

Varsity Club Advisor - Shannon Vallee

GROUP II

Art Club Advisor - Elementary K-6 - Mike Shea
Robotics - Middle School - Mark Belden
Weight Room – School Year - Marcus LaBombard

GROUP III

Chaperone (winter) - Jim Claus
FBLA Advisor - Matt Sgambati
High School Environmental Club - Emily Flores
Junior Class Advisor - Pam Driscoll
Literary Art Journal Co-Advisor - Kirt Winslow
Literary Art Journal Co-Advisor - Kerry Lofrumento
Middle School Environmental Club - Pat Whalen
Mock Trial Team Advisor - Matt Sgambati
Our Space Jr. High Literary Journ. Co-Advisor - Kerry Brennan
Our Space Jr High Literary Journ Co-Advisor - Krista Reville
Quiz Team Advisor - Tom Bryson
SADD Advisor - Laura Kline
KC Club - Judy Greene

GROUP IV

Art Club Co-Advisor - HS 7-12 - Kirt Winslow
Art Club Co-Advisor - HS 7-12 - Sierra DeJoseph
Book Club - Middle School - Amy Dunbar
Chaperone (fall) - Jim Claus
French Club Advisor - Kelly McKinley
Freshman Class Advisor - Laura Lewis
Gay Straight Alliance Advisor - Laura Lewis
Honor Society Advisor - Kelly McKinley
Jazz Band - Kaitlyn Koch
Jr. High Class Advisor - Chad Jorgensen
Jr. High FBLA Advisor - Cheri DePoy
Math Counts - Mike Leonard
Math League - Jim DeGregory
Ski Club Advisor - Elementary - Pat Whalen
Ski Club Advisor - Elementary - Chad Jorgensen
Ski Club Advisor - HS - Shannon Vallee
Sophomore Class Advisor - John Reilly
Spanish Club Advisor - Andrea Willson

GROUP VI

Band - Elementary - Kaitlyn Koch
Chorus - Elementary - Chris Tucker
Chorus - HS Co-Advisor - Kaitlyn Koch
Chorus - HS Co-Advisor - Jodi Leight
FFA - Mary-Francis Foote
Motion carried. 7-0

5. Public Comment

Information: 5.1 Public Comments

Board Member Jack Macica wished the Board Members Joanna Crowley and Jessica Schwerd the best of luck and stated he has all the confidence they will do well. Ms. Crowley said thank you and thanked them for all they have done.

6. Anticipated Executive Session/Adjournment

Action: 6.1 Enter into executive session

Recommended Action:

At 8:14 p.m. F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge Motion 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:

F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by R. Thivierge Motion to adjourn executive session and return to public session. Motion carried. 7-0

Action: 6.3 Adjourn meeting

Recommended Action:

At 9:17 p.m. F. Nesbitt moved, seconded by J. Macica to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0