

DATE: May 11, 2010
WHERE HELD: High School

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: Joe Pericone

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Blowers
Elizabeth Herkenham
Patre Kuziak
James Maughan
Joe Pericone
Robert Speck

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Kelliher

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans, Christy Multer, and 8 others.

President Joe Pericone called the Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Speck moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the April 27, 2010 regular meeting, the April 26, 2010 special meeting, the May 4, 2010 special meeting of the Board of Education, and the authorization of film & tradebooks.

Motion carried 5-0

Privilege of the Floor – None

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the temporary appointment of Stephanie Manuel, Music teacher at Stevens, effective 6/9/10-6/30/10; Mary Starring, Psychologist at Pashley, effective 6/1/10-6/30/10; Amy Landauer-Ruder, Grade 6 teacher at the Middle School, effective 7/1/10-6/30/11; Carrie Neary, Grade 1 teacher at Pashley, effective 7/1/10-6/30/10; the approval of the leave of absence of Carrie Neary, Special Education, effective 7/1/10-6/30/11; the approval of the extra-curricular appointments as follows:

James Hadcock -	Senior High Yearbook – Production & Business
Christopher Reach -	Senior High Newspaper – Advisor & Editor
Colleen Heiner / Jennifer Jonaitis -	Class of 2011 Advisors
Jackie Bradshaw / Joanne Owens -	Class of 2012 Advisors
Marta Roberts-Pekar / Daniel Manning -	Class of 2013 Advisors
Jennifer Wheeler / Joanne Owens -	FBLA Advisors
Peter Giroux -	Marching/Pep Band
Christopher Lombardi -	Auditorium Advisor
Peter Giroux -	Jazz Ensemble
Dennis Bouchard / Juliann Della Rocco -	Ski Club Advisors
Cheryl Bach -	Interact Club Advisor (Key Club)
Wendy Corrigan / Christine Layden -	Art Club Advisors
Jennifer Wheeler -	International Club Advisor
Ann Derrick -	Select Choir
Kurt Semon -	Debate Club
Kay Kramer -	Language Exchange Advisor – German
Rosine Leloir -	Language Exchange Advisor – French
Patricia Stern / Amber Shanholtz -	Language Exchange Advisors – Spanish
Renee Tolan / Michael Mosall -	SGO Advisors
Christopher Reach -	LeFont Advisor
Amber Shanholtz -	Foreign Language Club Advisor
Brian Watts -	Science Club (SMAC) Advisor
Mark Kowalski / Jennifer Adams -	Green Club Advisors
Michael Mosall -	Computer Club Advisor
Cheryl Bach -	Pride Advisor;

the approval of the appointment of Michael Batty, Voluntary Advisor of Leadership Training Program; the approval of the substitute teacher appointments of Abby Husk, Mary Kukuk, Christine Podgorski, Rachel Stockbridge; the approval of the long term substitute teacher appointment of Lisa Flynn.

Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the civil service personnel action as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Special Athletic Competition Request for the Boys & Girls Crew Team.
Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Kuziak seconded the acceptance of a gift card valued at \$200 from Mr. Tony Hynes, owner of Precision Valve & Automation, Inc. to the Middle School Technology Program.
Motion carried 5-0

Mr. Blowers arrived at 7:35 PM.

Mr. Speck moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Questar III BOCES Contract for 2010-2011.
Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Kuziak seconded the approval of the Cooperative Bid Awards for:

- a. Swimming Pool Chemicals
- b. HVAC Filters
- c. Miscellaneous Auto & Bus Parts

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Duplicating Paper Bid Award.
Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Speck moved and Ms. Kuziak seconded the approval of the Contract for Health & Welfare Services with Ballston Spa CSD.
Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Speck moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.
Motion carried 6-0

Budget Hearing

Finance Chair John Blowers conducted the budget hearing stating the 2010-11 proposed budget is \$53,428,188 and proposed tax levy is \$33,386,135. The proposed budget along with a \$350,000 bus proposition will be put in front of the voters on May 18, 2010.

Exit Poll

John Blowers talked about the preliminary draft of some proposed changes to improve our Exit Poll based upon discussions from BOCES (Christy's counterparts). The exit poll will also be available through survey monkey on the computer. Questions 1-5 are basically the same; however questions 6-8 are new. There was a suggestion to group demographic questions together. Board members discussed whether the number of choices should be limited to top three or check all that apply. Other comments included: is this the information that we want to collect or would it be better to answer the question – what do we do next if the budget is defeated? There were some concerns voiced as to whether too many additional questions may be cause for alarm, or overwhelming. Questions on the exit poll were eliminated, revised and a question about where voters get information about the budget was added. Christy will revise the exit poll prior to the vote.

Retreat Dates

Superintendent Schultz proposed June 15th as the target date for the next Board retreat. Data from the Board self evaluation survey should be completed by May 21, 2010 and Joe Pericone agreed to summarize the data prior to the retreat. Scheduled time for the retreat will be 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

Reports & Communications

- John Blowers attended the Tech Valley Business Hall of Fame dinner at which lifetime achievement awards were given to local business community members. Superintendent Jim Schultz attended as well. Last night John and Elizabeth Herkenham presented the proposed budget at the Town of Charlton Board meeting. The legislative task force will be meeting at the High School on Thursday at 6pm.
- Patre Kuziak reported that a community member voiced concerns to her about the budget and lack of funds. They made a suggestion to sell pieces of the old stage curtain to help with the costs of a new curtain at the High School.
- Bob Speck informed Board members that on May 14th *The Gazette* will feature an article on school board candidates. The BH-BL newsletter is featured in the past issue of On Board. Bob commented on the quality of the information that Jim shared with the BH-BL Professional Organization on the proposed school budget

at their breakfast. He called Board members attention to another article entitled "Uncharted Territory" in the School Board News publication.

- Elizabeth Herkenham went to the PTA meeting at which Maryellen Symer talked about the proposed budget cuts. She attended an event with Rick Evans hosted by the Saratoga County Economic Development Corporation which provided some networking opportunities for businesses engaged in Luther Forest activity. Elizabeth attended a conference in Chicago to speak about the impact of bio technology and she will bring some of the ideas to HVCC and BOCES. There are components that may be incorporated into high school courses.
- Superintendent Jim Schultz attended a follow up meeting with the Town of Ballston today. They agreed on entering into an inter-municipal agreement for using our fuel and sharing equipment. Jim talked to our attorney and we will continue discussions on exploring municipal funding for studies such as the feasibility of a combined transportation facility. Jim received an email from a Rabbi in the community asking us to consider taking the Rosh Hashanah day off from school. Jim explained the process used by our calendar committee and that it would be difficult to restructure our calendar for this year. Jim said that they will give it consideration for next year. Tomorrow Jim will be at the Global Foundry presentation hosted by SEDC to talk about the economic development impact on the area. He reminded Board members about the CAPSBA final meeting of the year. Student awards will be presented and Jay Rifenyary is the key note speaker. It is May 26th and he wanted to know if any board members wish to attend. John Blowers expressed interest in attending.
- Rick Evans reminded the Board about the upcoming eLearning presentation Thursday 9:30am at the Hostetter Building. Bill McQuay and Rie Posillico will be attending Tech Smart on renewable energy programs for students. Rick asked the Board for input on the upcoming program review.
- Jackie St.Onge reviewed the proposed revisions to the two board policies included in the packet on Petty Cash Funds (P3560) and Cash in School Buildings (P3550). She told the Board about a phone call that she received from a parent of an asthmatic student at the Middle School voicing concerns about the air quality in some of the rooms. We will be examining the rooms and having tests performed by BOCES to address concerns. Jackie explained the STAR calculation and how it used to be the same amount in all four towns in our District. Due to an increase in the average sales price of residential property in Saratoga County (which exceeds the state average), taxpayers in Saratoga County receive a higher STAR exemption. The engagement letter for our external auditors was provided in the Board packet. She asked for the Finance Chair to sign the agreement if the Board approved. She attended the Annual Food Service appreciation celebration at the High School. The Superintendent, building principals and other staff members also attended.

Mr. Blowers moved and Ms. Kuziak seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board