

DATE: February 10, 2009
WHERE HELD: High School

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: Bob Speck

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Elizabeth Herkenham
Tim Kelliher
Joe Pericone
Robert Speck
Michael Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT:
John Blowers
Patre Kuziak

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans, Christy Multer, Dan Diggins, Jack Frates, Shaun Zeph, Chip Button, Girls & Boys Cross Country Teams, parents & 20 others.

There was an executive session from 7:00 – 7:30 PM to discuss negotiations.

President Robert Speck called the Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Wolf moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the consent agenda which included minutes of the January 27, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion carried 4-0

See attachments

Elizabeth Herkenham presented the Resolutions of Appreciation for the Girls & Boys State Champion Cross Country Teams. On behalf of the Board, Elizabeth thanked Coach Zeph for his efforts with the girls' team. He has coached this team for the past 5 yrs. He was presented with a mouse pad as a token of appreciation from the Board. As their names were read, the team members came up in front of the audience and Superintendent Schultz handed out the resolutions and thanked each member personally. Next Elizabeth thanked Coach Button for his outstanding efforts with the boys' team. He has been coaching them for the past 18 years. He was also presented with a mouse pad as a token of appreciation from the Board. The members of the boys' team were called to the front and presented with the Board Resolution by Jim Schultz.

Tim Kelliher arrived at 7:50 PM.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the Financial Reports.

Motion carried 5-0

See attachment 1

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the retirement of Eleanor Culpepper, Special Education teacher at the High School, effective 7/1/09; the approval of the Extra Curricular appointments of Amber Haggerty & Patricia Stern, Spanish PEACE Exchange Advisors; the approval of the Spring coaching assignments, so noted on the attached list; the approval of the volunteer coaching assignments, so noted on the attached list; and the approval of the substitute teacher/nurse/coach assignments, so noted on the attached list.

Motion carried 5-0

See attachment 2

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

Motion carried 5-0

See attachment 3

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the Resolutions of Appreciation for the Girls & Boys Cross Country Teams.

Motion carried 5-0

See attachment 4

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the acceptance of the 2008-09 Fire Safety Inspection Report.

Motion carried 5-0

See attachment 5

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Contract for Health & Welfare Services with Saratoga Springs CSD.

Motion carried 5-0

See attachment 6

Mr. Wolf moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of gifts to:

- a) Music Department
 - Trombone valued at \$300 from Kathryn Kilmer
 - Guitar valued at \$100 from Barry Fronk
 - \$500 for instrument replacement at Pashley School from B.W.D. Steel, Inc.
 - b) Stevens School - \$19,779.68 from the students, staff & parents to replace the stage curtain.
 - c) Charlton Heights – 2 Proxima overhead projectors valued at \$400 from Linda & Mike Doherty.
- Motion carried 5-0 See attachment 7

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the resolution for participation in cooperative bids for 2009-2010.
Motion carried 5-0 See attachment 8

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the Non-Resident Tuition Rates for the calendar year 2009-2010.
Motion carried 5-0 See attachment 9

Mr. Wolf moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report.
Motion carried 5-0 See attachment 10

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.
Motion carried 5-0 See attachment 11

Fire Safety Inspection Report

Dan Diggins gave a brief overview of the annual fire safety inspection process. He was accompanied by Jack Frates, one of the code enforcement officials who inspected our facilities. Mr. Frates elaborated on the process and stated that our buildings are basically in good condition. He mentioned a few housekeeping items that will need to be addressed including art rooms and repairs to rescue windows. He rated the district an A+ overall.

Budget Update

There was a discussion about lobbying efforts and a draft position paper was reviewed. It was decided to limit the issues to three major points. Revisions were made and another draft will be prepared. Dan Diggins provided some more information on the alternate proposal that he included with his preliminary budget request. His proposal is for a position that combines an HVAC technician and energy manager. He is looking for energy savings through monitoring of all systems. The idea is to utilize the expertise of an HVAC technician to monitor heating system efficiencies, in addition to electrical systems and generating cost savings ideas. He believes this would also save money spent on outside vendors for maintenance. For the 2004-08 period, he spent approximately \$32,000 on parts and maintenance. His proposal would also eliminate the middle man required by a performance contract. Dan has a background doing energy audits prior to coming to the school district. The Board is looking for more information on the costs associated with energy audits.

There was a discussion about the next Public Forum in February. Superintendent Jim Schultz said the presentation will include information on the preliminary budget, the governor's proposal and proposed reductions to address the potential \$4 million budget deficit. He will discuss his recommended three tier proposal for budget reductions and some of the initiatives currently underway with the Board. There was a question about how and when to respond to input received from staff and community.

Reports & Communications

- Tim, Jim, John, Rick & Rocco had the first meeting of the long range steering committee. They talked about what they would like to have as outputs from this process over the long term. They came to consensus about points of interest and they will visit the standards of excellence at the next meeting.
- Joe Pericone reported that GE Shadow Day was today and four students from BH-BL attended. It went well and he discussed with students what it means to be a teacher.
- Elizabeth mentioned the upcoming NYSSBA K-12 Foundations Conference and posed the question would our Education Foundation want to attend. She suggested that it might also be an opportunity for Mr. McGuire to gain some insight for his Athletic Foundation. She asked Board members if they wanted to pay for attendees (non staff member). It is a full day event and topics include developing a business plan, as well as types of fundraising activities.

- Rick has been meeting with principals and they have had conversations about elementary special education & regular education class sizes, class composition, and the types of classes housed in each building. Rick asked Board members for input regarding the Health & Wellness Program Review in March. He said part of the presentation will include the Dare Program. Board members asked for data on the impact of the Carol White Grant to be addressed in the presentation. Another question raised was if we have a pulse on students' engagement in abusive behavior at the secondary level.
- Jackie reminded the Board that the Business Office will present at the next Board meeting and asked if there were any specific topics of interest.
- Jim recognized Doug McErhlan, one of our BH-BL students for being a National Merit finalist and congratulated him on his amazing accomplishment. BH-BL high school teacher Kurt Semon prepared a legislative position letter that will be included in the next Board packet. Next Thursday, Superintendent Jim Schultz will attend a legislative breakfast along with other area superintendents. They will present their position paper at the meeting.
- Bob received two communications from State Education Department; the Physical Education Audit Report and the other on NYSSBA membership. He has been reviewing and updating the Board activities over the past year.

Mr. Wolf moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board