

DATE: February 7, 2011
WHERE HELD: High School

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: John Blowers

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Blowers
William Farmer
Patre Kuziak
James Maughan
Lee-Ann Mertzlufft
Joe Pericone

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elizabeth Herkenham

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Christy Multer, and Jason Lasky.

President John Blowers called the Board meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Maughan moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the February 7, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion carried 6-0

Privilege of the Floor - none

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of the Driver Education appointments of William Cassidy & David Ruetsch, \$34.95/hour; the approval of the following substitute teacher/nurse appointments: Jennifer Akin, Nicholas Battiste, Paul Frenza, Jerrica Haberer, Jeffrey Meers, Corissa Nilsen, Sean Sardi, Lyndsay Stein.

Motion carried 6-0

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

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the acceptance of a \$30,000 Grant from Saratoga IDA to fund SEMI High Tech U.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of the Contract for Health & Welfare Services with:

- a. North Greenbush Common School District
- b. Scotia-Glenville Central School District

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the acceptance of a Gift of \$423.05 towards upgrades to the auditorium sound system at the High School from Mike Mosall's Economics Class.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of entry in the Suburban Council Interscholastic Consortium.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.

Motion carried 6-0

Governor's Budget

Jim Schultz discussed the impact of the Governor's proposal on Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake CSD. A handout describing the changes to aid formulas affecting our District was provided by Jackie St.Onge in the Board packet.

Budget Forum

Jim went over the format and general overview of the first budget forum scheduled for Wednesday February 9, 2011 at the O'Rourke Middle School. Christy Multer gave a draft copy of the powerpoint to the Board members to preview for the forum. Jim went through each slide and Board members asked questions.

Reports & Communications

- Patre Kuziak discussed some recent articles that she has been reading about presenting information to the community for the upcoming budget forum. One of their first suggestions is to present the positives and what we do best as a school district and for our students. She raised the question about the creativity of children being impacted by recent shifts in educational opportunities. Rick Evans mentioned a book called *The Element* which deals effectively with this topic.
- Rick Evans reported that the next program review is on 21st Century Themes: Leadership & Vision. Education Council members will be present to share their thoughts on leadership. He will be meeting with a planning group and asked Board members if they had any specific questions. John Blowers would like them to describe how do they see schools transforming for the future and what will they look like in 2020? Future visions are especially important in this time of difficult challenges.
- Joe Pericone attended the Founders Day dinner and enjoyed the activity. He said that Superintendent Schultz did a great job setting the stage for the upcoming budget cycle. He will be out of town for the next few weeks.
- Jackie St.Onge shared the difficulties that the recent snow storms have created for both the Transportation Department and the Maintenance Department. Bus drivers have done a great job getting our students safely to and from school during the inclement weather. The Maintenance crew has been extremely busy trying to keep up with all of the plowing, ice removal and high snow banks in spite of equipment breakdowns. Building custodial staff have also done a great job keeping sidewalks and entrances clear.
- Lee-Ann asked one of her legislative task force members if he would consider chairing the committee. He will consider it and let her know. She is interested in attending the NYSSBA lobbying day activity. There will be more information provided. Several other Board members are interested in attending also.
- John Blowers shared the letter from a resident who lives close to the High School. He also shared a response about Open Meeting Law which is being evaluated externally in response to questions from a community member. He is working on generating the next PTA letter from the Board to be shared at upcoming PTA meetings.

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded a move to executive session to discuss negotiations.

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded a return to regular session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board