

DATE: April 7, 2009
WHERE HELD: Pashley

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: Bob Speck

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:
John Blowers

OTHERS PRESENT:
Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans, Christy Multer, and 15 others.

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

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the consent agenda which included minutes of the March 24, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Education and the authorization of Tradebooks & Films.
Motion carried 5-0
See attachments

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the Financial Reports.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 1

Mr. Wolf moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the acceptance of the resignations of Kelly Canavan, German teacher at the High School & Heather Mastracchio, Social Studies teacher at the High School, both effective 6/30/09; the approval of the temporary appointment of Michelle Reilly, .1 Special Education teacher at Pashley, effective 4/1/09-6/30/09; the approval of the Spring Musical appointment adjustments, so noted on the attached list; and the approval of the substitute teacher appointments, so noted on the attached list.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 2

Mr. Wolf moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the civil service personnel action as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 3

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of Adoption of Proposed 2009-2010 Budget and Bus Proposition.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 4

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the Contract for Health & Welfare Services Ballston Spa School District.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 5

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the 2009-2010 School Calendar.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 6

Mr. Wolf moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of a gift of \$500 from the BH-BL Education Foundation/Stewarts Holiday Match Program for the High School Leadership Training Program.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 7

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the acceptance of a gift of 4 Wireless PresentationPro Packages valued at \$620 each to Stevens, Pashley, Charlton Heights & O'Rourke Middle School.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 8

Mr. Pericone moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the Special Athletic Competition Request for the Outdoor Track Team.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 9

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.
Motion carried 6-0
See attachment 10

Privilege of the Floor

Jody Paige spoke before the Board as the owner of a family run recycling business about school recycling, the environmental impact and how the process has improved in recent years. He has been working with BH-BL students and members of the Green Club on recycling efforts. Student officers of the Green Club were also present. Mr. Page cited numerous examples and data on the specific impact of various types of recycled products. He named other schools in the area that his company works with on recycling efforts. Mr. Page praised the work of our BH-BL students and recognized them for their outstanding achievements with recycling efforts at the school. He reported that BH-BL students recycled 4.21 tons of paper last year and then he translated that into savings in terms of number of trees, tons of water, etc. He presented a certificate of achievement to the President of the Green Club, Caroline Herkenham as well as a plaque for the school.

Budget Communications

Jim asked Board members to look at a draft of the Budget newsletter Questions & Answers. Christy highlighted the items that she is planning to emphasize. She also asked for input about her explanation of the impact of a contingent budget. Bob asked about the possibility of having a letter from the Board in the budget brochure. Idea to include some examples or further clarify the last paragraph to emphasize the multi year impact of a contingent budget. Another comment was made about emphasizing sustainability in strategy for developing the budget. Jim mentioned that we are currently scheduling budget meetings at the schools and he has booked a meeting with the Charlton Seniors.

Instructional/Technical Support Specialist AR

Jackie gave a brief statement about the position described in the AR. The intent is to provide a cost savings by reducing the FTE for the administrative network position and provide instructional support for technology at the buildings.

Reports & Communications

- **Jackie St. Onge presented the Report from the Critical Infrastructure Needs Committee.** Also present to report and respond to questions were Supervisor Dan Diggins, Construction Manager Tom Quinn, building principals, Maryellen Symer and Don Germain. Jackie began with a brief history of past renovation work, highlighting the October 2003 and March 2007 EXCEL referenda. The charge of this committee was to identify, evaluate, and recommend a prioritized list of infrastructure projects for potential inclusion in the next bond referendum. The Committee began meeting in October 2008 and several sub committees were formed to explore specific projects. In addition to the BH-BL staff, other invited experts participated in the process. Our district architects, Mosaic Associates, along with engineers, designers, and industry specialists participated in the meetings, providing technical support and developing cost estimates. The Committee identified over thirty projects using the following criteria: critical maintenance projects necessary to protect the community's long term investment, address health & safety concerns, or provide energy efficiency & cost savings. Projects were identified by looking at the work of past bond committees, the comprehensive building condition survey done by our architects, annual visual inspections & fire inspection reports, input from building staff & District committees, work orders and recent construction projects. The general appearance, acoustics, lighting quality, thermal comfort, air quality & space adequacy were considered. Projects were ranked into three tiers with the first tier being deemed the most critical & immediate need for the District. Each project was described by the committee members. District architects & engineers, Mike Fanning, Scott Swenson, and Curt Benedetto were present to explain the technical aspects of proposed projects. They have worked on many past projects for the District and are very familiar with BH-BL school facilities. Detailed drawings, descriptions, and cost estimates were provided to Board members. The goal of the Critical Infrastructure Needs Committee was to provide the Board with detailed information that could be used in several ways. The report identifies work that has been done in the past, current areas that need to be addressed and future proposals to be considered. The report also provided preliminary cost estimates for the addition of six classrooms at Charlton Heights and a proposal to build a new Transportation Facility. Members of the next committee to review the projects proposed by the Critical Infrastructure Committee were invited to attend the presentation and many were present in the audience. Superintendent Jim Schultz asked them to introduce themselves. Jackie thanked committee members & architects for their collaborative efforts and the shared knowledge, expertise and historical perspectives that guided the process.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge

Clerk of the Board