

**DATE:** April 8, 2008  
**WHERE HELD:** Middle School

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Michael Wolf

**MARGINAL  
NOTATIONS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**John Blowers**  
**Nancy Della Pia**  
**Elizabeth Herkenham**  
**Tim Kelliher**  
**Joe Pericone**  
**Robert Speck**  
**Michael Wolf**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Jim Schultz, Rick Evans, Jacqueline St.Onge, Christy Multer, and Bob McGuire.**

President Michael Wolf called the Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Speck moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the consent agenda which included minutes of the March 25, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Education, and the authorization of Textbooks.

Motion carried 6-0 See attachments

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

Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 1

Mr. Blowers arrived at 7:40 PM

Mr. Speck moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the leave of absence of Heather Mosall, .5 kindergarten teacher at Pashley, effective 9/1/08-6/30/09; the approval of the revision of the leave of absence of Christopher Deso, Grade 5 teacher at Charlton Heights; effective 9/1/08-12/31/08; the acceptance of the resignation of Bill Martin, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective 4/9/08, and Carrie Sunkes, Grade 6 teacher at the Middle School, effective 6/30/08; and the approval of the substitute teacher, so noted on the attached list.

Motion carried 7-0 See attachment 2

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

Motion carried 7-0 See attachment 3

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the adoption of the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$52,240,344 and the proposition to purchase 5 buses at a cost not to exceed \$450,000.

Motion carried 6-1 See attachment 4

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval for the High School Science Bowl Team to attend the National Science Bowl Competition in Washington, D.C. from May 1-6.

Motion carried 7-0 See attachment 5

Ms. Della Pia moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.

Motion carried 7-0 See attachment 6

**Privilege of the Floor**

None

**Hostetter Use Options**

Board members were charged with exploring various options for use of the Hostetter building. Sub-committees presented the following information along with handouts further detailing the reports.

1. Joe Pericone presented various costs associated with demolishing the building including relocating the district offices, storage space, asbestos abatement, and demolition. He explained the current use of the building, costs to renovate, and cost to rent office & storage space. See handout for more detailed information. Board members raised the question of what should be done with the microwave tower. Tim Kelliher reported that Ballston Spa is abandoning part of one of the buildings and asked if we should explore what they are doing and how it would

impact their aid? Some other questions requiring further investigation include:

- implications on abandonment - state aid, etc.?
  - storage options?
  - current rental space availability?
  - cost to build office space?
2. Bob Speck reported on maintaining the current use of the Hostetter building and estimated ongoing costs of operation. He talked about the critical maintenance needs over the next 5 years as well as over the next 10 years. If the building were to be used for the next 10 years, it is estimated that we would need to spend five million. The largest portion of this expense would be for boiler replacement. Bob also went over the roofing replacement plan, and shared information on the annual cost of maintenance, gas and electric bills.
  3. Mike Wolf reminded the Board that the appraisal for the Hostetter building was for approximately \$600,000. Both district properties are not slated for any changes as a result of the Open Space Plan in the Town of Glenville, therefore we have been assured that no further restrictions would be imposed. Crossroads was approached to determine if they had any interest in purchasing the Hostetter building. Another idea which is still being explored is to determine if there would be a greater value if the land was developed as an apartment complex. Two unanswered questions:
    - Is Crossroads interested?
    - Could we get more if the property were to be developed for another use such as an apartment building?
  4. John Blowers & Elizabeth Herkenham reactivated the sub-committee for the alternative use of the Hostetter building. They gave an interim report of some of the options currently being explored. Included are a kindergarten center option, establishing another elementary school, magnet school, and alternative educational center, among others. Elizabeth reported on a model called the Career Academy used by Cobleskill-Richmond. Hank Stopinski from BOCES provided the sub-committee with details of this model, including financial implications that include BOCES funding for the building renovations and a sharing of costs with participating districts. This was an update and their sub-committee will issue a complete report on the various options at an upcoming Board meeting.

Jim Schultz spoke with the Capital District Regional Planning group and they are not projecting any significant enrollment growth for our district over the next five years.

### **Budget Newsletter**

Christy Multer provided Board members with a draft of the Budget Newsletter for review and discussion. She explained the layout and design, as well as the timeline for completion. There was discussion about how to present information on student successes. Board members will offer comments and suggestions. Christy will send out a draft as soon as it's ready.

### **Board Policies**

Jim Schultz reviewed the revisions to the two policies (P5114 & P5116) included in the packet.

### **Reports & Communications**

- Bob Speck attended the Theater for Children production of *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* and enjoyed it. He will be attending the Annual BOCES meeting. He distributed more of notebooks containing historical information to the High School.
- Joe Pericone attended the Charlton Heights PTA meeting where new officers were selected and they are in the process of writing the new bylaws. He attended the SGO meeting and they have prepared a menu for the High School. He has obtained the necessary signatures for his Board petition and will be submitting it tonight.
- Rick Evans reported on a presentation given by Marion Lazan, Holocaust survivor, at the Middle School. Jim Schultz & Rick Evans along with 30 staff members attended the Dufour & Dufour Conference today. It is a 2-day event and will conclude tomorrow.
- John Blowers also attended the Theater for Children production. Gate receipts broke the record. He reported that their sub-committee for Alternate Use of Hostetter will be meeting at least two more times to continue their research.
- Elizabeth Herkenham attended two Nano-Tech programs and two BH-BL teachers were also in attendance. She also attended an event at the Schenectady Museum and BH-BL students were also there. She reported that there is a fellowship available for attendance at the SAME-TEC Advanced Technological Education Conference taking place in Austin, Texas this summer. She will be attending and will report out to the Board.
- Jim Schultz reminded Board members that we will meet at the Middle School on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM for the BOCES meeting. There will be a change in the procedure for certifying the results of the budget vote this year. He is hoping to get Board members to pick a tech activity and participate. Jim asked if any Board members would like to participate in the upcoming Tech Valley Nano Summit. Jim and Kevin Fitzpatrick met to propose a new fee structure for facility use. Jim shared a hand-out and asked for Board input. Jim will bring back more

criteria to further explain the 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal and seek Board consideration for increased fees.

Ms. Della Pia moved and Mr. Speck seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge  
Clerk of the Board