

DATE: May 27, 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 11 others.

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

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of Whereas

Mike Wolf began by reading the resolution of appreciation for Erica Swits, NYS Giant Slalom champion and member of the Ski Team. He then read the whereas statement for Megan Gregory, NYS 3000 meter Indoor Track team member, who was recognized for the 6th time for her accomplishments. He read the resolution of appreciation for the Boys Senior Eight Crew team. All recipients were recognized for their outstanding achievements and the signed resolutions were presented by Superintendent Jim Schultz.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the consent agenda which included minutes of the May 13, 2008 regular meeting, and the May 20, 2008 special meeting of the Board of Education, and the acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachments

Privilege of the Floor

None

Program Review - High School

Rick Evans introduced the High School program review and turned it over to Maryellen Symer. She thanked the K-12 supervisors, the two assistant principals and Carol Hobday for their efforts in preparing the presentation. They focused on the two academic goals and the affective domain goal. Lori Maloney presented three years of data for the English Regents exams for AIS and special education students. Bill McQuay presented three years of data for the Math B Regents. Both Lori and Bill explained strategies used for improving student performance and addressing identified needs. One of the goals for the non-Regents course (core program) is to incorporate more project based activities.

John Blowers arrived at 8:00 PM.

John Antoski explained the data for the Global History & Geography Regents exams and how they are addressing identified needs. Activities are being added that focus on reading comprehension. George Seymour presented the Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry, and Physics Regents data. He commented that they just received results for the 8th grade science test and there was evidence of improvement. George attributed the extremely good results on the Living Environment Regents to very capable teachers. Success on the Chemistry Regents is dependent on strong mathematical skills. George pointed out that 99% of regular education students passed the 2007 Physics Regents at the 65+ level.

Academic Support is offered in a variety of ways including core programs, academic assistance program, sports study hall, academic support center, academic referrals & detention, after school tutorial and special education programs. Maryellen said the Academic Support Center has been in place for more than 15 years and approximately 64% of students have shown grade point improvements of five or more points in subject areas. Tim Brunson explained the Academic Detention Program and the role of the two Assistant Principals in making students more accountable for academic assistance. This program is more punitive and student attendance is not voluntary. Carol Hobday presented NYS test score and graduation data for grade 9-12 special education students including scores for ELA, Math, US History, Global, Science and the type of diplomas that these students are anticipated to receive upon graduation. Dan LeClaire presented the 2006-07 AP data and the overall student average was 3.223. Data for PACE Math and English students was provided.

Maryellen described initiatives for achieving the High School's affective domain goal for improving school performance and involvement for disengaged students. Student connection activities included ongoing programs as well as new programs started during 2007-08. Achievements from the Fine Arts Department and the Interscholastic Athletics, and other student activities were also listed. Maryellen concluded with some examples of student connections, community

partnerships, career exploration programs and student awards.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the probationary appointments of Jill Gobel, Grade 2 teacher at Charlton Heights; Kristine Gregory, .5 Kindergarten teacher at Stevens; Amy Landauer-Ruder, Grade 6 teacher at the Middle School; Carrie Neary, Grade 1 teacher at Pashley, all effective 9/1/08; the approval of the probationary appointment of Suzanne Rayome, .4 6-12 World Language Dept. Rep., effective 7/1/08; the approval of the temporary appointments of Kristine Gregory, .5 Kindergarten teacher at Stevens, effective 9/1/08-6/30/09; Danielle Seaman, Grade 5 teacher at Charlton Heights, effective 9/1/08-12/23/08; the approval of the Middle School Drama appointments, so noted on the attached list.

Motion carried 7-0

See attachment 1

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

Motion carried 7-0

See attachment 2

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Whereas for:

- a. Ski Team Member
- b. Track Team Member
- c. Crew Team

Motioned carried 7-0

See attachment 3

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the special athletic competition for the Boys Crew Team.

Motioned carried 7-0

See attachment 4

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the Contract for Health & Welfare Services with North Colonie CSD.

Motion carried 7-0

See attachment 5

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the Spanish Exchange Program with Colegio Marista Auseva in Oviedo Spain.

Motion carried 7-0

See attachment 6

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.

Motion carried 7-0

See attachment 7

Budget Vote Results

Jim Schultz reported that Christy has been working on the exit poll from the budget vote. More people elected to complete the poll on line using the laptops versus paper. She pointed out data included in the packet from BOCES on the budget vote results from component districts.

Reports & Communications

- Bob Speck attended the Memorial Day service at the High School and commented on the high quality performance by the High School band. He also attended the High School Honors Night and a walkabout. He attended the field day activities at the elementary buildings.
- Joe Pericone attended the Spartan Rappers celebration and spoke with the students who raised their grade point averages.
- Elizabeth Herkenham received a brochure for the Transportation breakfast on June 4th and it will be included in the next packet. Don Germain and Dan LeClaire went to observe the lab school at Bethlehem. Elizabeth could not attend. She also mentioned recycling activities occurring at the High School.
- Jackie St. Onge attended the Food Service Staff Recognition Day and presented staff awards. Jim Schultz spoke at the celebration and building principals attended as well. Construction work at Pashley to remove the old boiler began over the Memorial Day weekend. Jackie gave an update on the work on the wash bay at the Transportation Dept.
- Rick Evans reported that SMART Goals have been modified to allow leaders to move the process in the right direction. Leaders may opt to have building/department SMART Goals or areas of focus to provide direction for teams. He attended the Arts Fest in the High School gym and it was a huge success.
- Mike Wolf asked Board members to consider whether it would be more meaningful to receive the Annual report before the Superintendent's evaluation. The Board Self-Evaluation template will be available on Survey Monkey however there will be limitations on collating results.

- Jim Schultz reminded the Board that the informal exit meeting with the Phys. Ed Auditors will occur tomorrow at 3:00 PM in the Professional Learning Center at the Hostetter Building. Board members are invited to attend the Science Research Symposium at the High School on May 29th in the Library. The District Communication Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29th and one of the topics will be student dress codes. Jim also reported on the meeting with the Saratoga County Superintendents and representatives from AMD.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded a motion to executive session.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded a return to executive session

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board