

DATE: July 10, 2007  
WHERE HELD: Hostetter Building

KIND OF MEETING: Regular  
PRESIDING OFFICER: Elizabeth Herkenham

MARGINAL  
NOTATIONS

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
John Blowers  
Nancy Della Pia  
Elizabeth Herkenham  
Tim Kelliher  
Joe Pericone  
Michael Wolf

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
Robert Speck

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Jacqueline St. Onge, Rick Evans, and Christy Multer.

President Michael Wolf called the Board meeting to order at 7:55 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the consent agenda which included the minutes of the June 5, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Education, and the authorization of films.  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachments

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the acceptance of the resignation of Cheryl Norris, English teacher at the High School, effective 6/23/07 and Jennifer Martin, Kindergarten teacher at Charlton Heights, effective 7/11/07; the acceptance of the leave of absence of Carrie Sunkes, .4 PACE teacher, effective 9/4/07-12/21/07 and Dina Wakulenko, Grade 3 teacher at Pashley, effective 9/1/07-12/31/07; the approval of the probationary appointment of Jennifer Martin, Extended Day Kindergarten teacher at Pashley, effective 9/1/07; the approval of the temporary appointment of Suzanne Heasley, Grade 6 teacher at the Middle School, Michele Reilly .5 Special Education teacher at the Middle School, Kristine Gregory, .5 Kindergarten teacher at Stevens, and Carolyn Litynski, .2 Math teacher at the High School, all effective 9/1/07-6/30/08; the revision of the probationary appointment of Julie Benson, Grade 3 teacher at Pashley, effective 9/1/07-12/31/07, to temporary; the approval of the summer school appointment of William Cassidy, Driver Education substitute; the approval of the summer school revision of Candy Goudey, \$250.61 per day for 6 days; the approval of the extra curricular appointments of Colleen Heiner and Jared Heiner as 2011 Class Advisors; the approval of the 2007-2009 salary authorization for Richard Evans, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Jacqueline St. Onge, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, so noted on the attached list.  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 1

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the civil service personnel action as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 2

Ms. Della Pia moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the monetary gifts totaling \$34,637.13 for the Magic Maze Playground at Charlton Heights.  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 3

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the acceptance of the gift of a clarinet valued at \$900 to the Music Department  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 4

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Blowers seconded the acceptance of the Grants from the Education Foundation.  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 5

Ms. Della Pia moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the revised Policy 4300 (Compensation & Related Benefits).  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 6

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the Capitalization Level for Fixed Asset Inventory.  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 7

Ms. Della Pia moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the revised School Calendar for 2007-08.  
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 8

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2007-08.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 9

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Kelliher seconded the approval of the BOCES Classroom Rental and Ancillary Service Agreements.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 10

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Kelliher seconded the approval of the contract for Health & Welfare Services with the City School District of Albany.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 11

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the nomination of Lynne Lenhardt for NYSSBA Area 7 Director.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 12

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 13

### **Retreat - Timeline/Notes**

Elizabeth asked Board members to review the Board Retreat notes. Tim would like an amendment made to the notes regarding use of the Hostetter Building.

### **Board Self-Evaluation**

Elizabeth reminded Board members that long range planning is mentioned in the Board Self-Evaluation and should possibly be revisited monthly. Tim will continue in his role of leading long range planning. The idea of having another Board member assist Tim with long range planning was expressed by Elizabeth. She led a discussion on the mid-year Board of Education Self-Evaluation document BR9710. Areas discussed by Board members included: communication of questions prior to Board meetings, more productive use of Board meeting time, value of program reviews, starting time of Board meetings and structuring agenda. Board members had a lengthy discussion on program reviews, long range planning & policy review as well as developing a strategy to accomplish all three during 2007-08. Joe Pericone will continue with policy review and Nancy will keep legislative duties. Elizabeth will be the Health & Safety representative and she will continue as a town liaison, possibly with the help of Bob Speck.

### **Reports & Communications**

- Tim Kelliher asked if there was a plan to address athletic activities and guidelines at an upcoming meeting.
- John Blowers talked about participation in a teacher extern program.
- Elizabeth Herkenham reported that Bob McGuire had contacted her and they reviewed the Athletic Foundation Bi-Laws.
- Rick Evans reported that Jim is doing fine. Next year the Grading Committee will have parent representation.
- Christy Multer talked about a suggested change to Meet the Candidates Night and adding a Budget Forum date to the school calendar.
- Mike Wolf will work with Bob Speck to develop a Board calendar and he will meet with Jim to discuss changes to Board meetings.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge  
Clerk of the Board