

**DATE:** August 7, 2007  
**WHERE HELD:** Hostetter Building

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

**MARGINAL  
NOTATIONS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**John Blowers**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St. Onge, Christy Multer, John Healy, Leesa Pagan, and Chuck Steiner .**

President Michael Wolf 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 the minutes of the July 10, 2007 reorganizational meeting and the minutes of the July 10, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Education, the authorization of textbooks, and the acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachments

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

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 1

Mr. Speck moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the resignation of Kimberly Kleehammer, Social Studies teacher at the Middle School, effective 7/26/07; the approval of the leave of absence of Melissa Fiaschetti, Grade 6 teacher at the Middle School, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08; the approval of the probationary appointments of Lindsay Armbruster, Health teacher at the Middle School/High School, Eric Devine, English teacher at the High School, Michele Husain, English teacher at the High School, and Jennifer Peterson, Special Education teacher at Charlton Heights, all effective 9/1/07; the approval of the temporary appointments of Amy Boyce, Guidance at the High School, effective 9/1/07-1/11/08, Meghan Carcich, Science teacher at the High School; Jill Gobel, Kindergarten teacher at Charlton Heights; Jennifer Gula, .5 Special Education teacher at the High School; Hillary Potter, .5 Earth Science teacher at the High School; Danielle Seaman, Grade 5 teacher at Stevens, all effective 9/1/07-6/30/08; Jeannine Spade, .5 Special Services Instructional Coordinator, effective 8/8/07-11/26/07; and Heather Zimmerman, .4 PACE teacher, effective 9/1/07-12/21/07; the approval of the temporary appointment correction of Susan Gestwick, .6 Math teacher at the Middle School, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08; the approval of the summer school substitute teacher appointment of Kevin Ahern; the approval of the 2007-2012 Salary Authorizations & Contract for James Schultz (salary amounts and effective dates noted on attached list); approval of Fall coaching assignments, so noted on attached list; and the approval of Volunteer Coaches, so noted on attached list;

Motion carried 6-0

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 6-0

See attachment 3

Ms. Della Pia moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Tax Rates.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 4

Mr. Speck moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Human Services.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 5

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval to dispose of obsolete vehicles.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 6

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Ice Hockey Team merger with Scotia-Glenville CSD.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 7

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Special Athletic Competition requests for:

- a. Girls Varsity Soccer
- b. Boys Volleyball
- c. Girls Volleyball
- d. Boys Varsity & Junior Varsity Soccer

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 8

Mr. Speck moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the acceptance of the donation of a Microwave Radio for Pashley Elementary valued at \$25,000 from Transwave Communication Systems, Inc..

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 9

Ms. Della Pia moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Award of Borrowing.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 10

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

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 11

Mr. Pericone moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the acceptance of the donations for the Magic Maze Playground at Charlton Heights.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 12

### **Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce - Outreach Programs**

Leesa Pagan, from the Schenectady Chamber, gave a presentation on the Business & Education Partnership between local schools and businesses. She described their educational program and initiatives to improve their curriculum and meet NYS Standards. Four major trainings occur throughout the year for participating educators. Students are taught 21<sup>st</sup> century soft skills that are desired by local employers. Upon completion of the curriculum, students earn a certificate of employability. Leesa highlighted a workshop event called Career Expo that targets tenth grade students from seven county high schools and provides opportunities for career exploration. In 2007, they piloted a job shadowing program through a partnership with Junior Achievement and successfully place 86 students in four businesses. They are currently working on providing internships of shorter duration targeting specific career interests. Leesa also discussed some of the Chamber's collaborative efforts, including the GE Pathways program which is in its ninth year of operation. Love SAM (Science and Math) and the Teacher externship program are two new initiatives for the Chamber.

### **New School Resource Officer**

Jim Schultz introduced our new school resource officer, John Healy. He spoke about his new role in our district and some of the activities that he has already undertaken over the last couple of weeks. He is very excited about being here and looking forward to participating in many upcoming activities. He has already been teaching some classes at our Middle School. His office is located in the Guidance Office at the High School. He will be working on training students in different roles for Youth Court.

### **Policies & AR's**

Jim Schultz discussed policy revision procedures and Board members indicated how they would like to receive them in the future. He further discussed the two policies and AR's included in the packet.

### **NYSSBA Conference**

Jim Schultz provided Board members with copies of NYSSBA's proposed resolutions and voters guide for the Annual Business Meeting. Joe Pericone expressed an interest in attending the conference in NYC in October 2007. There was a discussion about the benefits of attending the conference or exploring other types of Board development activities such as local opportunities and hosting guest speakers.

### **Property Discussion**

Jim Schultz updated Board members on the progress with the Lakehill property proposal. The next step is to proceed with the survey and two proposals were included in the packet. Jim distributed a feasibility study proposal for the Cypress Drive property for investigating the parcel characteristics for potential redevelopment.

### **Reports & Communications**

- Elizabeth Herkenham has contacted the town supervisors about the Middle Income Star Rebate and how to communicate the information to property owners.
- Bob Speck put information in the Board packet about the Board self-evaluation process and summarized the last two years. He asked Board members to reconsider their assignments for this year and described some of the records housed in the District Office for use by Board members.

- Nancy Della Pia attended the BH-BL Business & Profession Association meeting and listened to Jim Tedisco speak on various topics.
- Jackie St. Onge reported on the OSC audit. The preliminary audit exit interview indicated that the results were extremely favorable with very few written comments. A formal report is expected to be ready sometime in the fall for Board review.
- Jim Schultz asked about CAPSBA representation and participation. Saratoga County School Boards Association is asking if BH-BL will be participating this year. Jim commented about the OSC exit interview and how pleased the State Auditors were with the level of professionalism shown by the Business Office as well as the procedures and controls in place. He also reported that the September tour of the buildings will begin at the Transportation Department.
- Mike Wolf spoke with Jim about formalizing department head meetings. Sports guidelines will be a discussion item at the next meeting. First meeting in September will include long range planning.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge  
Clerk of the Board