

DATE: August 24, 2010
WHERE HELD: High School

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: John Blowers

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Blowers
William Farmer
Elizabeth Herkenham
Joe Pericone

MEMBERS ABSENT:

James Maughan
Lee-Ann Mertzlufft
Patre Kuziak

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Christy Multer, Jason Lasky and 1 others.

President John Blowers called the Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the August 10, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion carried 4-0

Privilege of the Floor – none

ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the following substitute teacher/nurse appointments: Aaron Albright, Brittany Arsenaault, Megan Barcomb, Brianne Bellinger, Erica Berger, Jennifer Bernardelli, Ximena Canjura, Jason Cary, Jodi Cataldo, Suzanne DeVito, Joanne Dostis, Audrey Dumary, Samantha Eichele, Kathleen Ferrara, Thomas Geddes, Suzanne Johnson, Daryl LaCasse, Jessica Layton, Elisabeth LeRoy, Joei Loussedes, Mallory Marrotta, Laura Moore, Diane Nemer-Reed, Eric Nielson, Jillian Pabis, Stephen Piwowarski, Jessica Rzeszotarski, Susan Sardi, Daniel Schmit, Jennifer Shea, Sharon Siegel, Danielle Sitser, Danielle Snyder, Kaitlin Sullivan, Megan Vacca, Taiane Vaccaro, Jessica Wax.

Motion carried 4-0

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

Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Pericone moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Warrant to the Saratoga & Schenectady County School Tax Collector.

Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Pericone moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of the Special Athletic Competition Requests for the Girls Volleyball Team

Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Award of Bids for the School Lunch Program for 2010-11.

Motion carried 4-0

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

Motion carried 4-0

Mr. Pericone moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the 2010-11 Board Goals.

Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of the contract to list the Hostetter Building with Hunt/Metzger Commercial.

Motion carried 4-0

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

Motion carried 4-0

Revisions of Policies & Administrative Regulations

There were two policies included in the Board packet; Policy 6120 Grade K-12 Curriculum Committees and Policy 6111 Title I Parent Involvement. Jim provided the background for necessary revisions to these policies. Policy 6111 is a new policy required for schools receiving Title I funding while Policy 6120 requires revisions to make it current to what is actually being done. Some changes will be made and brought back to the next meeting for further discussion prior to becoming an action item. **What about AR1500? Any discussion about that?**

Legislative Task Force

John spoke on behalf of Lee-Ann Mertlufft about activities that she has been actively involved in moving the legislative task force forward. Talked about a followup meeting with the Gillibrand team, Lee-Ann suggested community meeting prior to start of budget season, to begin a leg dialogue, non budget setting, engaging community in discussion, asked for Board members input on the concept, suggestion post election time in November. Elizabeth is looking for a conversation about federal funding available to schools from the Gillibrand team, how does this type of funding affect a school like us? There was further discussion surrounding other purposes for meeting – partnerships, funding, Global Foundries impact, another meeting with all four towns, etc. Idea to focus on a very specific topic(s) and know what that is prior to organizing any meeting, needs more discussion and clarity.

Finance/Negotiations

Not an ordinary budget year, do we want to do something different this year? Any productive dialogues pre budget timeline, meeting with budget managers, Carol White Grant example targeted for a dept, what needs do the budget managers actually have and in what ways can we help, find out the type of opportunities that may exist, how do we access them, After finance timeline discussion, negotiation timeline

Reports & Communications

- Elizabeth Herkenham –Perkins grant, attended conf from MS tech teacher who sent a video showing what he is doing in his classroom, she will share it with the district, HVCC was awarded a grant that they have been working on over the past 3 years, and there will be educational outreach as a result via BOCES as the messenger, Kathryn Gerbino from BOCES will be the point person at the secondary level – looking to encourage nanotechnology to be infused into secondary curriculum, George Seymour hired by HVCC for managing educational outreach, equip HS to offer a certification course, connection with BHBL, RPI contacted E about another grant opportunity, also looking for a State Ed rep, Jim suggested contacting Chuck Dedrick again, E talked to ME Symer followup after Tech Valley Pathways meeting re: dev programs to address needed skills for career opportunities, awareness building thru pilot program, worked on SEMI Hi Tech U – 5 BHBL students participated, Time Warner has an initiative for STEM grants, she will send info.
- Jackie St.Onge described the types of reserves available to school districts, which ones we have, and which ones require voter authorization, etc.
- Jim Schultz re: Bob Speck celebration of 36 years and offered him the choices that the Board had discussed. They would appreciate having the celebration at the Speck Library and would like to have it on a Friday in October, Jim spent some time in his basement looking at historical records, has done a great job pulling information together into a format that is helpful, NY announced today that they were successful and half will go to SED, part will be used to invest in technology infrastructure (IT), received letter from Comm and we have 90 days to sign on for RTTT funding, certain pieces have now been included and will be orchestrated at the federal level whether we (BHBL) sign on or not, funding using Title I will not result in significant funds for BHBL, Board tour of the facilities on Sept 7, Will has agreed to be the policy person, Jim included a list of all of the series and when last updated,
- John Blowers CAPSBA is starting their calendar activities and John is their programming director. Pointed out activity included in the Board packet – Saratoga James Dexter speaker, PTA newsletters will soon & John will be drafting a communication, will include the Board goals, brief discussion on how to respond to community – privilege of the floor, emails that come into Board President, idea to draft an acknowledgement letter, provide an opportunity for Board members to further discuss items raised as part of priv of floor
- Rick Evans – Rick asked for Board input about upcoming program reviews, with every pr, what kinds of expanded partnerships are available, one of the guiding questions of the 21st century framework, otherwise he will put together a draft for review, highlight professional learning communities – how they work, should share that information,

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board