

DATE: July 8, 2008
WHERE HELD: Hostetter Building

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: Michael Wolf

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Blowers
Elizabeth Herkenham
Tim Kelliher
Michael Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nancy Della Pia
Joe Pericone
Robert Speck

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge

Board Member Michael Wolf called the Board meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Della Pia seconded the approval of the consent agenda which included minutes of the June 24, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Education, and the authorization of textbooks.

Motion carried 4-0

See attachments

Privilege of the Floor

None

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Kelliher seconded the acceptance of the resignation of Katherine Gurley, Grade 4 teacher at Stevens, effective 7/8/08; the approval of the probationary appointments of Lauren DeFilippo, Grade 6 teacher at the Middle School; Danté DePrimio, English teacher at the High School; Carolyn Litynski, Math teacher at the High School; and Michelle Scully, Special Education teacher at the High School, all effective 9/1/08; the approval of the appointment of Katherine Gurley, Staff Development Coordinator, effective 7/9/08; the approval of the temporary appointment of Hillary Potter, .5 Science teacher at the High School; effective 9/1/08-6/30/09; the approval of the Contract Services appointments of Stephanie Holley, .8 Occupational Therapist and Karen Totino, .5 Occupational Therapist, both effective 9/1/08-6/30/08; and the approval of the Curriculum Committee Representative appointment of Raelene Noll, World Language at the High School.

Motion carried 4-0

See attachment 1

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

Motion carried 4-0

See attachment 2

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Blowers seconded the approval of the Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2008-2009.

Motion carried 4-0

See attachment 3

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Kelliher seconded the approval of the Special Athletic Competition request for the Boys Volleyball Team. The approval of the Special Athletic Competition request for the Girls Cross Country Team was tabled.

Motion carried 4-0

See attachment 4

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

Motion carried 4-0

See attachment 5

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Kelliher seconded the approval of the Contract for Health & Welfare Services with East Greenbush CSD.

Motion carried 4-0

See attachment 6

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Blowers seconded the acceptance of Gifts from the BHBL Education Foundation:

- a. \$250 Grant from Stewarts Christmas Wish Fund
- b. \$338.20 from Egan Library Media Fund

Motion carried 4-0

See attachment 7

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

Motion carried 4-0

See attachment 8

Library Book Challenge

Jim explained the library book challenge and how it came about. Students are asked to pick a book for their last unit in English class. Students often choose books appearing on college lists, etc. Jim explained how one student's mother was offended by language and subject matter in the book chosen by her daughter. Since the daughter had other options, she chose another book. However the student's mother wants the book removed from the list of choices which would eliminate the choice for other students.

Facilities Use Fees (AR1500)

Jim provided an annual update of the AR for Facilities Use Fees. He explained changes and how the facility coordinator will advise organizations of the changes.

Reports & Communications

- Elizabeth Herkenham reported on some of her summer activities involving BHBL students and faculty. Three BHBL teachers, George Seymour, Katie Zyskowski, and Marie DiCristofaro are participating in a program at High Tech U that is currently training 75 teachers. Five school districts are participating in a joint summer program with RPI. Two BHBL teachers will be participating and the program is eligible for State Aid. Maryellen Symer & Elizabeth will be attending a NSF funded conference in Austin, Texas which will focus on technology and establishing career paths for students between school and community colleges.
- Jackie St. Onge provided an update of the summer construction work at Stevens and the bus garage wash bay. The freezer at Stevens broke down and twelve cases of frozen food were disposed of by kitchen staff. Jackie gave Board members a preliminary update on the fund balance. This year the minimum unreserved, unexpended fund balance will increase to 4%. Although this is not a large amount in the event of an emergency, we will have a sufficient fund balance. Recommendations to increase reserves were also discussed.
- Mike Wolf received a letter from Emily Grattidge on recycling & other green initiatives urging the district to be more proactive. Mike will share the letter in order to draft a response. He commented on the graduation ceremony. Mike will be on vacation during the tour of the buildings.
- Jim Schultz updated the Board on the sale of the Swaggertown Road property which is proceeding. He also stopped by Pashley and construction manager Jim Martin gave him a tour of the site. There was some discussion about the letter received from one of the BOCES Board members. Board members have asked to have a BOCES Board member attend a future Board meeting to discuss various issues including capital cost allocation and classroom rental fees.

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Blowers seconded a move to executive session.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded a return to regular session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board