

**DATE:** August 19, 2008  
**WHERE HELD:** Hostetter Building

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Nancy Della Pia

**MARGINAL  
NOTATIONS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**John Blowers**  
**Nancy Della Pia**  
**Elizabeth Herkenham**  
**Joe Pericone**  
**Robert Speck**  
**Michael Wolf**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Tim Kelliher**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans, Christy Multer**

President Nancy Della Pia called the Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Speck seconded the approval of the consent agenda which included minutes of the August 5, 2008 regular meeting & the August 11, 2008 special meeting of the Board of Education, the acceptance of the Internal Claims Auditor Report, and the authorization of textbooks.

Motion carried 4-0

See attachments

Mr. Blowers & Mrs. Herkenham arrived at 7:40 PM.

Mr. Wolf moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the resignation of Lisa DeLano, .3 Special Education teacher at the Middle School, and Karen Totino, .5 Occupational Therapist; the approval of the volunteer coaches, noted on the attached list.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 1

Mr. Wolf 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 2

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Tax Warrants.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 3

Mr. Wolf moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Substitute Teacher Contract 2008/09 - 2011/12.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 4

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the Special Athletic Competition Request for the Boys Cross Country Team.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 5

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

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 6

**Privilege of the Floor**

Lynn Prentiss addressed the Board regarding the use of seat belts on school buses. She cited safety concerns as reasons for requiring all students to wear seat belts. Mike Nally spoke on the same topic.

**Policy 7350 - Use of Seat Belts on School Bus Vehicles**

The proposed revision to P7350 will be brought to the Board for action at the next meeting.

**Board Building Tour**

The Board tour of school facilities is scheduled to begin at Pashley at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and will end at the High School.

**Interscholastic Sports Committee**

Board members worked on their response to the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Interscholastic Sports. There was a great deal of discussion about the findings of this report and the implications for future participation and funding levels for interscholastic sports. Further revisions were made to the Board's response and another draft will be prepared.

## Reports & Communications

- John Blowers received a letter from a resident expressing concerns about required elementary fees and a copy will be included in the next Board packet.
- Jackie St. Onge gave the Board a brief summary of the problems with the gym floor finish at the High School and the Middle School. It appears that the batch number that was supplied to those buildings is not curing properly and the floors will need to be stripped and then refinished. The manufacturer and supplier are prepared to undertake this process once the floors harden. However, the time line is dependent upon the curing process. Until the problem is resolved, there will be no student practices allowed in these gyms. Teams are being bussed to Niskayuna and Ballston Spa for practices. Athletic Director Bob McGuire is rescheduling sports activities for as long as necessary.
- Jim Schultz provided the details of a memo from Special Services Director Sharon McTygue regarding the need for a teacher assistant for a student originally scheduled for private placement. The student will now attend BH-BL. Jim asked Board members to think about a date, time and place for the New Staff Recognition gathering.

Mr. Wolf moved and Mr. Pericone seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge  
Clerk of the Board