

DATE: November 4, 2008
WHERE HELD: High School

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: Bob Speck

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Blowers
Elizabeth Herkenham
Tim Kelliher
Robert Speck
Michael Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joe Pericone (present at Audit mtg. & Exec. Session only)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans

President Bob Speck 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 minutes of the October 7, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Education and the authorization of Textbooks, Tradebooks & Films. The Claims Audit Report was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachments

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the Financial Reports and the External Audit Report from Bonadio.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 1

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the temporary appointment of Melissa Hughes, .3 Special Education teacher at the Middle School, effective 11/10/08-6/30/09; the approval of the winter coaching assignments, so noted on the attached list, and the approval of the volunteer coaching assignments, so noted on the attached list.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 2

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

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 3

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the acceptance of the Bid for Plumbing Work at the Bus Garage.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 4

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the acceptance of the Award of a Vehicle Purchase.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 5

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the resubmitted Special Athletic Competition Request for the Varsity Wrestling Team.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 6

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the 403B Retirement Committee appointment.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 7

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the acceptance of the donation of 12 computers & 9 monitors from Clough Harbour & Associates.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 8

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the Science Research Class overnight trip on March 30, 2009 to the Upstate Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road.

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 9

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

Motion carried 4-0 See attachment 10

Nanotech Initiatives Discussion

Jim reminded board members about the Nanotech program review at the last board meeting and comments from Rie Posillico and George Seymour about the direction in which BH-BL is moving. Jim and several other superintendents have offered to present the WSWHE BOCES Consortium tech vision to Capital Region BOCES & component districts. Our K-12 coordinators continue to work on nanotech initiatives while at the same time sharing projects with

WSWHE BOCES component districts. Our core group is two science teachers and while we support the WSWHE tech vision we need to continue to be in the forefront while still benefiting from other initiatives going on around us. There was further discussion about looking beyond our region to include initiatives on a national scale. We can't wait for WSWHE to build a facility. A study validates that the highest percentage of jobs that will be available in this area will be for two year graduates. However we need to take a realistic look at where our graduates will be headed since we have a higher percentage of students going on to 4 year colleges. Thus we will need experts outside of the area to discuss what skills our students will need for the future. The future emphasis for two year programs will include a more rigorous curriculum in areas such as electrical technology.

Interscholastic Sports Meeting Discussion

Jim gave board members copies of letters received from concerned students about the recommendations made in the board response to the Ad Hoc Interscholastic Sports Committee. Mike recapped the meeting for board members at which 60-70 attended. Students read letters (mostly soccer) voicing their concerns and there was some discussion on self funded sports. There was a lot of talk about the costs being such a small amount for the value received by students. There appears to still be some misunderstanding about limiting sports to three levels versus not having a modified level. The board will not micromanage the team levels, however there needs to be communication for future board meetings that a decision has been made. There was further discussion about incorporating the Ad Hoc Interscholastic Sports Committee recommendations into an AR. Board members talked about the future of Alpine Skiing as fully self funded.

Reports & Communications

- Rick mentioned that the Special Education program review is next and they will be presenting on improvements and initiatives for their program. Board members expressed interest in hearing about the configuration & class sizes for the future at the elementary level based upon recent discussions about the number of special education programs housed at Stevens.
- Mike commented about the new four way stop at the intersection of Lakehill & High Mills roads and how it appears to have helped to alleviate the bottleneck at the Middle School, as well as student drop off problems.
- Jackie reported on the flooding that occurred at the District Office. The condition was discovered early in the morning on Tuesday, November 4 and the Glenville Police were present. A water main burst and the Town of Glenville was called to shut the water off. After emergency crews were called in to begin locating the source of the problem, it was discovered that the water main burst underneath the hallway next to the main entrance. Flooding occurred throughout the building, leaving floors buckled and causing damage to items on the floor. Emergency crews were called in to begin mitigating the damage upon the recommendation of our insurance company. Carpets were removed to prevent mold and mildew problems. Staff met at the High School and set up temporary offices. Later in the day, employees returned to the Hostetter building to begin packing up salvaged materials.
- Jim reminded board members that the memorial service for staff member Suzanne Godshalk will be tomorrow at 7:00 pm. At the last Education Council meeting there was discussion about the budget climate based upon what's going on at the state level. Jim is asking staff for cost savings ideas in their own area of expertise. He talked about exploring energy conservation & cost savings and the idea to have suggestion boxes at each building for submission of ideas. He also discussed the idea of having an earlier forum to talk about the budget status with the community. Jim reminded board members about the SGO meeting next week on Wednesday, Nov 12th at the High School.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Speck seconded a move to executive session.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Speck seconded a return to regular session.

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Speck seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board