

DATE: August 5, 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
Tim Kelliher
Joe Pericone
Robert Speck

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Wolf

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans

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 July 8, 2008 regular meeting & reorganization meeting of the Board of Education, and the authorization of textbooks & tradebooks.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachments

Privilege of the Floor

None

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the financial reports.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 1

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the acceptance of the leave of absence of Heather Mastracchio, Social Studies teacher at the High School, effective 9/1/08-6/30/09; the approval of the probationary appointments of Pamela Baker, Special Education teacher at Pashley, Heather McGovern, Family & Consumer Science teacher at the High School, and Danielle Seaman, Grade 5 teacher at Stevens, all effective 9/1/08; the approval of the temporary appointments of Lisa DeLano, .3 Special Education teacher at the Middle School, effective 9/1/08-6/30/09, Janice Germain, Grade 5 teacher at Charlton Heights, effective 9/1/08-12/23/08, Heather Zimmerman, .4 PACE teacher, effective 9/1/08-6/30/09; and the approval of the Fall coaching assignments (paid and volunteer), so noted on the attached list.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 2

Mr. Kelliher 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

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Tax Rates.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 4

Mr. Speck moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Reserve Funds.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 5

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the gifts to Charlton Heights Elementary School.

a. \$300 Boarders Gift Certificate from the Saratoga Board of Supervisors

b. Three banners used on the CH Flag Day Float from Jim Ferrante

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 6

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the acceptance of the gift of \$762.07 from Pashley families for the 1001 Book Program.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 7

Mr. Speck moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the acceptance of the gift of \$300 fro Mr. Hynes to the Music Program.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 8

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 9

Mr. Pericone moved and Mr. Speck seconded the approval of Ordinary Expense for the Transportation Department Wash Bay.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 10

Mr. Speck moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of a Board member to attend the NYSSBA 2008 Board Officers Academy on September 20, 2008.

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 11

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

Motion carried 6-0

See attachment 12

Vandalism Report

Jim Schultz presented the vandalism report for 2007-08 which totaled \$1,065.

Retreat Planning

Nancy Della Pia and Joe Pericone met with Jim and came up with a preliminary agenda. There was discussion about the intent of the Board Retreat to identify the scope & direction for the next Bond Referendum Committee. Both infrastructure needs as well as program related projects need to be part of the scope. Committee members need to have input in order for the referendum to be successful. Discussion at the Board Retreat may include the tentative timeline and the use of the financial tool. Other items on the agenda include a discussion facilitated by Jim Schultz on options for filling the Board president vacancy created by Nancy Della Pia. Additional Board responsibilities will be also be decided - policy, legislative, town liaisons, student liaisons, etc. Board self-evaluation and results of the survey will be synthesized by Mike Wolf for discussion. The last agenda item will be to identify a process for capturing data for a comprehensive 20 year strategic plan.

Title I

Title I funding has been restored for 2008-09. Funding was last received in 2002-03 and since that time only pass thru funds for Ketchum-Grande have been available. The grant will be used for improving literacy skills.

Reports & Communications

- John Blowers was contacted by NYSSBA about joining their diversity council (contact due to private sector) and he attended their first meeting.
- Elizabeth updated everyone on her summer activities regarding the joint program between RPI and WSWHE BOCES. The next part of the program has teachers beta testing the introduction of the nanotechnology modules that they have developed. She also reported on the conference she attended with Maryellen Symer in Austin, Texas on nanotechnology which resulted in articulation agreements with HVCC and school partners.
- Bob Speck suggested Board members read articles in the last two issues of American School Board Journal on Board development and evaluation. Bob also reported that he met with Dick Doyle, Head of the Ballston Planning Board and reported that builder Dick Stewart is working on a plan to build 24 houses on Goode Street in Spring 2009. The plan has been approved and he expects to build approximately three per year.
- Rick Evans provided a draft of proposed program reviews for next year and asked Board members for input. There was a suggestion to dedicate a longer time slot at one Board meeting and have all five schools report on student achievement. Another suggestion was to limit the business meeting in order to free up two meetings for other reviews - DARE, Health & Wellness, Librarians, etc.
- Jackie St. Onge reported that the auditors from Dorfman-Robbie are here for the annual financial audit. She attended the weekly construction meeting to address growing concerns that Pashley may not be ready for opening of school if the current pace is not accelerated. There was a discussion about a wording change to the current seat belt policy. She updated the Board on technology support for electrical needs in a report prepared by Dan Diggins.
- Jim Schultz will be attending the CAPSBA Law Conference.
- Nancy Della Pia received a notification from Utica National regarding a September 9th meeting on safely transporting students. Gail Venezia sent a really nice note to all Board members.
- Jim Schultz asked Board members about the three options available for Nancy's replacement. Advertise, interview & appoint or reach out to Board candidate from May. First is an opportunity to foster interest.

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board