

DATE: May 24, 2011
WHERE HELD: High School

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: John Blowers

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:
John Blowers
William Farmer
Elizabeth Herkenham
Patre Kuziak
Lee-Ann Mertzlufft
Joe Pericone

MEMBERS ABSENT:
James Maughan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans, and 9 others.

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

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Mertzlufft moved and Ms. Kuziak seconded the approval of the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the May 10, 2011 regular meeting & the May 17, 2011 special meeting of the Board of Education and the authorization of textbooks.

Motion carried 5-0

Privilege of the Floor - None

Building Condition Survey

Assistant Superintendent Jackie St.Onge introduced architects Gene Browning and Mike Fanning from Mosaic Associates Architects who were at the Board meeting to present the Five Year Building Condition Survey (BCS) as mandated by the State Education Department. Gene Browning was the architect who performed the BCS and he presented an overview of the process; findings, and steps to be taken by the District.

Elizabeth Herkenham arrived at 7:40 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the acceptance of the Financial Reports.

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Pericone moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the temporary appointment of Sara Pauzé, Grade 2 teacher at Pashley, effective 5/20/11-6/30/11; the approval of the substitute teacher/nurse appointments of Cynthia Burgher, Richard Poplaski; the acceptance of the retirement of Linda Mindel, Grade 3 teacher at Charlton Heights; the approval of the extra-curricular appointments of:

High School -

Senior High Yearbook

Production & Business James Hadcock

Class Advisors

Class of 2012 Jackie Bradshaw

Joanne Owens

Class of 2013 Marta Roberts-Pekar

Danielle Manning

Class of 2014 Lisa Saccocio

Kurt Semon

Class of 2015 Amanda North

Laura Golden

SGO

Reneé Tolan

Michael Mosall

Senior High Drama Club

Advisors Stephanie Andrejcek

Mialisa Lindholm-Herron

FBLA

Jennifer Wheeler

Joanne Owens

Marching/Pep Band

Peter Giroux

Auditorium Advisor

Christopher Lombardi

Jazz Ensemble

Peter Giroux

Select Choir	Ann Derrick
National Honor Society	Danté DiPrimio
Interact Club Advisors (Key Club)	Cheryl Bach
	Karen Clement
Art Club	Wendy Corrigan
	Christine Layden
International Club	Jennifer Wheeler
Debate Club	Kurt Semon
Language Exchange Advisors	
German	Kay Kramer
Spanish	Patricia Stern
LeFont	Amber Shanholtz
Foreign Language Club	Dennis Harrington
Science Club (SMAC)	Amber Shanholtz
Green Club	Brian Watts
	Mark Kowalski
Computer Club	Jennifer Adams
Pride	Michael Mosall
Staff Development	Cheryl Bach
	Joanne Owens
	Lia Mavridou

High School Voluntary Club request:

Leadership Training Program	Michael Batty
Middle School –	
Art Club	Penny McDonnell
	Marie DiCristofaro
	Tammy Flint
Drama club	Suzanne Rayome
	Barbara Reeves
	Amy Clark
Foreign Language Clubs	
French	Lauren Kirkwood
German	Joseph VanGelder
Spanish	Kristen Trapini
Literary Arts Journal	Susan LaRosa
	Laurie Berner
Middle School Jazz Ensemble	Brian Tetlak
Middle School National Honor Society	Monica Hills
School Newspaper	Valerie Wadsworth
Science Club	Amy Landauer-Ruder
	Marie DiCristofaro
Staff Development	Shauna Bryk
	Kim Sprenger
Student Council	Kim Sprenger
Yearbook	Katherine Zyskowski

Middle School Voluntary Club request:

Book Club	Susan LaRosa
Chamber Strings Club	Heather Walker
Chess Club	Richard Barton
GO Green Club	Amy Landauer-Ruder
	Marie DiCristofaro
Math Club	Susan Gestwick
	Kataelin Donegan
Study Circles	Todd Bucci
Sunshine Club	Valerie Wadsworth
	Maureen Bitley
XPE	Geoffery Leggieri

2011-2012 Curriculum Committee appointments:

Charlton Heights –

Language Arts	Robert Moore
Mathematics	Andrew Haluska
Science	Bonita O'Rourke

Social Studies	Megan Jones
Health & Personal Development	Mary Grasso
Special Education	Jennifer Peterson
Staff Development	Jill Ollari
Student Council	Traci Hall
	Christopher Deso

Pashley –

Language Arts	Michele Bowker
Mathematics	Margaret Gilgallon
Science	MaryBeth Cotrupi
Social Studies	Jennifer Sala
Health & Personal Development	Carolyn Roberts
Special Education	Cindy King
Student Council	Kristina Neddo

Stevens –

Language Arts	Sherry D' Angelo
Science	Amy Bennice
Social Studies	Judy Madej
Health & Personal Development	Mary Jo Salomon
Special Education	Bretton Adams
Staff Development	Elizabeth Keyes
Student Council	Diane Clary
	Elizabeth Hanson

Motion carried 6-0

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

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of Exemption from the Breakfast Program.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Award of Bid for Custodial Supplies for 2011-12.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the Contract for Health & Welfare Services with:

- a. City School District of Albany
- b. East Greenbush Central Schools

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Building Condition Survey.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Special Athletic Competition Request for the Boys & Girls Crew Team.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Mertzluft seconded the approval of the Authorization to Borrow \$1,173,444 Bond Anticipation Notes.

Motion carried 6-0

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

Motion carried 6-0

Budget Vote

Results of the budget votes since 1979 were given out to Board members. Also included were the results of the bus propositions and bond referenda over the same time period. Superintendent Jim Schultz summarized the results of the exit poll. The information provided was just the raw data and a report will be generated and provided to Board

members at a later date. The information will also be made available on the website. Only 14% of the voters completed the exit poll and that was the same percent as last year. Christy Multer highlighted some of the changes that were made behind the scenes to improve the process including adding another voting machine.

Staff /Student Recognition

John Blowers began the discussion by reminding Board members that we will be recognizing students and staff at the next Board meeting. We are looking for some other examples of creative ways to save money and may want to recognize staff members in the future with a nomination process. Jim described the process for the next meeting and roles of the Board members in conjunction with the Building Principals. The meeting starts at 7:00pm which is a half hour earlier than usual.

Community Foundation

Elizabeth did an outreach to schools that participate in the Community Foundation now. Three schools responded and all three highly recommended being involved in this program. They indicated that the hardest part is the start up process, but one school offered to help with the by-laws. Elizabeth summarized the questions that she asked – for example are they happy with the online system for making donations, what has been your experience with the personnel and have they been responsive to their needs, have you ever had cause for concern that your funds could be allocated without the authority of the school district. All responses seemed positive. There are several types of funds being managed by the Community Foundation and one school district is investigating the endowment fund versus individual scholarship funds. Contributions are encouraged in a new way because they are a 501c charitable organization that provides a benefit for donors that would not be provided through a school district. She suggests a committee to explore this concept further. Other discussion areas – cost, loyalty & commitment from community, marketing strategies, etc. She will gather all of the comments and will give them to the Board.

Reports & Communications

- Rick Evans commented on the recent Semi High Tech U experience and the interview process.
- Joe Pericone attended the High School PTA meeting and they are in the process of elections. Having a problem with Life Touch (photos) and they are working on it. Dorie McArthur was there to present on the Education Foundation. Joe also attended Honors Night and was impressed with the students. The Semi High Tech U was a great experience. The Board Self-Evaluation is ready to go – do we want to ask for input from the Assistant Superintendents? Yes. Joe will
- Lee-Ann Mertzlufft attended Semi High Tech U and was impressed by the BH-BL presence. He attended the PTA meeting at Pashley. She had a question on how is information provided to new parents? Is there an orientation process? Article in paper regarding legislation about advertising on buses, surveyed Board members on their opinions.
- Jackie St. Onge – Bus complaint, meeting with the Town of Ballston to explore joint services.
- Jim Schultz heard from Tracy Metzger and she has worked out a deal with Hunt to acquire some of her previous accounts. She would like for us to consider having her handle our account again. Yes. Jim gave a copy of the proposed AR on Head Lice which incorporates changes to address concerns from staff and parents. Some of the suggestions were not considered because they go against the recommendations from health care organizer. Lots of discussion and significant turmoil on new APPR regulations from the Governor.
- John Blowers received a response about Open Meetings Practice. In favor of many of the changes that we have instituted. The response was in the packet. Meet the Candidates worked out well, better format and a better process that was more neutral. Congratulations on the budget vote and to incumbents. Last night his company participated in the Colonie STEM Symposium. Many people and business in attendance, good representation, great first effort. Would BH-BL be interested in participating as they consider ??? Spoke about the types of available careers and education & skills necessary to enter into the careers, interactive displays, hands on exhibits, etc.

Mr. Farmer moved and Ms. Mertzlufft seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board