

DATE: June 9, 2009
WHERE HELD: Middle School

KIND OF MEETING: Regular
PRESIDING OFFICER: Bob Speck

**MARGINAL
NOTATIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Blowers
Elizabeth Herkenham
Tim Kelliher
Patre Kuziak
Joe Pericone
Robert Speck
Michael Wolf

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans, Christy Multer, James Maughan, Dan LeClaire

Welcome by Superintendent Jim Schultz followed by general comments and thanks from Board President Bob Speck. Jim Schultz recognized each retiring staff member and Bob Speck presented them with appreciation gifts on behalf of the Board. Retiring staff were also presented with a letter of recognition from Senator Hugh Farley.

Outstanding students were recognized at each building level. Tim Sinnenberg announced awards for all elementary students along with Student Council presidents and Board members Patre Kuziak, John Blowers, and Elizabeth Herkenham handing out award certificates. Next Principal Don Germain recognized outstanding Middle School students with Board Member Mike Wolf handing out certificates. Awards for High School students were announced by Building Principal Maryellen Symer and Board member Joe Pericone handed out certificates. Superintendent Schultz invited all attendees to enjoy refreshments.

President Robert Speck called the Board meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

**Mr. Blowers left the room.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the consent agenda which included minutes of the May 29, 2009 regular meeting of the Board of Education, the authorization of films and the Claims Audit Report.
Motion carried 6-0 See attachments

Mr. Wolf moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the acceptance of the Financial Reports.
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 1

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the acceptance of the resignation of Sue Tomlinson, Technology Integration Specialist at Charlton Heights, effective 6/30/09; the approval of the Summer School appointments, so noted on the attached list; the approval of the Administrative Intern appointments of Tracy McCarthy & Laura Siracuse; the approval of the Middle School Drama Production Salary Schedule, so noted on the attached list; the approval of the Extra-curricular Appointments, so noted on the attached list; the approval of the 2009-10 Curriculum Committee appointments, so noted on the attached list; and the approval of the Substitute Teacher appointments, so noted on the attached list.
Motion carried 6-0 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 6-0 See attachment 3

Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Wolf seconded the approval of the Contract for Health & Welfare Services with:
a. Schenectady City School District
b. Albany City School District
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 4

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Kelliher seconded the approval of the Exemption from the Breakfast Program.
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 5

Mr. Wolf moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of revised Policy 6120.
Motion carried 6-0 See attachment 6

**Mr. Blowers returned to the meeting.

Mr. Wolf moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education.
Motion carried 7-0 See attachment 7

Privilege of the Floor - none

Retreat

Jim Schultz went over the topics for the upcoming Board retreat along with the proposed format. Board members will discuss their self evaluation and board responsibilities for next year. There was a suggestion to look at their participation on district committees as part of the board self-evaluation process. The other major topic for the retreat is the next bond referendum and information from the review committee will be available as part of the discussion. Christy will share results of the exit poll with Board members. Jim asked if Board members would like to spend some time on long term strategic planning at the last June meeting. Jackie St. Onge reminded them that they will also be hearing from the Bond Referendum Review Committee at the next meeting. Bob Speck will review Board roles and participation on district committees for next year.

Graduation - Who's on stage?

Mike Wolf will be the Board spokesperson on stage for this year's graduation ceremony. Both Joe Pericone and Elizabeth Herkenham will present diplomas to their own children. Bob Speck, Tim Kelliher, and John Blowers are also planning to be on stage.

July 7 / July 14 – Reorganizational Meeting

Both dates will present attendance problems for some Board members, but it was decided that the reorganizational meeting will be July 7th.

Reports & Communications

- Rick Evans reported that we are in the process of filling open positions created by retirements. He referred to the Grade 3-8 testing results included in the Board packet. Four years of consecutive improvement in test results was particularly noteworthy. Rick described some Response to Intervention (RTI) strategies. Bill McQuay and Rie Posillico are working together on development of a 21st century math course.
- Bob Speck gave Board members copies of the policies on board evaluation and superintendent evaluation. There was an article in the NYSSBA publication *OnBoard* about grade 3-8 test scores in math & ELA which he pointed out to Board members. BH-BL compares favorably with the results. Bob will be in the BH-BL parade along with other veterans. He also attended the Charlton parade.
- Jim Schultz will be in the BH-BL parade on the Administrators' float. Lakehill Soccer has volunteered to pick up debris left on school grounds after the parade. During negotiations with the Teachers Association the district agreed to provide a Flexible Spending Plan benefit to its members. Presentations and proposals were made by a couple of vendors and the District chose a provider called Preferred. There will be lots of activity surrounding getting this benefit up and running during the next couple weeks. The deadlines for submitting our federal grant applications changed without any warning and are due much earlier this year. Quarterly reports will be required now rather than annual reporting which will add more work. The additional stimulus money requires more accountability and should be used for sustainable types of initiatives.
- Jackie St. Onge met with our insurance carrier to go over policy renewals. She reported that although rates increased slightly, our transportation department continues to have extremely good experience with very few accidents. This contributes to our ability to obtain lower premiums. Jackie updated the Board on the progress of the Bond Renovations Review Committee. They had their last meeting and will be completing survey questions about the timing and scope of the next referendum.
- Tim Kelliher reported that the Education Foundation meets tomorrow. Jim Schultz will attend to ask if they might consider funding grants in a different way. Since district funds are limited, would they consider funding supplies for disadvantaged students or funding conferences?

Mr. Wolf moved and Mr. Pericone seconded a move to executive session.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mr. Kelliher moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the acceptance of Sandy Serafini's resignation, effective 6/30/09.
Motion carried 7-0

2. Mr. Kelliher moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the amendment to the Superintendent's Contract.
Motion carried 7-0
See attachment 1

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge
Clerk of the Board