

**DATE:** July 12, 2011  
**WHERE HELD:** Hostetter Building

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** James Maughan

**MARGINAL  
NOTATIONS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
John Blowers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
Lee-Ann Mertzluft

William Farmer  
Elizabeth Herkenham  
Patre Kuziak  
James Maughan  
Joe Pericone

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans, and 2 others.

President John Blowers called the Board meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the June 21, 2011 regular meeting and the authorization of textbooks.  
Motion carried 6-0

**Privilege of the Floor – None**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Blowers seconded the approval of the probationary appointments of Brian Banks, Special Education teacher at the Middle School; Catina Bianchi, Special Education teacher at the High School, both effective 9/1/11; the approval of the temporary appointments of Colleen McCormack, .4 Math teacher at the High School; Kimberly Ward, Special Education teacher at the Middle School; Caitlin Monast, .4 Gifted & Talented teacher – District; Amanda Cotrupi, .4 RTI Specialist at Pashley; Michelle Connolly, Math teacher at the High School; Catherine Sowa, .4 RTI Specialist at Stevens, all effective 9/1/11-6/30/12; the approval of the per diem appointment of Patricia Newmann, Music Therapist, \$40/half hour, effective 9/1/11; the approval of the corrections to the 2011-12 Curriculum Committee at Stevens: Judy Madej, Staff Development; Elizabeth Keyes, Social Studies; the approval of the following substitute teacher/nurse appointments: Kathleen Kochem, Deborah Mahoney; the acceptance of the resignation of David Somoza, Tech Integration Specialist at Stevens, effective 6/30/11; the approval of the following Special Education Summer School appointments:

Audrey King	Speech Therapist	Step 3	\$4,194.00
Jayne Zeiser (revised)	Speech Therapist	Step 3	\$4,194.00
Donna Mayo	Special Ed (138 hours)	Step 3	\$4,823.10
Evangelia Mavridou	Psychologist (28 hrs.-correction)	Step 1	\$854.84
Mindi Modiano	Psychologist (49 hrs.-correction)	Step 1	\$1,495.97
Jan Aronsen-Hansen	Occupational Therapist (72 hrs.)	Step 3	\$2,516.40
Andrea Muscato	Occupational Therapist (72 hrs.)	Step 3	\$2,516.40
Marilyn Light (revised)	Speech Therapist (108 hrs.)	Step 3	\$3,774.60

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Blowers 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. Pericone seconded the approval of the Cooperative Bid Awards for:

- a. HVAC Filters
- b. Miscellaneous Auto & Bus Parts
- c. Paving

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the acceptance of the 2010-2011 Vandalism Report.  
Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of Spring Grant Awards from the BH-BL Education Foundation.  
Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Kuziak seconded the acceptance of a gift of \$1,815.50 from the High School PTSA for improvements to the High School Auditorium.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Special Athletic Competition Request for the Varsity Boys Volleyball Team.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Kuziak moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the Joint Program Agreement with Ballston Spa CSD for the Ice Hockey Team & the Alpine Ski Team.

Motion carried 6-0

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

Motion carried 6-0

### **2011-12 Board/Building Liaison Assignments**

John Blowers -	Long Term Strategic Planning Student Liaison Pashley PTA
Will Farmer -	Legislation & Lobbying Charlton Heights PTA
Elizabeth Herkenham -	Strategic Partnerships
Patre Kuziak -	Finance Committee Chair Education Foundation High School PTSA
James Maughan -	PTA Council
Lee-Ann Mertzluft -	Policy Review Middle School PTA
Joe Pericone -	Staff Liaison Stevens PTA

### **NYSSBA Conference**

The NYSSBA Conference will be held in Buffalo this year. Jim printed out the activities & noted early registration results in discounts. Based upon last year's experience we will consider attending. The Board is looking to spend less than last year. We will need to confirm Board member commitment and then make arrangements & register. Jim asked TA President Mike Mosall if he would like to attend.

### **Hostetter Update**

Jim updated Board members on news that the potential buyer will not renew the purchase option based upon costs for sewer.

### **Board Retreat**

There was discussion about the two upcoming retreats – July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Hostetter building. Topics will include the Board self evaluation & Board Goals.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> retreat will be the same type of discussion with representation from a broader audience - Board & Central Administration, Administrators, Teachers Association, CSEA, and Operations Management Organization (all bargaining units).

Prior to the August 2<sup>nd</sup> retreat Board members will define the purpose more clearly, develop a better idea of their objective, and continue with more discussion.

### **Reports & Communications**

- Jackie St. Onge gave an update on construction projects at the High School, Stevens, and Charlton Heights. Opening of the swimming pool at the High School will be delayed due to construction and a delayed delivery of the dehumidification unit. It is scheduled for shipment late August and will still need to be installed and connected. The project is an energy efficient project that will qualify for NYSERDA money.
- Elizabeth Herkenham spoke regarding moving forward with the Community Foundation. She asked if the Board and Central Administration are okay with it? She would like to invite representatives from Bethlehem CSD to speak about their experiences and provide information to a small group. Volunteers included Will Farmer, Joe Pericone, Jackie St. Onge and Elizabeth Herkenham for the first meeting.

- Joe Pericone asked the Board if they would like copies of the Board self evaluation. They would like copies sent via email.
- James Maughan reported that the Superintendent's evaluation is underway and will be sent electronically.

Ms. Herkenham moved and Ms. Kuziak seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge  
Clerk of the Board