

**DATE:** August 9, 2011  
**WHERE HELD:** Hostetter Building

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

**MARGINAL  
NOTATIONS**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jim Schultz, Jacqueline St.Onge, Rick Evans, and 3 others.

President James Maughan called the Board meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Pericone moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the July 12, 2011 regular meeting and the authorization of textbooks.

Motion carried 6-0

**Privilege of the Floor – None**

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Pericone seconded the approval of the probationary appointment of Ganna Zaderej, German teacher at the High School, effective 9/1/11 (reinstated to probationary position from Preferred Eligibility list); the acceptance of the resignation of Amanda Cotrupi, .4 TRI Specialist at Pashley, effective 8/9/11; the approval of the Driver Education appointments of William Cassidy & David Reutsch, both at \$34.95/hr; the approval of the Fall coaching assignments of:

Chip Button	Cross Country - Boys
Shaun Zepf	Cross Country – Girls
Kelly Vrooman	Field Hockey – Varsity
Kim Ferrie	Field Hockey – Modified
Matt Shell	Football – Varsity
Shawn Kline	Football – Varsity Assistant
Jason LaPietro	Football – Varsity Assistant
Peter Parisi	Football – varsity Assistant
Kevin DeBonis	Football – JV
Tom Schwan	Football – Freshman Assistant
Jeff Page	Football – Freshman
Colleen Westphal	Football – Cheerleading - Varsity
Katie Kosalowski	Football – Cheerleading – JV
Dave Wellington	Golf
Roy Pfeil	Soccer – Boys Varsity
Kay Kramer	Soccer – Boys JV
Richard Battenhausen	Soccer – Boys Modified
Brian Bold	Soccer – Girls Varsity
Penny McDonnell	Soccer – Girls JV
Geoff Leggieri	Soccer – Girls Freshman
Matt Turner	Swimming – Girls
Karen Layton	Tennis – Varsity Girls
Julie Schumacher	Tennis – JV Girls
Paul Sander	Volleyball – Boys Varsity
Brad Thomas	Volleyball – Boys JV
Gary Bynon	Volleyball - Girls Varsity
Melissa Armstrong	Volleyball – Girls JV
Sue Gestwick	Volleyball – Girls Freshman

**Volunteer Coach:**

Lisa Ball	Field Hockey – Varsity
Paul McDonnell	Football – Varsity
Rich Snyder	Football – Varsity
David Ball	Football – JV
Jeff Tope	Football – JV
Jon George	Football – Freshman
Ed Guthrie	Soccer – Girls Varsity
Mike Sardella	Volleyball – Boys Varsity
Caitlin Ross	Volleyball – Girls

Motion carried 6-0

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Blowers moved and Ms. Herkenham seconded the approval of the authorization to join CAPSBA for 2011-12.

Motion carried 6-0

Ms. Herkenham moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the approval of BOCES Classroom Rental & Ancillary Service Agreements.

Motion carried 6-0

**Patre Kuziak arrived at 7:50 PM**

Mr. Farmer moved and Ms. Mertzluft seconded the approval of the recommendation of 2011-12 Tax Rates.

Motion carried 7-0

Ms. Mertzluft moved and Ms. Kuziak seconded the approval of the Inter-Municipal Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Ballston.

Motion carried 7-0

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

Motion carried 7-0

**NYSSBA Conference**

The NYSSBA Conference will be held in Buffalo this year. Currently the plan is to have five Board members and the Superintendent attend sessions on both Friday & Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Plans will be made for accommodations for two nights as needed.

**SCSBA (Saratoga County School Boards Association)**

Jim Schultz put information in the Board packet about joining the Saratoga County School Boards Association as we have in the past. We joined last year and paid a fee that was offset by an award to one of our students. Each district receives an amount designated to be awarded to a student in the participating school district. Board members agreed that we should participate and BH-BL will consider hosting one of the meetings.

**Community Foundation**

This discussion was tabled until further information is available from Elizabeth Herkenham.

**Construction Update**

Jackie St.Onge provided an update on construction projects at the High School, Charlton Heights, and Stevens. At Charlton Heights, the new electrical service installation has been completed, new windows are being installed, asbestos abatement is occurring for next year's boiler replacement and the septic system is being updated with new pumps and lines. At Stevens, the new boiler is being built and new plumbing, electrical and mechanical work is being completed to all classrooms and other areas of the building. Septic system work has been completed at Stevens. Roofing that was scheduled for Stevens will be delayed until next summer due to issues at the High School. At the High School the roofing is almost complete. However, there is a problem with the rubber roofing material which is being investigated by our architects. The manufacturer has been contacted and we are waiting for a resolution. The windows are almost complete with the final trim being done currently. The demolition work on the pool area is almost complete and structural steel work is beginning. We had our summer help paint all of the transit panels surrounding the new windows (200 plus units) and they did a great job. They are BH-BL graduates who are working temporarily for the summer and then return to college. Paving has started at the High School and is expected to be

completed within two weeks.

### **Opening Day Tour**

Jim Schultz reminded the Board members that the Opening Day Tour is scheduled for Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and details will follow.

### **New Staff Welcome**

Joe Pericone will connect with Kate Gurley to discuss ideas for the celebration to welcome our new staff.

### **Strategic Objectives/Goal**

A document was handed out with both the 2010-11 District Strategic Objectives and a proposed draft of District Strategic Objectives for the upcoming year. There was a lot of discussion about the objectives and a good exchange of ideas, thoughts, and suggestions. An attempt will be made to incorporate these suggestions into another draft proposal.

### **Reports & Communications**

- Jackie St. Onge reported that we have a potential donor for our pool timing system who wishes to remain anonymous. The system has been bid and awarded as an alternate under our construction work at the High School. It is state aidable and we are looking for funding for the local share.
- Elizabeth Herkenham is working on grant opportunities that would align with our district strategic objectives.
- Will Farmer discussed following up on ideas from the recent Board Retreat about having all bargaining units involved in Culture: Team: Data initiatives and reporting out at Board meetings. He wants to continue pursuing the Community Foundation and feels that we will need to aggressively market this approach to our community.
- Lee-Ann Mertzlufft and High School Principal Maryellen Symer visited Chris Gibson's office to present some of the challenges that BH-BL is currently facing due to budgetary constraints. Due to cutbacks at the State level, we have lost our Student Resource Officer (SRO) Trooper Healy and cutbacks in our school budget have resulted in the loss of security monitors. We are seeking help to improve security at our schools.
- Rick Evans reported that the Math and ELA Grade 3-8 results have been announced and he will put the information in the Board packet. BH-BL shows improvements in many areas. He participated in a meeting to offer opportunities for our students to participate in learning Chinese as part of a six week program. Five students participated this summer and there will be additional opportunities in the upcoming school year.
- Jim Schultz reported that our real estate agent Tracy Metzger is working with the town on reassessment of the Hostetter property. He told the Board that BH-BL is working on the new APPR requirements and had a full day session on Monday. He wants to give Board members a sense of the scope of this state mandate. The district committee has met and is already making recommendations. One of the acceptable models is the Danielson model which we already use in our school district.

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

Mr. Blowers moved and Ms. Mertzlufft seconded a return to regular session.

Mr. Blowers moved and Mr. Farmer seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline St. Onge  
Clerk of the Board