



July 14, 2009
Presiding: Neil Bonesteel

*Minutes of Board of Education Meeting
Miller Hill School - Library*

- Members Present: Neil Bonesteel
Chris Foster
Jennie Glasser
Pamela Tatar
Steven Valente (arrived at 6:30 p.m. absent for Exec. Session -
left 7:45 p.m.)
Jessica Zweig
- Members Absent: Patrick McKenna
- Others Present: Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Josephine P. Moccia
Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Sharon Lawrence
Assistant Superintendent for Business: Michael Ouimet
District personnel
Community members

***Grievance hearing in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. Miller Hill School – District Office
Conference Room.***

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommend an executive session to discuss:

- proposed, pending or current litigation;
 collective negotiations under the Taylor Law;
 the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation;
 matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
 the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;
 other [specify] _____

Advance agenda for a Board of Education meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., July 14, 2009 at the Miller Hill School Library.

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance Neil Bonesteel
- II. Superintendent’s Report PUBLIC COMMENT
- III. Public comment limited to topics on this evenings agenda. Those wishing to address the Board were asked to complete the request form and submit it to the Board in order to be recognized by the Board of Education President. Comments were limited to three minutes per speaker.

CONSENT AGENDA

- IV. Consent agenda - move to approve the consent agenda as listed A-D
Although Board action is required, it is generally unnecessary to hold discussion on these items. With the consent of all members, they are therefore grouped and approval is given in one motion. In the event a Board member wants to discuss any item, it is moved to an appropriate place on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of June 23, 2009.

B. Financial Recommendations

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the Claims Audit Report for June 2009.
2. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services Contract for North Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$11,034.48 for 24 students attending non-public schools.
3. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services Contract for East Greenbush Central School District in the amount of \$4,276.60 for 10 students attending non-public schools.
4. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services contract for the Guilderland Central School District in the amount of \$1,383.36 for 4 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
5. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services contract for the Greenwich Central School District in the amount of \$691.68 for 2 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
6. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services contract for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District in the amount of \$345.84 for one student attending Robert C. Parker School.
7. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services contract for the Troy City School District in the amount of \$3,804.24 for 11 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
8. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services contract for the Brittonkill Central School District in the amount of \$3,804.24 for 11 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
9. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services contract for the Bethlehem Central School District in the amount of \$3,804.24 for 11 students attending Robert C. Parker School.

10. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services contract for the New Lebanon Central School District in the amount of \$691.68 for 2 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
11. RESOLVED, to approve the 2008-09 Health Services contract for the East Greenbush Central School District in the amount of \$3,804.24 for 11 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
12. RESOLVED, to approve the surplus of a 2004 Dell Latitude D800 laptop computer, serial number 9NR2551 with a value of \$250.
13. RESOLVED, to approve the sale of a surplus Dell Latitude D800 laptop computer, serial number 9NR2551, for the fair market value of \$250.
14. RESOLVED, to approve budget transfers as presented for ordinary contingent expenditures necessary to maintain the educational program or necessary to preserve property or ensure the health and safety of students or staff.

C. Routine Personnel Actions

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board took action on routine resignations, appointments, leaves and terminations.

1. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Krista Locci, teaching assistant, effective July 1, 2009.
2. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Richard Abbatiello as Varsity Tennis Coach, effective June 25, 2009.
3. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Nathan Luskin as Freshman Girls' Soccer Coach, effective June 24, 2009.
4. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Christopher LeGare as Freshman Girls' Volleyball Coach, effective July 7, 2009.
5. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Meghan Sickles as Junior Varsity Football and Basketball Cheerleading Coach, effective July 6, 2009.
6. RESOLVED, to approve Suzette Hawsey as a substitute teacher for the 2009 Special Education Summer Program, effective July 6, 2009 through August 14, 2009.
7. RESOLVED, to approve the probationary appointment of Megan Beauchamp as 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance, effective September 1, 2009. The appointment should be Step 2, Masters Schedule.

8. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in assignment for Lisa Guthiel from .2 FTE Teacher of the Visually Impaired to .3 FTE Teacher of the Visually Impaired, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 (*This position is funded by IDEA Section 611*).
9. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Richard Abbatiello and Derek Minkler as Co-Varsity Girls' Tennis Coaches (*sharing one stipend*), effective August 24, 2009.
10. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Christopher LeGare as Head Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach, effective August 24, 2009.
11. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Nathan Luskin as Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach, effective August 24, 2009.
12. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Erin Schoonmaker as Freshman Girls' Soccer Coach, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance, effective August 24, 2009.
13. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Emily Brown as Freshman Girls' Volleyball Coach, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance, effective August 24, 2009.
14. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Meghan Sickles as Varsity Football Cheerleading Coach, effective August 24, 2009.
15. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Meghan Sickles as Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Coach, effective November 2, 2009.
16. RESOLVED, to approve the following Technology Integration Assistants for the 2009~2010 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:
 - Terry Miller - Averill Park High School
 - Mike Blostein - Averill Park High School
 - Courtney Mahar - Algonquin Middle School
 - Peter Ross - Algonquin Middle School
 - Kerry Lajeunesse - George Washington
 - Michelle McComb - Miller Hill/Sand Lake Elementary School
 - Jeanne Seel - Miller Hill/Sand Lake Elementary School
 - Charlene Foster - Poestenkill Elementary School
 - Melissa Weatherwax - Poestenkill Elementary School
 - David Linden-Darrow - West Sand Lake Elementary School
 - David Riccomini - West Sand Lake Elementary School
17. RESOLVED, to approve the following Curriculum Council Leaders for the 2009~2010 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:
 - Cherise Anadio - Kindergarten

Kim Culnan - Grade 1
 Lianne Thompson - Grade 2
 Joanne Kelly - Grade 3
 Cara Victor - Grade 4
 Kathy Benson - Grade 5
 Margaret Carucci - 6-8 Mathematics
 Michael Cavotta – 6-8 Science
 Sharon Conroy - 6-8 Social Studies
 Beth Magill - 6-8 English-Language Arts
 Barbara Glasser - 6-8 Special Education
 Denise Smith - 9-12 Mathematics
 Tom Ladd - 9-12 Science
 Jim McPartlin - 9-12 Social Studies
 Dan Fairchild - 9-12 English-Language Arts
 Joanne Richardson - 9-12 Special Education
 Jeffrey Brown - 6-12 Co-Foreign Language
 Cathy Caruso - 6-12 Co-Foreign Language
 Kierstin Lambright - 6-12 Business, Technology
 Mary Pat Wager - K-12 Art
 Jen Yost - K-12 Library
 Mike Blostein - K-12 Music
 Linda Muller - K-12 Co-Physical Education
 William Roemer - K-12 Co-Physical Education
 John Svatek - Tech Paths Support

18. RESOLVED, to approve the following Team Leaders for the 2009~2010 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Grade 6 - Jody Beebie, Catherine Reinisch
 Grade 7 - Christopher Anderson, Cindy Dowd (Co), Elizabeth Mainella (Co)
 Grade 8 - Eric Weidman, Ted Mosher

19. RESOLVED, to approve the following extracurricular advisorships for Algonquin Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

All-County Band	Scott Stacey, Diane Baltazar
All-County Chorus	Andrea Tonkin
Art Club	Michael Lewandowski, Jennifer Doyle
Director (2)	Andrea Tonkin Elizabeth Maloney (sharing 1/3 of the stipend) Michael Lewandowski (sharing 2/3 of the stipend)
Assistant Director	Peter Ross
Bookstore	Carol Winkley
NYSSMA	Karin Haldeman, Diane Baltazar, Andrea Tonkin, Scott Stacey
Odyssey of the Mind Coach	Diane Svatek
Olympics of the Visual Arts Coach	Jennifer Doyle, Michael Lewandowski

Parades	Scott Stacey
Select Chorus	Andrea Tonkin
Service Club	Carol Winkley
Set Design	Courtney Mahar
Stage Band (Jazz Ensemble) -	Scott Stacey
Student Government	Kristen Juchem
Wind Ensemble/ Chamber Orchestra	Karin Haldeman (chamber orchestra) Diane Baltazar (chamber wind)
Yearbook	Richard Wynne, Ted Mosher

20. RESOLVED, to approve the following extracurricular non-stipend advisorships for Algonquin Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year:

Culinary Club	Carol Winkley
Intramurals	Michael Cavotta
Poetry Club	Elizabeth Mainella
SAT Prep	Philomena Valente
Sewing Club	Carol Winkley
Spelling Bee	Maryann Reese
Strategy Games Club	Wesley Williams
Team Building Coordinator	Barbara Glasser

21. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Ann McAvoy as Career Day Coordinator for Algonquin Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.

22. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Nancy Richtol and Cathy Nicolas as CARES Co-Coordinators for the 2009-2010 school year.

23. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Kathryn Dorgan as CSE Subcommittee Chairperson for Algonquin Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year.

24. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Tracy Hacker as CSE Subcommittee Chairperson for Averill Park High School for the 2009-2010 school year.

25. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Wendy Prout as Mentor Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year.

26. RESOLVED, to approve the following extracurricular advisorships for Averill Park High School for the 2009-2010 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Grade 11 Advisor	Ed DiMartino
Grade 10 Advisor	Kim LaChapelle
Grade 9 Advisor	Nancy Klepsch
AV Coordinator	Bray Engel
Art Club	Logan Kline

Career Day Coordinator	Rit Aldi
Drama Club	Matt McKeeby
Drama Production(s)	Matt McKeeby
Set Design	Allen Kirk
Gay-Straight Alliance	Jon Zehnder
Graduation Video Production Coordinator	Bray Engel
Horticulture Club	Olga Ashline
Japanese Club	Susannah Graziano
Key Club	Olga Ashline
Mastermind Trivia Club	Dan Fairchild
Mr. AP Production	Kierstin Lambright
National Honor Society	Susan Sardi, Kelly Stone
NYSSMA Solo Competition	Michael Blostein, Sabrina Manna, Gerald Zaffuts
All County Festival	Michael Blostein, Sabrina Manna, Gerald Zaffuts
Area All-State (Music)	Michael Blostein, Sabrina Manna, Gerald Zaffuts
Odyssey of the Mind District Liaison	Terry Miller
Odyssey of the Mind Coach	Terry Miller, Nicole Freeman
SADD	Johanna Flanigan
School Newspaper	Michael Strich
Student Government	Patricia Pultorak
Varsity Club	William Roemer, Matthew Hirschhoff
Volunteer Club	Nancy Gypson
WAPH (TV)	Bray Engel, Ed DiMartino
Yearbook	Amy Valenti

27. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of David Linden-Darrow as Yearbook Advisor for the West Sand Lake Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
28. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Gregg Fox as an Assistive Technology Integration Specialist for the 2009-2010 school year.
29. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Doug Cramer as a Technology Integration Assistant for the 2009-2010 school year.
30. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of John Svatek as a Technology Integration Assistant for the 2009-2010 school year.
31. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Stacy May Hollister as a home instructor.

32. RESOLVED, to approve the a change in appointment of Colleen Catlin as food service helper for 3 hours per day, from temporary to probationary, effective September 8, 2009.
33. RESOLVED, to approve to amend the appointment of Gerald Grossman as microcomputer technician from a 10 month position to 12 month, .8 FTE (part-time).
34. RESOLVED, to approve a change in appointment for Matthew Albanese as cleaner from probationary to permanent, effective July 15, 2009.
35. RESOLVED, to approve a change in appointment for Douglas Kenney as cleaner from probationary to permanent, effective July 15, 2009.
36. RESOLVED, to approve a change in appointment for Roger Wood as custodial worker from probationary to permanent, effective July 15, 2009.
37. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance:
 - Andrew Smead – cleaner
 - Charles Dodge – head groundskeeper
 - David Gummer – groundskeeper
 - Nathan Brown – groundskeeper
 - Daniel Covell - groundskeeper

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- D. RESOLVED, to accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education as a result of their meeting on June 16 and 23, 2009; Sub-Committee on Special Education as a result of their meetings on June 11 and 17, 2009. Accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education as a result of their meetings on June 17 and 18, 2009. RESOLVED, to accept IEP Amendments ID#000203339, ID#000207329, ID#000019761, ID#000207182, ID#000207130, ID#000017653, ID#000206439, ID#000018611, and ID#000201192 per the new State Education Guidelines.

On a motion by Mrs. Tatar, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve consent agenda items A-D.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- V. RESOLVED, to approve to adjust the 2009-2010 school calendar to include October 27, 2009 as a half day of school for grades K-12 as a Superintendent Conference Day.

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to approve to adjust the 2009-2010 school calendar to include October 27, 2009 as a half day of school for grades K-12 as a Superintendent Conference Day.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- VI. RESOLVED, to approve the registration and related expenses for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2009-10 school year to attend the NYSCOSS Fall and Mid-winter conferences at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

On a motion by Mrs. Tatar, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve the registration and related expenses for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2009-10 school year to attend the NYSCOSS Fall and Mid-winter conferences at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- VII. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve Pioneer Commercial Bank, Troy, New York to be designated as an authorized depository of the Averill Park Central School District, as per the attached.

On a motion by Mr. Valente, seconded by Mrs. Glasser, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve Pioneer Commercial Bank, Troy, New York to be designated as an authorized depository of the Averill Park Central School District, as per the attached.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- VIII. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorize the issuance of \$812,000 serial bonds of the Averill Park Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, for the purchase of school buses, as per the attached.

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to approve that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorize the issuance of \$812,000 serial bonds of the Averill Park Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, for the purchase of school buses, as per the attached.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- IX. RESOLVED, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between The Averill Park Central School District and The Averill Park Teachers' Association regarding compensation for Teachers, Nurses and Teaching Assistants who work the District's summer program.

On the motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Mr. Valente, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between The Averill Park Central School District and The Averill Park Teachers' Association regarding compensation for Teachers, Nurses and Teaching Assistants who work the District's summer program.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- X. RESOLVED, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between The Averill Park Central School District and The Averill Park Teachers' Association regarding eligibility for the retirement incentive.

On a motion by Mrs. Tatar, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between The Averill Park Central School District and The Averill Park Teachers' Association regarding eligibility for the retirement incentive.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- XI. Board Member Reports

- XII. Visitors were invited to ask questions or to make brief comments to the Board. Those wishing to address the Board were asked to complete the request form and submit it to the Board in order to be recognized by the Board of Education President. Comments were limited to three minutes per speaker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Board moved to go into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m., in accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 5111, Article 7 and Subdivision E & F of the Laws of 1977 and Formal Opinion of Counsel No. 239, Paragraph B to discuss the following checked items:

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- XIII. Executive Session

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_____ collective negotiations under the Taylor Law;

X the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation;

_____ matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion,

discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;

_____ the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;

_____ other [specify] _____

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Mrs. Tatar, to return to regular session at 8:15 p.m.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Mrs. Tatar, to adjourn meeting at 8:16 p.m.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- XIV. *Information Items:*
2009-2010 Board Meeting Schedule

2008-2009 Budget Transfers of \$10,000 or less - 6/19/09-7/9/09
Board & Administrator Newsletter – For School Board Members - July 2009
NYSSBA 90th Annual convention & Trade Show Information – October 15-18, 2009
LifeTrack Report

Michael Ouimet, District Clerk

Board Approved: 07/28/09