



Minutes of the Board of Education
Averill Park High School – Auditorium

March 23, 2010
Presiding: Neil Bonesteel

Members Present: Neil Bonesteel
Chris Foster
Peter Schaefer
Pamela Tatar
Steve Valente
Jessica Zweig
Member Absent: Jennie Glasser
Tylor Diehl, Student Ex-Officio
Others Present: Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Josephine P. Moccia
Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Sharon Lawrence
Assistant Superintendent for Business: Michael Ouimet

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on March 23, 2010 at the Averill Park High School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance Neil Bonesteel

Executive Session EXECUTIVE SESSION

Recommended 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;

X 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] _____

II. Presentation PRESENTATION

Bob Stuhlmaker, NYSPHSAA, presented our boys' indoor track team a banner to be hung in the gymnasium and a certificate in honor of their recognition as a State Scholar Athlete Team.

III. Superintendent's Report

- Budget Presentation

PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. 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

- V. Consent agenda - move to approve the consent agenda as listed A-E
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.

A. RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2010 and March 9, 2010.

B. Financial Recommendations FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RESOLVED, to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February 2010.
2. 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.
3. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the donation from Dr. Josephine P. Moccia for purchase of hotel accommodations in Potsdam for the Girls Varsity Basketball team valued at \$643.
4. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the donation from The Sennett Family for art equipment and supplies in memory of their son, Andrew Sennett, a 2007 graduate of Averill Park High School, valued at \$940.
5. RESOLVED, to approve to accept student field trip and art lab fees in the amount of \$2,010, increasing the General Fund budget by this amount (A2110400200002, \$1,950 and A2110450101202, \$60).
6. RESOLVED, to approve to accept driver education fees in the amount of \$12,010, increasing the General Fund Budget (A233040010) by this amount.
7. RESOLVED, to approve to accept student field trip, art lab and lost book fees in the amount of \$598.60, increasing the General Fund budget by this amount (A2110400200002, \$520), (A2610460100002, \$58.60), and (A2110450101202, \$20).
8. RESOLVED, to approve to accept a mini grant from Target, Inc. in the amount of \$300, increasing the General Fund budget by this amount (A2110400200002).
9. RESOLVED, to approve to accept student field trip fees in the amount of \$1,500 for NYSPHAA Basketball Regional transportation, increasing the General Fund budget (A2855400900000) by this amount.

10. RESOLVED, to approve to accept a donation from the Algonquin Middle School Athletic Club in the amount of \$25,103 for the purpose of purchasing a Rockwerx rock climbing wall, increasing the General Fund budget by this amount (A2855200000000, \$22,753) and (A1620400230000, \$2,350).
11. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Albany City School District in the amount of \$6,679.81 for 17 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
12. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Bethlehem Central School District in the amount of \$4,715.16 for 12 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
13. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Brittonkill Central School District in the amount of \$392.93 for 1 student attending Robert C. Parker School.
14. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Chatham Central School District in the amount of \$1,571.72 for 4 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
15. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the East Greenbush Central School District in the amount of \$4,322.23 for 11 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
16. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Greenwich Central School District in the amount of \$785.86 for 2 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
17. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Guilderland Central School District in the amount of \$1,571.72 for 4 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
18. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Ichabod Crane Central School District in the amount of \$3,143.44 for 8 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
19. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Lansingburgh Central School District in the amount of \$1,964.65 for 5 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
20. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the New Lebanon Central School District in the amount of \$785.86 for 2 students attending Robert C. Parker School.

21. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the North Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$785.86 for 2 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
22. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the North Greenbush Central School District in the amount of \$392.93 for one student attending Robert C. Parker School.
23. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District in the amount of \$392.93 for one student attending Robert C. Parker School.
24. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Rensselaer City School District in the amount of \$785.86 for 2 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
25. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Cohoes City School District in the amount of \$392.93 for one student attending Robert C. Parker School.
26. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Troy City School District in the amount of \$2,750.51 for 7 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
27. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Scotia-Glenville Central School District in the amount of \$392.93 for one student attending Robert C. Parker School.
28. RESOLVED, to approve the 2009-10 Health Services contract for the Wynantskill Union Free School District in the amount of \$392.93 for one student attending Robert C. Parker School.
29. **RESOLVED** that the Board Of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby approves the request for withdrawal of the following bid for the \$13.1M EXCEL Aid Facilities Project No.'s 49-13-02-06-0- 009-007, 017-005, 010-004, 002-004, 004-004, 006-007 and Bus Garage Project No. 49-13-02-06-5-016-003 on the recommendation of the Owner's Representative, Architect and the Superintendent:

Contract

Contractor

Contract No. 06
Electrical

Stilsing Electric, Inc.

Be it further resolved that the district's owner's representative and architect are directed to draft and prepare the necessary documents to award to the next lowest responsible bidder.

30. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby awards the following contract and authorizes Neil R. Bonesteel, Board President, to execute a contract between the District and the following contractor for the Emergency Power Project as part of the \$13.1M EXCEL Aid Facilities Project No.'s 49-13-02-06-0-009-007, 017-005, 010-004, 002-004, 004-004, 006-007 and Bus Garage Project No. 49-13-02-06-5-016-003 on the recommendation of the Owner's Representative, Architect and the Superintendent:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Electrical Contract No. 06	Schenectady Hardware & Electric Co., Inc Base	\$220,158.00
	Alternate No. 1	\$ 97,800.00
	Alternate No. 2	<u>\$ 19,024.00</u>
	Total	\$336,982.00
Total Bids Awarded		\$336,982.00

Be it further resolved that the school district administration, owner's representative, architect and legal counsel are directed to draft and execute necessary documents to commence construction on the Project.

C. Routine Personnel Actions

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. RESOLVED, to approve a one-year unpaid leave of absence for Paul Russell as custodian, effective March 17, 2010.
2. RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Stacey Walczak as school bus driver from May 3 through May 7, 2010.
3. Approve the termination of Timothy Foster as building maintenance mechanic, effective March 19, 2010.
4. RESOLVED, to approve the probationary appointment of Margaret Simmons as custodian, effective February 6, 2010.
5. RESOLVED, to approve the reinstatement of Garry Stone as custodial worker, effective February 6, 2010.
6. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Vincent Cardella as school bus driver from 4.75 to 5.25 hours per day, effective March 29, 2010.
7. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Laurie Ockenholt as school bus attendant from 4.75 to 5.25 hours per day, effective March 29, 2010.
8. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Sharon Santacroce as a home instructor, effective March 24, 2010.
9. RESOLVED, to approve a decrease in assignment for Elizabeth Finn from .4 FTE teacher on assignment for the Service Learning Program to .3 FTE

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teacher on assignment for the Service Learning Program, effective March 29, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

10. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance:
Dawn Kerber – school bus driver

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

D. Special Education Recommendations

RESOLVED, to accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education as a result of their meeting on February 22, March 11 and 15, 2010 and the recommendations made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education as a result of their meetings on March 15, 2010.

RESOLVED, to accept the withdrawals of CSE referral ID# 000309011 and ID# 000301092 per Part 200 regulations. Accept IEP Amendments ID# 000309010 as per new State Education Guidelines. Approve Ann Frankel, Parent Member, to the Committee on Special Education for the 2009-2010 school year.

EXTENDED TRIP APPROVED

- E. RESOLVED, to approve an extended trip for seventh and eighth grade French and Spanish students to travel to Paris, France and Barcelona, Spain April 16-23, 2011.

On a motion by Ms. Zweig, seconded by Mr. Schaefer, to approve consent agenda A-E (with the exception of Item V. C. 3. to be held for Executive Session).

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

VI. Budget – Discussion

BUDGET DISCUSSION

- VII. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education approves the Bus Proposition to be placed before the voters on May 18, 2010.

PROPOSITION

Purchase of School Buses

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Averill Park Central School District, is hereby authorized: to purchase (12) twelve school buses at a total maximum estimated cost of \$851,018; to raise such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and to issue obligations of said School District in anticipation of the collection of such tax or in its discretion to finance all or any part of such purchase by entering into an installment purchase contract pursuant to the general municipal law.

BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION APPROVED

On a motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Tatar, to approve the Proposition to purchase (12) twelve school buses at a total maximum estimated cost of \$851,018; to raise such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and to issue obligations of said School District in anticipation of the collection of such tax or in its discretion to finance all or any part of such purchase by entering into an installment purchase contract pursuant to the general municipal law.

YES: 5

NO: 1 (Valente)

Motion Carried

VIII. Board Member Reports

IX. Visitor Comments

VISITOR COMMENTS

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

On a motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Ms. Zweig, the Board moved to go into Executive Session at 11:10 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: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

X. Executive Session

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proposed, pending or current litigation;

collective negotiations under the Taylor Law;

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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 Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to return to regular session at 12:20 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Mrs. Tatar, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve Consent Agenda Item V. C. 3.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

XI. Information Items:

2009-2010 Board Meeting Schedule

Policy #6644 ~ Inventory, Accounting or Fixed Assets, and Tracking Policy – (place in policy binder)

Memorandum from Superintendent Regarding Studies and Requests for Proposals

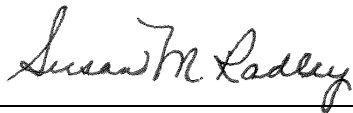
ADJOURN MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Valente, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to adjourn meeting at 12:21 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried



Susan M. Radley, District Clerk