

Minutes of the Board of Education
Averill Park High School

January 11, 2011
Presiding: Neil Bonesteel

Members Present: Neil Bonesteel
Chris Foster
Jennie Glasser
Peter Schaefer
Pamela Tatar
Jessica Zweig

Member Absent: William Reinhardt

Student Ex-Officio Member Kyle Gicewicz

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Josephine P. Moccia
Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Sharon Lawrence
Assistant Superintendent for Business: Michael Ouimet

6:00 p.m. – Conference Call with Mark Walsh – 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;
- X other [specify] TAS – Mark Walsh

A meeting of the Board of Education was held at 6:30 p.m., January 11, 2011 at the Averill Park High School – *Board Room*.

I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance 6:35 p.m. Neil Bonesteel

PUBLIC HEARING

II. Public Hearing – The Averill Park Central School District (District) Board of Education will consider the transfer of excess funds from the District’s Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve to its Retirement Contribution Reserve.

WHEREAS, section 6-r of the General Municipal Law allows a school board to establish a reserve fund to be known as the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of financing retirement contributions; and

WHEREAS, “retirement contribution” is defined as all or any portion of the amount payable by a school district to the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the Averill Park Central School District Board of Education desires to establish a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund for such purposes;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: The Averill Park Central School District Board of Education hereby establishes a fund to be known as the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund effective immediately, to be initially funded in the amount of \$1,550,958 from the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve Fund and further contributions from future budgetary appropriations or raised by taxes; or from such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account; or transfers from other reserve funds as permitted by law, provided, that any such transfer shall only be made by resolution of the Board adopted after a public hearing held on at least fifteen days prior published notice in the official newspaper(s) of the district to be used in accordance with applicable laws for the purpose of paying retirement contributions. Monies in such Reserve Fund may be appropriated only by Board resolution and may be expended only to pay any portion of the retirement contributions due to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System pursuant to the retirement and social security law, or as otherwise provided by law;

Hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

III. Superintendent's Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. Public comment limited to topics on this evenings' agenda. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

V. 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.

MINUTES APPROVED

A. RESOLVED, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2010.

B. Financial Recommendations

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the Claims Audit Report for December 2010.
2. RESOLVED, to approve the Treasurer's reports for the month of November.
3. RESOLVED, to approve to accept budget transfers, as presented, for ordinary contingent expenditures necessary to maintain the educational

program, to preserve property or to ensure the health and safety of students or staff.

4. RESOLVED, to approve the Budget Status Report and Revenue Status Report for January 2011.
5. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the donation of a violin valued at \$300 from Frank Ramsey, III for use in the High School Orchestra Program.
6. RESOLVED, to approve a resolution to establish a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund, to be initially funded in the amount of \$1,550,958 by a transfer from the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve Fund, as per the attached.
7. RESOLVED, to approve the 2010-11 Health Services Contract for the Wynantskill Union Free School District in the amount of \$12,272.25 for 25 students attending non-public schools.

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 for retirement purpose of Kathryn Benson, Elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2011. Mrs. Benson has been with the district for 24 years.
2. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Christopher Mazzeo as Head Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, effective December 28, 2010.
3. RESOLVED, to approve to extend the appointment of Kelly Post as an extended term substitute elementary teacher, effective February 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.
4. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Joanne Goodermote as CARES substitute, effective January 3, 2011 through June 30, 2011.
5. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Karie Mancino as Medicaid Compliance Officer for the 2010-2011 school year and accept December 9, 2010 meeting summary.
6. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Jody St. Pierre as teacher aide from 2.25 to 6 hours per day, effective January 3, 2011.
7. RESOLVED, to approve a decrease in hours for Jody St. Pierre as child care worker from 4 to 1.75 hours per day, effective January 3, 2011.
8. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Karie Mancino as typist assigned to administrator/supervisor from 6 to 7.5 hours per day, effective January 17, 2011.

9. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Sandra LaScala as school bus attendant from 5 to 5.25 hours per day, effective January 17, 2011.
10. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Michael LaScala as school bus driver from 5.25 to 5.5 hours per day, effective January 17, 2011.
11. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance:
 - Ashley King - teacher aide, school monitor, child care worker, food service worker
 - Ruth Sutton - teacher aide, school monitor
 - Tracy Schwarz - teacher aide
 - Dominic Bondi - teacher
 - James Carpentier - teacher
 - Megan Dahl - teacher

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- D. RESOLVED, to accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education as a result of their meetings on December 1, 13 and 14, 2010. RESOLVED, to accept IEP Amendments – No Meeting – ID#000305259, ID#000208006 and ID#000205281 as per new State Education Guidelines.

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

- VI. Presentations
 - A. Student Support Services
 - B. Budget Guidelines and Debt Service

- VII. Board Member Reports

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- VIII. Visitor Comments

VISITOR COMMENTS

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 Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Board moved to go into Executive Session at 8:11 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

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X. Information Items:

2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule

December 2010 ~ News from Averill Park Central School District

Board & Administrator Newsletter for School Board Members – December 2010

The State Education Department Memorandum of November 5, 2010 – Mandatory School Board Training

Tech Valley High School Newsletter ~ December 2010

Budget Transfers of \$10,000 or less

Budget Presentation

On a motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mrs. Glasser, to return to regular session at 9:38 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

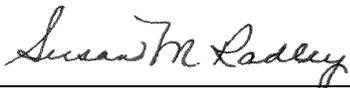
Motion Carried

On a motion by Mrs. Zweig, seconded by Mr. Foster, to adjourn meeting at 9:38 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried



Susan M. Radley, District Clerk

Board Approved: 01/25/11