



Minutes of the Board of Education
Averill Park High School

January 25, 2011
Presiding: Neil Bonesteel

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

Student Ex-Officio Member: Kyle Gicewicz (*excused*)

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Josephine P. Moccia
Assistant Superintendent for Business: Michael Ouimet
Jeff Honeywell, School Attorney – *Executive Session only*
Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Sharon Lawrence (*excused to attend Forum on High School Graduation Standards*)

6:00 p.m. – 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;
- _____ 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] Parent Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Education was held at 6:30 p.m., January 25, 2011 at the Averill Park High School – *Board Room*.

- 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-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.

MINUTES APPROVED

A. RESOLVED, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2011.

B. Financial Recommendations

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RESOLVED, to approve to accept a donation from Dr. Peter DeWitt in the amount of \$100.00 and increase the General Fund budget by this amount (A2110450100004).
2. RESOLVED, to approve to accept a donation from Mrs. Colleen Gomes in the amount of \$120.00 and increase the General Fund budget by this amount (A2110450100002).
3. RESOLVED, to approve to accept student art lab fees in the amount of \$20.00 and increase the General Fund budget by this amount (A2110450101202).
4. RESOLVED, to approve to declare the attached listed of textbooks as obsolete and without any resale value and authorize their disposal.
5. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2010.
6. RESOLVED, to approve the 2010-2011 Health Services Contract with North Greenbush Common School District for 17 students attending non-public schools.
7. Whereas the Averill Park Central School District, the Ballston Spa Central School District, the Bethlehem Central School District, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District, the East Greenbush Central School District, the Guilderland Central School District, the Mohonasen Central School District, the Niskayuna Central School District, the North Colonie Central School District, the Saratoga Springs City School District, the Shenendehowa Central School District, the South Colonie Central School District, can achieve savings by cooperating in bidding for and purchasing services for the reconditioning of interscholastic football equipment.

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into a written agreement for the purpose of memorializing the terms of their municipal cooperation arrangement.

BE IT RESOLVED,

This Board of Education approves execution of the Municipal Cooperation Agreement for the Purchase of Services for the Reconditioning of Interscholastic Football Equipment, in the form attached hereto, effective immediately.

C. Routine Personnel Actions

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Nicholas Pendergast as teaching assistant, effective January 7, 2011 through April 1, 2011.
2. RESOLVED, to approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for Cynthia Ainsley as food service helper, effective January 31, 2011.
3. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Nicholas Pendergast as an extended term substitute 1.0 FTE Special Education teacher, effective January 10, 2011 through April 1, 2011. The appointment should be Step 1, Masters Schedule.
4. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Jenna Hughes as an extended term substitute 1.0 FTE Grade 6 teacher, effective approximately February 7, 2011 through June 30, 2011. The appointment should be Step 1, Bachelors Schedule.
5. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes for the Mentor Program at the substitute daily rate of 1/200th of Masters Schedule, Step 1 for the 2010-2011 school year: Denise Smith, Jason Mutford
6. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Michael Whaley as custodian from probationary to permanent, effective February 9, 2011.
7. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Ann Kenney as school bus driver from 5.5 to 5.75 hours per day, effective January 31, 2011.
8. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Rita Carignan as school bus driver from 5.75 to 6 hours per day, effective January 31, 2011.
9. RESOLVED, to approve the probationary appointment of Cynthia Ainsley as teacher aide for 2.25 hours per day, effective January 31, 2011.
10. RESOLVED, to approve the probationary appointment of Shelley Nichols as teacher aide for 3 hours per day, effective January 31, 2011.
11. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance:
Thomas Jackson - cleaner
Michael Malatesta – cleaner
Megan O’Shea – CARES Instructor

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- D. RESOLVED, to accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education as a result of their meetings on January 4, 2011. Accept IEP

Amendments – No Meeting – ID#000207090, ID#000019761 and ID#000207097 as per new State Education Guidelines.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES APPROVED

E. RESOLVED, to approve the following High School courses to be offered beginning in the 2011-2012 school year with existing staff:

Art: Contemporary Graphic Design

Art: Advanced Digital Art

English/Technology: Introduction to Technical Writing

Social Studies: Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics

Technology: Engineering Applications

Science: Topics in Biology – The Gene (HVCC Biology 105 – 3 credit hours)

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to accept consent agenda items A-E.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion Carried

V. Presentation

A. Review of Elementary, Special Education, Technology, and Operations and Maintenance Budgets – *Postponed until February 8, 2011*

VI. Board Member Reports

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

VII. 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.

On a motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mrs. Tatar, to move to go into Executive Session at 7:15 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: 7

NO: 0

Motion Carried

VIII. Executive Session

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other [specify] _____

IX. Information Items:

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On a motion by Ms. Glasser, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to return to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

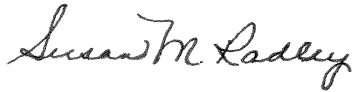
Motion Carried

On a motion by Ms. Zweig, seconded by Mrs. Glasser, to adjourn meeting at 9:16 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion Carried



Susan M. Radley, District Clerk