



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

June 14, 2011
Presiding: Pamela Tatar

Members Present: Chris Foster
Jennie Glasser
Peter Schaefer
Pamela Tatar
Jessica Zweig
William Reinhardt
:
Members Absent: Kyle Gicewicz, Student Ex-Officio Member (6:45 p.m.)
Neil Bonesteel
Others Present: Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Josephine P. Moccia
Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Sharon Lawrence
Assistant Superintendent for Business: Michael Ouimet

I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance Pamela Tatar

II. Superintendent's Report SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
▪ Resolution in appreciation of service of Kyle Gicewicz, Student Ex-Officio Board of Education Member for the 2010-2011 school year.

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 Clerk in order to be recognized by the Board of Education President. Comments were limited to three minutes per speaker.

IV. Resolution to Return Money from Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to General Fund

WHEREAS, section 3651 of the Education Law allows a school board to establish a reserve fund to be known as the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of paying judgments and claims from a tax certiorari proceeding, in accordance with Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, the Averill Park Central School District Board of Education duly established a Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in the amount of \$150,000 during the 2006-07 fiscal year for any tax certiorari proceeding commenced in said year; and

WHEREAS, the Averill Park Central School District is not liable for any tax certiorari proceedings, judgments, claims or appeals from the 2006-07 year; and

WHEREAS, Education Law §3651(1-a) requires the return of any Tax Certiorari Reserve funds to the general fund by July 1 of the fourth fiscal year after their deposit if they are not used for tax certiorari proceedings for the tax roll in the specific year they were deposited; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above provision of law, the Averill Park Central School District seeks to return the 2006-07 monies designated for the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to the General Fund; and

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$150,000, deposited into the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in the 2006-07 fiscal year for the purpose of paying judgments and claims from tax certiorari proceedings in said year, be returned to the General Fund pursuant to Education Law §3651(1-a).

On a motion by Mr. Reinhardt, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to approve that the sum of \$150,000, deposited into the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in the 2006-07 fiscal year for the purpose of paying judgments and claims from tax certiorari proceedings in said year, be returned to the General Fund pursuant to Education Law §3651(1-a) as outlined in item IV.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- V. Consent agenda - moved to approve the consent agenda as listed A-G
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 May 24, 2011 and May 31, 2011.

B. Financial Recommendations

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the Claims Audit Report for May 2011.
2. RESOLVED, to approve the 2010-11 Health and Welfare Contract with the Enlarged City School District of Troy in the amount of \$58,346.13 for 13 students attending non-public schools.
3. RESOLVED, to approve to accept student exam fees in the amount of \$11,626 for participation in Advanced Placement subject final examinations and increase the General Fund budget (A2110450100002) by this amount.
4. RESOLVED, to approve to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into agreement with Questar III for the lease/purchase financing of computer equipment as per the attached agreement.
5. RESOLVED, to approve to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to participate in Rensselaer County RFB-10-16 Propane for use by County Facilities and Political Subdivisions awarded to Legenbauer Fuel, as per the attached.
6. RESOLVED, to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between Rensselaer City School District and Averill Park Central School District for the provision of internal audit services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, per the attached.
7. RESOLVED, to approve to establish the Dr. Jo Moccia Dignity for All Students Scholarship Award to be given annually, beginning in June 2012, to a senior

who has done the most during his/her time at Averill Park High School to promote the goals of the Dignity for All Students Act and to make our community a more peaceful and tolerant place. This annual award will be in the amount of \$500 each year to a student meeting the award criteria.

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 Donna Singleton, Elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2011. Mrs. Singleton has been with the district for 23 years.
2. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation for retirement purpose of Wendy Recore, Physical Education/Health teacher, effective June 30, 2011. Ms. Recore has an accumulative total of 16 years with the district.
3. RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Karin Haldeman, Music teacher, for the 2011-2012 school year.
4. RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Brown, Elementary teacher, for the 2011-2012 school year.
5. RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Suzette Hawsey, Special Education teacher, effective September 1, 2011 through February 1, 2012.
6. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Karyn Rees to a two (2) year probationary appointment as a teacher of Science in the Science tenure area, commencing on September 1, 2011 and ending August 31, 2013. Ms. Rees holds a permanent certification as a Physics & General Science 7-12 (certificate #882287991). The appointment should be Step 4, Masters Schedule.
7. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in assignment for Timothy McMurray from .6 FTE Art teacher to .8 FTE Art teacher, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
8. Approve an increase in assignment for Laura Provo-Parker from .6 FTE Art teacher to .8 FTE Art teacher, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
9. RESOLVED, to approve the resignation for retirement purposes of Yvonne Miller as school bus driver, effective June 30, 2011. Ms. Miller has worked for the district for 25 years.
10. RESOLVED, to approve a leave of absence for Laurie Ockenholt as school bus attendant, effective May 27, 2011 through June 30, 2011.
11. RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid, one-year leave of absence for Terrie Welcome as school bus driver, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
12. RESOLVED, to approve a change in appointment for Alan Wendell as school bus driver from probationary to permanent, effective June 15, 2011.

13. RESOLVED, to approve a change in appointment for Edward Gray as school bus driver from probationary to permanent, effective June 15, 2011.
14. RESOLVED, to approve the temporary appointment of the following as teacher aides for the Special Education Summer Program for 5.5 hours per day, effective July 5 through August 12, 2011: Kasey Fitzgerald, Sharon Smith, Susan Raymond
15. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Edward Gray as school bus driver from 4.25 to 5.5 hours per day, effective May 27, 2011.
16. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Jane Danbury as school bus driver from 3.25 to 4.25 hours per day, effective May 27, 2011.
17. RESOLVED, to approve the probationary appointment of Laurie Ockenholt as school bus driver for 3.25 hours per day, effective May 27, 2011.
18. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance:
Jessica Henry – cleaner
Mathew Ainsley - cleaner
Lawrence Perez – teacher aide, teacher

19. Resolution in Recognition of Service
RESOLVED, to recognize Dr. Josephine P. Moccia, Superintendent of Schools for her outstanding contribution and commitment to the Averill Park Central School District;

Whereas, Jo Moccia has faithfully and diligently provided 25 years of service to the Averill Park Central School District from July 15, 1987 through June 30, 2011; and,

Whereas, Jo Moccia has faithfully performed the responsibilities of School Psychologist/CSE Assistant Chairperson, Director of Special Education, Elementary Principal, Assistant Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Superintendent of Schools.

Resolved, that the Board of Education and Administration recognizes Dr. Josephine P. Moccia for her outstanding contribution and commitment to Averill Park Central School District students, teachers, staff, and the Averill Park School community.

Be it further Resolved, that this resolution be incorporated as part of the minutes of the June 14, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

20. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby appoints Michael J. Marcelle as Interim Superintendent of Schools, commencing July 1, 2011 and approves the employment agreement for Mr. Marcelle dated June 14, 2011, compensating him for his services, which shall continue until such time as his employment is terminated in accordance with the employment agreement, but no later than June 30, 2012, unless

extended by mutual agreement. The President of the Board is authorized to execute the employment agreement on behalf of the School District.

21. RESOLVED, to approve the following Teaching Assistants for the Extended School Year (ESY) Summer Program for 5.5 hours per day, effective July 5, 2011 through August 12, 2011: Alexia Rohl and Tracy Sunkes
22. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in assignment for Kara Nicolas from .6 FTE School Psychologist to 1.0 FTE School Psychologist, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
23. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Paul Overdorf, Jr. as Modified Football Assistant Coach, effective June 13, 2011.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

D. Special Education Recommendations

RESOLVED, to approve to accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Special Education as a result of their meetings on May 10, 27, and 31, 2011; and the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Special Education as a result of their meetings on April 26, 2011, May 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 31, 2011, June 1, 2011. Resolved, to accept IEP Amendments as made by the Committee on Special Education – No Meeting – ID# 000208274, as per new State Education Guidelines.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE PROJECTS

E. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the following Educational Development Committee (EDC) projects for the 2011-2012 school year:

Aligning Daily 5/CAFÉ with the New Common Core Standards in ELA
Instructional Method and Assessment of Literacy Skills Across Grade Levels
Project Based Learning Skills for Grade 8
Work on Math Lab Curriculum
Philosophy of Government and Economies

INDEPENDENT SWIM APPLICATION FOR SECTION 2

F. RESOLVED, to approve the request for an independent swim application for Jessica McMillen for Section 2 in the fall 2011 season.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN APCSD TOWN OF SL SUMMER CAMP

G. RESOLVED, to approve the agreement between Averill Park Central School District and the Town of Sand Lake to providing transportation services for the Sand Lake Summer Camp, as per the attached.

On a motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Foster, to accept consent agenda items A-G.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

VI. Presentations

1. Dignity For All
2. Service Learning

VII. 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.

VIII. Board Reports

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Zweig, seconded by Mr. Foster, to move to go into Executive Session at 8:20 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

IX. Executive Session

Recommend an executive session to discuss:

_____ proposed, pending or current litigation;

X 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] _____

On a motion by Ms. Zweig, seconded by Mr. Schaefer, to return to regular session and to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

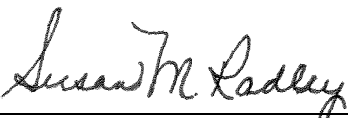
Motion Carried

X. Information Items:

Contingent Budget Information

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule



Susan M. Radley, District Clerk

Board Approved: 06/28/11