



Minutes of the Board of Education
Averill Park High School – *LGI 6:30 p.m.*

March 12, 2013
Presiding: Chris Foster

Members Present: Neil Bonesteel
Chris Foster
Jennie Glasser
Dori Salisbury
Peter Schaefer
Jessica Zweig
Members Absent: Bill Reinhardt
Others Present: Superintendent of Schools: Dr. James D. Hoffman
Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Sharon Lawrence
Assistant Superintendent for Business: Michael Ouimet
Community members

A meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Averill Park High School – *LGI* on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Superintendent's Report
- 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.
- IV. Consent agenda - move 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.

A. RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2013.

B. Financial Recommendations

FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the Claims Audit Report for the month of February 2013.
2. RESOLVED, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2013.
3. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health and Welfare Contract with the Wynantskill Union Free School District in the amount of \$15,559.48 for 38 students attending non-public schools.
4. RESOLVED, to approve to accept student lab fees in the amount of \$320.00 and increase the General Fund budget (A2110450101202) by this amount.

5. RESOLVED, to approve to establish a memorial account in memory of Arlene M. and Marilyn D. Hayner. Marilyn Hayner was a long time employee of the district, a business teacher and guidance counselor. Marilyn had established this award in the 1970s in memory of her daughter, Arlene, and supported this award each year with a check directly to the recipient. Marilyn passed away last year. Marilyn's husband Al and his family will continue with the award and will send a check each year to be deposited in a memorial account with both Arlene and Marilyn's name on it. An award will be given this June to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a humanitarian health career.

C. Routine Personnel Actions

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance:
Valerie Bendetti – school bus attendant

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 February 15, 26 and 28, 2013 and accept the recommendations made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education as a result of their meeting on March 4, 2013. Approve to accept the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Special Education as a result of the following meetings; February 11, 12, 14, 25, 26, 28, March 1, 4 and 5, 2013. Approved Amendments – No Meeting – ID# 000201532, ID# 306130 and ID# 201740 as per new State Education Guidelines.

GIRLS TRACK TEAM TRIP – PENN RELAYS

- E. RESOLVED, to approve an overnight trip for the APHS outdoor girls track team to compete at the Penn Relays on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 and Thursday, April 25, 2013.

BOYS TRACK TEAM TRIP – PENN RELAYS

- F. RESOLVED, to approve an overnight trip for the APHS outdoor boys track team to compete at the Penn Relays on Thursday, April 25, 2013 through Saturday, April 27, 2013.

AP2020 MISSION, VISION AND STRATEGIC GOALS

- G. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the mission, vision and strategic goals developed by the AP2020 Planning Team. The Team was comprised of parents, community members and district staff. The Team presented these to the Board of Education at the February 26, 2013 meeting.

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

CONTRACT APPROVED

- V. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby reaffirms the appointment and employment of Sharon Lawrence as Assistant Superintendent, approves the employment agreement dated March 12, 2013, and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

CONTRACT APPROVED

On a motion by Mrs. Salisbury, seconded by Ms. Zweig, that the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby reaffirms the appointment and employment of Sharon Lawrence as Assistant Superintendent, approves the employment agreement dated March 12, 2013, and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

VI. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby reaffirms the appointment and employment of Michael Ouimet as Assistant Superintendent for Business, approves the employment and agreement dated March 12, 2013, and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

CONTRACT APPROVED

On a motion by Ms. Zweig, seconded by Mr. Schaefer, that the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby reaffirms the appointment and employment of Michael Ouimet as Assistant Superintendent for Business, approves the employment and agreement dated March 12, 2013, and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

VII. RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District (“Board”) is proposing to undertake a project consisting of various improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its existing facilities at Miller Hill Elementary School, including site improvements to traffic circulation involving the repaving of existing drives and parking areas and a new curb cut onto NYS Route 66 (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations there under require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a Long Environmental Assessment Form was transmitted to all involved agencies, together with notification of the Board’s desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, thirty (30) days have elapsed without any objection to the designation of the Board as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves various improvements, repairs, and upgrades to existing facilities at Miller Hill Elementary School, including site improvements to traffic

circulation involving the repaving of existing drives and parking areas and a new curb cut onto NYS Route 66.

2. The proposed action is classified under SEQRA as an Unlisted action.
3. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Long Environmental Assessment Forms, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
4. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems.
5. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to nature resources.
6. The project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.
7. The proposed project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
8. The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character.
9. The proposed project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.
10. The proposed project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.
11. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.
12. The proposed action will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action.
13. The proposed action will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the

proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action.

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Mr. Schaefer, to accept resolution as stated above.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

VIII. RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District (“Board”) is considering to undertake a project involving various repairs, upgrades, and renovations to its existing facilities at the Averill Park High School, Algonquin Middle School, George Washington Elementary School, Poestenkill Elementary School, West Sand Lake Elementary School, and Transportation Center, including building envelope and structural improvements, mechanical system improvements, electrical system improvements, building interior improvements and/or minor site improvements and repairs (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations there under with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves various repairs, upgrades, and renovations to existing facilities at the Averill Park High School, Algonquin Middle School, George Washington Elementary School, Poestenkill Elementary School, West Sand Lake Elementary School, and Transportation Center, including building envelope and structural improvements, mechanical system improvements, electrical system improvements, building interior improvements and/or minor site improvements and repairs.
2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the

meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8).

3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.
4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations there under.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations there under.

On a motion by Ms. Zweig, seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, to approve the resolution as stated above.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVED

IX. RESOLVED, to approve the School District Calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to accept the 2013-2014 School District calendar.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

X. Discussion

1. Facilities Project
2. Budget Review of the Middle School and High School, Employee Benefits and BOCES Services
3. Budget Recommendations for 2013-2014

XI. Board Member Reports

XII. Visitor Comments

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

Visitors wishing to ask questions were asked to complete the bottom portion of the request form and submit it to the Clerk. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee will research the question and contact the individual who submitted the request. When possible, questions will be answered immediately.

Anyone wishing to ask questions is always encouraged to send their question to the Board of Education or Superintendent via our school website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Bonesteel, seconded by Mrs. Glasser, to move to go into Executive Session at 8:45 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

XIII. 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] _____

XIV. *Information Items:*

2012-2013 Board Meeting Schedule

Questar III Annual Meeting and Dinner Invitation

On a motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to return to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried

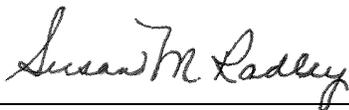
ADJOURN MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Bonesteel, seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, to adjourn meeting at 9:31 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion Carried



Susan M. Radley, District Clerk