



Minutes of the Board of Education  
Averill Park High School – *Cafeteria*

April 9, 2013  
Presiding: Chris Foster

Members Present: Neil Bonesteel  
Chris Foster  
Bill Reinhardt  
Dori Salisbury  
Peter Schaefer  
Jessica Zweig

Members Absent: Jennie Glasser

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 – *Cafeteria* on Tuesday, April 9, 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-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.
  - A. RESOLVED, to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2013.
  - B. Financial Recommendations FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS
    1. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the budget status report for April 2013.
    2. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the revenue status report for April 2013.
    3. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the Treasurer's report for February 2013.
    4. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the 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.

5. RESOLVED, to approve to accept High School student ticket fees for the Ennino show in the amount of \$704 and increase the General Fund budget (A2110450101602) by this amount.
6. RESOLVED, to approve to accept a donation by the Averill Park High School Class of 2013 in the amount of \$1,600 for the purpose of funding the Mr. AP Advisor position for 2013 and increase the General Fund budget (A2110159000000) by this amount.
7. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health and Welfare Contract with the Lansingburgh Central School District in the amount of \$5,775.24 for 12 students attending non-public schools.
8. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health and Welfare Contract with the Rensselaer City School District in the amount of \$2,922.43 for 7 students attending non-public schools.
9. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health and Welfare Contract with the North Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$11,921.04 for 27 students attending non-public schools.
10. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Albany City School District in the amount of \$4,939.10 for 10 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
11. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Bethlehem Central School District in the amount of \$4,939.10 for 10 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
12. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Chatham Central School District in the amount of \$987.82 for 2 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
13. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the East Greenbush School District in the amount of \$5,926.92 for 12 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
14. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Guilderland Central School District in the amount of \$1,481.73 for 3 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
15. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Ichabod Crane Central School District in the amount of \$3,457.37 for 7 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
16. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Lansingburgh Central School District in the amount of \$493.91 for 1 student attending Robert C. Parker School.

17. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Menands Union Free School District in the amount of \$493.91 for 1 student attending Robert C. Parker School.
18. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the New Lebanon Central School District in the amount of \$1,481.73 for 3 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
19. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the North Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$493.91 for 1 student attending Robert C. Parker School.
20. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the North Greenbush Common School District in the amount of \$493.91 for 1 student attending Robert C. Parker School.
21. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District in the amount of \$987.82 for 2 students attending Robert C. Parker School.
22. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Schodack Central School District in the amount of \$493.91 for 1 student attending Robert C. Parker School.
23. RESOLVED, to approve the 2012-13 Health Services contract for the Scotia-Glenville Central School District in the amount of \$493.91 for 1 student attending Robert C. Parker School.

C. Routine Personnel Actions

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. RESOLVED, to approve to extend an unpaid leave of absence for Colleen Meltz, Spanish teacher, for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Megan Long, teaching assistant, effective September 1, 2013 through January 5, 2014.
3. RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Toni Conover, Spanish teacher, effective approximately September 11, 2013 through January 14, 2014.
4. RESOLVED, to approve to accept, with regret, the resignation for retirement purpose of Paula Johannessen, Elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2013. Mrs. Johannessen has been with the district for 30 years.
5. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Alexia Rohl as Home Instructor for the 2012-2013 school year.
6. RESOLVED, to approve the probationary appointment of Connie McCullen as custodian, effective April 15, 2013.

7. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Roland Widmer as custodial worker from 35 hours per week, 10 months a year to 37.5 hours per week, 12 months per year, effective April 15, 2013.
8. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance:
  - Charles Gray – cleaner
  - Tyler LeBarge – cleaner
  - Patrick Kenney – cleaner

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

D. Special Education Recommendations

RESOLVED, to approve to accept the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Special Education as a result of the following meetings; March 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 2013. Approved the appointment of Stacy Smith as a parent member to the Committee on Special Education, the Committee on Preschool Special Education and as surrogate parent for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

*Motion Carried*

V. Budget Review and Adoption

BUDGET REVIEW AND ADOPTION

Budget Proposition:

RESOLVED, to approve the proposed school district budget in the amount of \$53,489,312 for the 2013-2014 school year, for presentation to the residents of the Averill Park Central School District at the Budget Hearing on May 14, 2013, and for vote of the qualified residents of said school district on May 21, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Bonesteel, seconded by Ms. Zweig, to approve the proposed school district budget in the amount of \$53,489,312 for the 2013-2014 school year, for presentation to the residents of the Averill Park Central School District at the Budget Hearing on May 14, 2013, and for vote of the qualified residents of said school district on May 21, 2013.

YES: 5

NO: 1 (Reinhardt)

*Motion Carried*

VI. Board Member Reports

VII. Visitor Comments

Visitors are invited to make brief comments or direct questions to the Board. Those wishing to address the Board are 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 are limited to three minutes per speaker.

Visitors wishing to ask questions are 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. Reinhardt, seconded by Mr. Schaefer, to move to go into Executive Session at 6:48 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*

VIII. 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;

X  the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property;

\_\_\_\_\_ other [specify] \_\_\_\_\_

IX. *Information Items:*

*2012-2013 Board Meeting Schedule*

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On a motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Reinhardt, to return to regular session at 8:03 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

*Motion Carried*

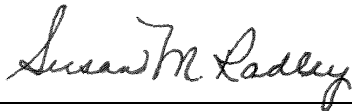
ADJOURN MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Zweig, seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, to adjourn meeting at 8:04 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

*Motion Carried*



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Susan M. Radley, District Clerk