



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

September 24, 2013  
Presiding: Chris Foster

Members Present: Chris Foster  
Jennie Glasser  
Shawn Morgan  
Stuart Nippes  
Dori Salisbury  
Peter Schaefer  
Jessica Zweig

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, September 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance 6:38 p.m. Chris Foster

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 - 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.

A. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of August 27, 2013 and September 10, 2013.

B. Financial Recommendations FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RESOLVED, to approve the budget status report for September 2013.
2. RESOLVED, to approve the revenue status report for September 2013.
3. RESOLVED, to approve to accept a grant in the amount of \$155,800, secured from Senator Kathy Marchione for the purpose of enhancing and improving the District's Educational programs and increase the General Fund budget by this amount (A2110130000000, \$49,142; A2110120000000, \$24,270; A2810400400000, \$32,600; A2110159000000, \$10,000; A9030800000000, \$6,381; A9020800000000, \$13,680; A9060800000000, \$19,727).

4. RESOLVED, to approve 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, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education adopts the State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan, as per the attached.
6. RESOLVED, to approve to accept a donation in the amount of \$27,500 from the Averill Park Booster Club for the purpose of restoring Fall modified sports; a football assistant coach, a soccer assistant coach and a cheerleading coach. Increase the General Fund budget by this amount (A2855150004900, \$10,500; A2855150004500, \$6,500; A2855150005600, \$2,500; A2855150005200, \$4,000; A2855150005400, \$4,000).
7. RESOLVED, to approve to accept student field trip fees in the amount of \$752.48 and art and lab fees in the amount of \$5,550.00 and increase the General Fund budget by \$6,302.48 (A2110400200002, \$752.48; A2110450102302, \$920.00; A2110450101202, \$4,630.00)

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 of Dominic Bondi as Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective September 5, 2013.
2. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Meghan O'Shea as Modified Girls' Basketball Coach, effective September 10, 2013.
3. RESOLVED, to approve to accept the resignation of Jenna Hughes as Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Assistant Coach, effective September 10, 2013.

Items IV. C.  
4. & 5.  
Pulled for  
separate  
vote

4. Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Peter DeWitt, Ed.D. as Principal of Poestenkill Elementary School, effective January 13, 2014 through June 30, 2014.
5. Approve a leave of absence for Barbara Goldstein as Director of Secondary Special Education and Support Services in order to accept an appointment as Interim Principal of Poestenkill Elementary School, effective December 9, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
6. RESOLVED, to approve to extend a leave of absence for Kathryn Dorgan from her position as the Data Analyst/Dean of Students, in order to continue as Acting Assistant Principal at Algonquin Middle School, effective August 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
7. RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Averill Park Central School District hereby recalls the following person to the following long term substitute positions:

<b>Name of Recalled teacher</b>	<b>Name of teacher on leave</b>	<b>Term</b>
Jennifer Fagan	Courtney Antonucci	Approx. Oct. 18, 2013 through Jan. 24, 2014 <i>Elementary Education tenure area</i>
	Marla Cylkoff	January 6, 2014 through June 30, 2014 <i>Elementary Education tenure area</i>

8. RESOLVED, to approve the following extracurricular advisorships for Averill Park High School for the 2013-2014 school year as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement :

Grade 9 Advisor	Bray Engel
Grade 10 Advisor	Colleen Clark
Grade 11 Advisor	Laura DiGrigoli, Lori Lossi ( <i>sharing stipend</i> )
Grade 12 Advisor	Nicole Freeman
APHS Yearbook	Amy Bailey
Key Club	Veronica Gaboury
National Honor Society	Kierstin Lambright
All County (November – Band)	Michael Blostein
Area All State	Michael Blostein, Andrea Tonkin
Suburban Council	Michael Blostein, Andrea Tonkin
All County (January – Orchestra)	Michael Blostein
NYSSMA Piano	Michael Blostein
NYSSMA Festival	Michael Blostein, Andrea Tonkin
All County (November – Chorus)	Andrea Tonkin
All County (January – Swing Choir)	Andrea Tonkin
Odyssey of the Mind ( <i>District Liaison</i> )	Terrance Miller
Robotics Club	Kierstin Lambright, Matthew Duff
WAPH	Bray Engel

9. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Christopher Reddy and Ellen Caverly as Advanced Placement Exam Coordinators for the 2013-2014 school year.
10. RESOLVED, to approve the following individuals as Extended School Detention Advisors (2.5 hours per week) for Averill Park High School, effective September 17, 2013 through June 3, 2014: Gary Holden and Deborah Dobert.
11. RESOLVED, to approve the following individuals as Extended School Detention Advisors (5 hours per week) for Algonquin Middle School, effective September 12, 2013 through June 27, 2014: Joanne Goodermote and Kelly Owens.
12. RESOLVED, to approve the following individual as PASS Instructor (3 hours per day as needed), effective September 17, 2013 through June 16, 2014: Catherine Wood

13. RESOLVED, to approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year: Kelly Diehl, Kristine Graham, Susannah Graziano, Aprille Tweedie, Jennifer Scott
14. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Cynthia Ainsley as teacher aide from probationary to permanent, effective September 25, 2013.
15. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Christine Fedory as teacher aide from probationary to permanent, effective September 25, 2013.
16. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Shelley Nichols as teacher aide from probationary to permanent, effective September 25, 2013.
17. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Terrance Roberts as school bus driver from probationary to permanent, effective September 25, 2013.
18. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Allison Smith as school bus driver from probationary to permanent, effective September 25, 2013.
19. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Victoria Majewski as school bus driver from probationary to permanent, effective September 25, 2013.
20. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Sharon Moreau as school bus driver from probationary to permanent, effective September 25, 2013.
21. RESOLVED, to approve a change in status for Kim Goodermote as school bus driver from probationary to permanent, effective September 25, 2013.
22. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Allison Smith as school bus driver from 4.25 to 4.5 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
23. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Shirley Pasquariello as school bus driver from 5.75 to 6 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
24. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for James Bonesteel as school bus driver from 4 to 4.25 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
25. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Donald Dawes as school bus driver from 5.75 to 6 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
26. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Ann Kenny as school bus driver from 5.5 to 5.75 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
27. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Irving Lobdell as school bus driver from 5.25 to 5.5 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
28. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Rhonda Smith as school bus driver from 5.75 to 7 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
29. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Patricia Shaver as school bus driver from 5.75 to 6.75 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.

30. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Michael Hicks as school bus driver from 5.75 to 6.75 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
31. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Claes Sjorgreen as school bus driver from 4.75 to 5 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
32. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Sandra LaScala as school bus attendant from 5. to 5.25 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
33. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Regina Reed as school bus attendant from 5.25 to 5.5 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
34. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Heather Gerus as school bus attendant from 4.5 to 4.75 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
35. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Erika Buchholz as school bus attendant from 4.5 to 4.75 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
36. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Louis Julien as school bus driver from 4 to 4.5 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
37. RESOLVED, to approve an increase in hours for Terrie Welcome as school bus driver from 6 to 6.25 hours per day, effective September 30, 2013.
38. RESOLVED, to approve the following substitutes, contingent upon Section 87 Commissioner of Education regulation on fingerprint clearance:  
Richard Wager – cleaner  
Faith Rizzo – teacher aide, school monitor  
Cathy Wood – teacher aide
39. RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Michele Drake to a three (3) year probationary appointment as a teacher of English in the English tenure area, commencing on September 26, 2013 and ending September 25, 2016. The appointment should be Step 1, Masters Schedule.

- D. Special Education Recommendations SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS  
RESOLVED, to approve Amendments – No Meeting ID# 000201794, ID# 000301072, ID# 302223, ID# 201676, ID# 207053 as per new State Education Guidelines.  
RESOLVED, to approve to accept the recommendation to withdraw the Committee on Special Education referral ID# 000201708 and ID# 000207041 per Part200 regulations.

DAY TRIP TO MONTREAL, QUEBEC

- E. RESOLVED, to approve a day trip for a group of seventh grade French students participating in French Club to travel to Montreal, Quebec, Canada on Friday, May 9, 2014.

EXTENDED TRIP TO QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC

- F. RESOLVED, to approve an extended trip for a group of eighth grade French students participating in French Club to travel to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada on May 16-18, 2014.

2013-2014 DISTRICT GOALS APPROVED

G. RESOLVED, to approve the following District Goals for the 2013-2014 school year:

Academic Goal

Develop multiple pathways to graduation, to incorporate avenues for college-bound as well as career-bound students.

Organizational Goal

Incorporate community members into a Board of Education and Administrative shared vision for the educational plan and direction.

Fiscal Goal

Begin discussions with area governmental agencies to develop a model to hold cost increases for the community to a minimum, including shared services, privatization, and consolidation.

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Mr. Schaefer, to accept consent agenda and supplemental agenda items A-G (*with the exception of IV. C. 4 & 5. pulled for separate vote*).

YES: 7

NO: 0

*Motion Carried*

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Ms. Zweig, resolved to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Peter DeWitt, Ed.D. as Principal of Poestenkill Elementary School, effective January 13, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

YES: 7

NO: 0

*Motion Carried*

On a motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Ms. Zweig, resolved to approve a leave of absence for Barbara Goldstein as Director of Secondary Special Education and Support Services in order to accept an appointment as Interim Principal of Poestenkill Elementary School, effective December 9, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

YES: 7

NO: 0

*Motion Carried*

Item V.  
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and  
Tabled

V. Policy Revision ~ Policy 6215  
Guidelines for Partial Tax Exemption for Persons Sixty-Five Years or Older and Persons with Disabilities

VI. Building Report  
Algonquin Middle School - Mr. Rob Messia

VII. Enrollment Report

VIII. Board Member Reports

IX. 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.

*(No Speaker forms submitted)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, to move to go into Executive Session at 7:50 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*

X. 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 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 Mrs. Salisbury, seconded by Mr. Schaefer, to return to regular session at 8:24 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

*Motion Carried*

XI. *Informational Items:*

*2013-2014 Board of Education Meeting Schedule*

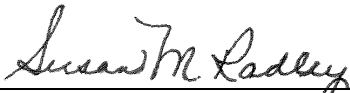
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On a motion by Mrs. Glasser, seconded by Mrs. Salisbury, to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

*Motion Carried*



Susan M. Radley, District Clerk