

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: APRIL 9, 2008
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETING
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: QUANDT; SCHLIEDER, SCHULTZ, SPIES,
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT: REINHART; WILBER
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY BIRDSALL, JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
LINDA NEVULIS, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & PUPIL SERVICES
JAMIE ROCKHILL, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
1 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 8 DISTRICT RESIDENTS; 4 FACULTY MEMBERS

President Spies called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 9, 2008 to order at 7:16 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 19, 2008 and the Budget Work Session on April 2, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
3/19/08 AND BUDGET
WORK SESSION ON
4/2/08

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent - 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

Mr. Schlieder made note of an error in the minutes of the March 19, 2008 in the Privilege of the Floor. The statement by Mrs. Arlene Vroman should read “She asked that the proposed tax levy not be raised at all.”

President Spies reviewed the Agenda and April and May calendars of events and facilities use. An updated agenda was distributed.

CALENDAR AND
AGENDA

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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President Spies offered the privilege of the floor.

Mr. Lester Hendrix, a district resident, stated that he hoped the District would develop a plan, other than raising taxes or cutting programs, for the pending energy problem.

Mrs. Arlene Vroman read a letter she had received from an anonymous person, which expressed that they would like to see employees pay for part of their health benefits.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

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There were no reports from members.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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Superintendent Sherman said that the Discovery Fair was being held in the Elementary '52 gym and Library.

Superintendent Sherman reported that work on the fields was underway. BOCES students have been working for about 1 ½ weeks.

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR PROCEDURES

SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT (cont.)

Superintendent Sherman introduced Carol Benham, the Internal Claims Auditor. Ms. Benham explained the process she uses to audit the bill schedules and claims for the District. She said that the Board of Education no longer needs to approve the warrants because the Board has vested that authority in the Claims Auditor position.

Ms. Benham also credited the Business Office staff, Julie Langan and Sue Schuppel, on the superb job they do for the District.

Discussion of 2008-09 Tentative Budget

2008-09 TENTATIVE
BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent Sherman used a Power Point presentation to review the proposed 2008-09 budget. He gave an update on the State budget. He said that on April 9th, he had received the State Budget for the 2008-09 school year and noted that the following are the changes in the Legislative Budget compared to the Governor’s proposal in January:

- Foundation Formula: \$28,874 increase
- Excess High Cost Aid: \$9,123 increase
- Expense Driven Aid: Same
- BOCES Aid: \$34,247 increase
- Categorical Aid: \$3,215 decrease
- Total net increase: \$69,029

In order to keep the tax levy change within a more affordable range, Superintendent Sherman has proposed the following changes to the Tentative Budget:

- Delete the \$27,500 appropriation for the replacement tractor
- Increase the revenue from available fund balance by \$25,000

The following is a summary of the 2008-09 Tentative Budget:

- The total Tentative Budget as of April 9, 2008 is \$19,709,534.
- The increase from the 2007-08 adopted budget is \$1,038,152 (5.56%).
- This accounts for basic instructional and operation needs (moves 2007-08 program into 2008-09).
- It maintains programs to improve teacher training, student testing and curriculum revisions to comply with state learning standards and graduation requirements.
- The change in the tax levy is projected to be about 4.4%.

There was a short discussion by Board Members regarding eliminating the appropriation for the tractor from the Tentative Budget. Although Members felt it was an important item, they agreed with the Superintendent to eliminate it.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by President Spies that the Board of Education adopt the 2008-09 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$19,709,534.

ADOPT 2008-09
PROPOSED BUDGET

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL – MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Shawn Gathen to the Provisional Civil Service appointment of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, with a salary of \$52,000 (pro-rated), effective 4/23/08.

APPOINT S. GATHEN
SUPERVISOR OF
BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS

Yes – 4
No –
Absent – 2 (Wilber)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman explained that there were four finalists for the position who were interviewed by himself, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Bonaker and George Wilber, retired Buildings/ Grounds Supervisor. The finalists had been interviewed previously by two other committees comprised of District administrators and other personnel.

Board Members congratulated Mr. Gathen, who was in the audience.

PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve and grant tenure to the following:

APPROVE TENURE

Appointee: Natalie Hallenbeck
Position: Elementary Teacher
Effective: 9/1/08
Tenure Area: Elementary
Certification: Initial – Early Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

N. HALLENBECK
ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Appointee: Amy Smith
Position: Elementary Teacher
Effective: 9/1/08
Tenure Area: Elementary
Certification: Initial – Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

A. SMITH
ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Appointee: Karen (Tingue) Yager
Position: Elementary Teacher
Effective: 9/1/08
Tenure Area: Elementary
Certification: Permanent – Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1-6; Provisional – Reading

K. (TINGUE) YAGER
ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Yes – 4
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

Board Members congratulated Mrs. Hallenbeck, Miss Smith and Mrs. Yager, who were all present at the Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to approve and grant tenure to:

APPROVE TENURE
J. GERMANO
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHER

Appointee: JoAnne Germano
Position: Special Education Teacher
Effective: 9/1/08
Tenure Area: Special Education
Certification: Permanent – Special Education; Provisional – Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1-6

Yes – 4
No – 0
Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

Board Members congratulated Ms. Germano, who was present at the Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following Spring Coaches for the 2007-08 school year, with stipends as listed (based on the 2006-07 contract and subject to change):

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Barbara Almy | Girls' Elementary Intramurals | I-2 | \$890 |
| 2. Tammy Drinon | Boys' Elementary Intramurals | I-2 | \$890 |

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

APPOINT
ELEMENTARY
INTRAMURAL COACHES
FOR 2007-08

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint David Russell as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for Varsity and Modified Track for the 2007-2008 school year.

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

APPOINT
D. RUSSELL, VOLUNTEER
ASSISTANT COACH
VARSITY AND MODIFIED
TRACK FOR 2007-08

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint Michael J. Diamond as a Volunteer Assistant Coach for Modified Softball for the 2007-2008 school year.

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

APPOINT
M. DIAMOND,
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT
COACH - MODIFIED
SOFTBALL FOR 2007-08

PERSONNEL – NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following and add their names to the Non-Certified Substitute List, effective 4/10/08.

1. Daniel A. Cornwell
2. Danielle Jeffrey

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart Wilber)

Motion Carried

APPOINT
NON-CERTIFIED
SUBSTITUTES

BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education approve the following field trips:

Future Farmers of America (FFA) Annual State Convention in Canton, NY, from 5/1/08 - 5/3/08. There will be no cost to the District.

APPROVE FFA ANNUAL
STATE CONVENTION
5/1/08 – 5/3/08

Odyssey of the Mind State Finals in Binghamton, NY, retroactive to 3/28/08 – 3/29/08.
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Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

APPROVE ODYSSEY
OF THE MIND STATE
FINALS 3/28/08 – 3/29/08

The Geometry Textbook titled “Geometry”, Publisher – Holt for Grade 8 was provided to Board Members for review. Approval is requested at the 4/23/08 Board Meeting.

TEXTBOOK REVIEW

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education accept, with thanks, the following donations:

ACCEPT DONATIONS

A donation in the amount of \$44.32 from Target employees for the Wee Read Program

FROM TARGET FOR
WEE READ PROGRAM

A donation in the amount of \$61.85 from Target employees for the High School.

FROM TARGET FOR
HIGH SCHOOL

A donation in the amount of \$400 from Walmart for Varsity Baseball.

FROM WALMART FOR
VARSITY BASEBALL

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the Student Health & Welfare Services Agreement between Schoharie Central School and the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District for 2007-08.

APPROVE STUDENT
HEALTH & WELFARE
SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH BERNE-KNOX-
WESTERLO CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Quandt, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve continued participation in the Iroquois Gas Transmission Company tax assessment challenge.

APPROVE PARTICIPATION
IN IROQUOIS GAS
COMPANY TAX
ASSESSMENT
CHALLENGE

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Quandt that the Board of Education approve the Confidential/Managerial Agreement revision as previously discussed.

APPROVE REVISION
CONFIDENTIAL/
MANAGERIAL
AGREEMENT

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

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The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

1. Letter from parent, Kathy Jones, regarding foreign language department concerns
2. Response Letter to Ms. Jones from Superintendent Sherman
3. Elementary Intramural Forms
4. Tech Valley High School Recruitment Report
5. 2nd Notice for BOCES Annual Meeting
6. Sample ballots for the BOCES Administrative Budget Vote and 2008 Annual Board Election
7. Elementary School April Menu and Calendar
8. Grades 5 and 6 Third Quarter Honor Roll
9. Bus Fleet Listing
10. Various News Articles pertaining to Schoharie Central School District

President Spies stated that the next Board of Education Meeting will be as follows:

NEXT MEETINGS

- Monday, 4/21/08 – BOCES Vote & Meeting – 7 pm in the High School Library Classroom
- Wednesday, 5/7/08 – Public Hearing on Proposed 2008-09 Budget – 7 pm in the High School Cafeteria
- Tuesday, 5/20/08 – Budget Vote and Board Member Election – 9 am – 9 pm in the High School Library Lobby – Regular Meeting at 7 pm in the High School Cafeteria
- Wednesday, 6/4/08 – Regular Meeting at 7 pm in the Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Wednesday, 6/18/08 – Regular Meeting at 7 pm in the High School Library Classroom.

Superintendent Sherman said that at least one meeting each year needs to be held in each building as required by Education Law.

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mr. Quandt to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations, contractual agreements, and personnel matters relating to specific individuals.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:20 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 8:25 p.m. with Mr. Spies, Mr. Schlieder, Mr. Quandt, Ms. Schultz, Superintendent Sherman, and Mr. Bonaker present.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the Regular meeting.

RECONVENE
MEETING

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:40 pm

Motion was made by Mr. Schlieder, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN
MEETING

Yes – 4

No – 0

Absent – 2 (Reinhart; Wilber)

Motion Carried

President Spies declared the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2008 to be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber
District Clerk