

Call to Order at 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: was done by Mr. Sutton.

Emergency Exit Review was done by Mr. Sutton.

Board Members Present were Mrs. B. Foster, Mrs. L. Gormley, Mr. D. Sutton and Mr. D. Wilwol. Mr. J. Helft arrived at 5:35 pm and Mr. R. Mausert arrived at 5:32 pm. Also present was Ms. P. Cottrell, District Clerk, Mr. K. Facin, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. K. Philpott, Director of Spec Ed and Mr. P. Dailey, K-6 Principal. Board Member Absent was Mr. D. Skott. Also absent was Mrs. P. Hatfield, School Business Admin. And Mrs. S. Vadney, 7-12 Principal.

Board Presentations:

1. Ambigay Yudkoff: Sr. Chorus trip to Florida (power-point and handout)
 - Mr. Mausert and Mr. Helft arrived during this presentation.
 - Ms. Yudkoff explained the trip, covering program schedule, safety precautions being taken and trip expense.
 - Mr. Helft asked that if all trip expenses are not raised by fundraising, who is responsible for the remaining balance, the student?
 - Ms. Yudkoff stated that she hopes there will be no remaining balance, but if there is, yes it will be the student's responsibility.
 - Mr. Facin indicated that Saratoga High School participated in this program prior.
 - Ms. Yudkoff also explained that the Chorus has been chosen to by the WMHT-TV to record at the "Celebrate America" session next month.
 - Mr. Facin thanked the PABC for their support.
 - Ms. Yudkoff stated that the "Code of Conduct" will be enforced for this trip and this should be an incentive for students to do well.
2. John Bryans: External Audit - cancelled
 - Mr. Facin asked for an Audit Committee meeting to be held on Sept. 22 at 5:00 PM followed by a Special Board Meeting at 6:00 PM to accept the results.

Public Comment Session: Started at 5:47 pm and Ended at 5:47. None.

Board President's Report:

1. Mr. Sutton commended the chorus.
2. Mr. Sutton spoke on the renaming of the football field to the "Ken Baker" field at the September 11, 2009 football game.
3. Mr. Sutton read the letter that was received from the Varsity Girls Soccer team thanking the Board of Education for allowing them to go on their overnight trip.
4. The school and community would like to welcome the foreign exchange student from Thailand.

Board Forum: This is an opportunity for Board Members to ask clarifying questions and discuss issues.

1. Mr. Facin asked for board volunteers to help setup the all day workshop for the board.
2. Mrs. Gormley and Mrs. Foster volunteered to help put this workshop together.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Mr. Facin passed a handout explaining the tax levy and the equalization rate and assessed value.

2. Mr. Sutton asked Mr. Facin what the public can do to make sure that their STAR information is complete and accurate.
3. A member from the audience asked if her son would receive a refund check.
4. Mr. Facin answered explained that he would not and asked that individual to make an appointment to meet with him for further explanation.
5. Mr. Facin thanked Mr. Wilwol and the Foyer Committee for arranging the display cases.
6. Mr. Facin explained that he had the CAD class do a computerized diagram of the foyer indicating the display cases and who would be responsible for each display case. We will have performing arts, academic and athletic achievements in the display cases.
7. Mr. Facin commented on the Safety Meeting that was held on September 14 with Craig Hansen, Questar III Health & Safety, in attendance. The district has an action plan for the H1N1 flu. A letter to parents and faculty was reviewed by Dr. Martinez and then was sent out. The district is reporting data to the state health department.
8. Mr. Helft asked if hand sanitizers were being installed throughout the school and Mr. Facin answered yes they were.

School Business Administrator's Report: Absent.

Administrator's Report:

- Special Education: see written report
- K-6 Elementary School: see written report
- 7-12 Secondary School: see written report

Committees:

- a. Negotiations: D. Sutton, Chair; J. Helft, D. Skott
- b. Policy: L. Gormley, Chair; B. Foster, Mr. Mausert: Oct. 1 @ 6:00 pm.
- c. Facilities: D. Sutton, Chair; D. Wilwol, D. Skott
- d. Audit: L. Gormley, Chair; D. Sutton, J. Helft: Sept. 22 @ 5:00 pm.
- e. Academic Standards: J. Helft, Chair, L. Gormley, D. Wilwol

PTA:

1. Next meeting will be October 6th at 6:30 in the Elementary Library.
2. Baskets of apples were distributed throughout the school on the 1st day of school.
3. Upcoming open houses.
4. Will begin the "membership drive".
5. Fall Festival is on October 17th.

HFTA Report:

1. The HFTA committees are in place.

Old Board Actions: None

Board Correspondence: None

New Board Actions:

A. Leaves / Resignations:

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business on the consent agenda may request that item to be transferred to the regular agenda for consideration and a separate vote.

- A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Helft to accept by Consent Vote the following Leaves / Resignations on Items 1-2:
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.
 1. to accept the Resignation from Kristin Lang, Teacher of Elementary Education, effective August 24, 2009.
 2. to accept the Resignation from Barbara Paddock, Cafeteria Helper, effective August 28, 2009.

B. Miscellaneous:

1. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to establish one Special Education Teacher position effective September 1, 2009. (Section 619 Federal Stimulus Funds)
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.
 - Mr. Helft asked if this was funded by federal money.
 - Mr. Facin stated that yes it was funded by federal money for a period of one year.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mrs. Gormley to accept the donation of one flute from Kathy Crannell, having an estimated value of \$150.00.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Wilwol to approve Facilities Equipment and Services, Inc. as the lowest bidder for wall matting for the high school and elementary gyms, in the amount of \$11,300. Bids were opened at 3:00 pm on September 2, 2009 and one bid was received.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.
 - Mr. Sutton commented that the gym is in desperate need of new matting.
 - Mr. Facin stated that the old matting will be saved for repairs.
 - Mr. Helft asked where the funding was coming from.
 - Mr. Facin answered from the General Fund.
4. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mrs. Gormley to approve Facilities Equipment and Services, Inc. as the lowest bidder for portable seating risers, in the amount of \$30,750. Bids were opened at 3:00 pm on September 2, 2009 and one bid was received.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.
 - Mr. Facin stated that the district cannot continue with the present risers as they are extremely heavy and difficult to move. The new risers are made out of aluminum and are much lighter and easier to move and will be safer.
 - Mr. Sutton asked if the new risers will be utilized at concerts/play, etc. and asked if they will be excessed.
 - Mr. Facin answered yes they will be utilized for all events and they will be excessed.
 - Mrs. Gormley asked where the funding was coming from.
 - Mr. Facin answered the funds will be coming from the Custodial General Fund.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mrs. Gormley to approve the Senior Chorus trip to Orlando, Florida to attend the All American Music Festival from April 14, 2010 through April 19, 2010. They will be staying at the Disney Resort in Orlando, Florida.
Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

6. A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Helft to approve the following Treasurer's Reports:

- April 2009
- May 2009
- June 2009
- July 2009

Vote: 6 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

7. A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mrs. Gormley to establish a Reading Teacher position effective September 28, 2009.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

- Mr. Facin stated that this was a one year funding and that he met with the reading teachers. This will help each student that is below standards. Currently, we have one reading teacher go to St. Mary's for ½ of her day.

C. Appointments:

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- A motion was made by Mrs. Gormley seconded by Mr. Helft to accept by Consent Vote the following Appointments on Items 1-16:

Vote: 6 ayes 0 naves; motion carried.

1. to approve the Appointment of Eva Allegretti, a NYS Certified Teacher of Special Education, to a one-year leave replacement, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, at a MA-3 with a salary of \$39,631. Ms. Allegretti has been cleared through NYSED. (vice: K. Chan);
2. to approve the Appointment of Jennifer Birns, a NYS Certified Teacher of Special Education, to a three-year probationary appointment, effective September 1, 2009 through September 1, 2012, at a MA-10 with a salary of \$48,586. Ms. Birns has been cleared through NYSED. (vice: new position);
3. to approve the Appointment of Sarah Stevens, a NYS Certified Teacher of Social Studies, as a long-term substitute teacher, effective September 8, 2009 through on or about October 19, 2009, at a BA-1 with a salary of \$35,047 pro-rated to \$4,906.72. Ms. Stevens has been cleared through NYSED. (vice: H. Emerson);
4. to approve the Appointment of Sarah Steller, a NYS Certified Teacher of Elementary Education, to a three-year probationary appointment, effective September 1, 2009 through September 1, 2012, at a MA-3 with a salary of \$39,631. Ms. Steller has been cleared through NYSED. (vice: K. Lang);
5. to approve the Appointment of Marjory Ridler, a NYS Certified Teacher of Art, as a long-term substitute teacher, effective September 3, 2009 through on or about October 9, 2009, at a rate of \$200 per day, on an emergency conditional status, upon completion of a fingerprint test and a background check. (vice: D. Hammond);
6. to approve the Appointment of Erin Bettis as a Substitute Teacher Aide, at a rate in Accordance with the Hoosick Falls Support Staff Contract, on an emergency conditional status upon completion of a fingerprint test and a background check.
7. to approve the following change in assignments, effective September 8, 2009:
 - Mary Jane Baker from 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant to 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant and 1.08 hrs/day bus attendant.

- Veronica Brandi from 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant to 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant and .07 hrs/day bus attendant.
 - Terry Hinchliffe from 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant and 1.5 hrs/day child care worker to 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant to 0.7 hrs/day bus attendant.
 - Charlotte Humphrey from 6.2 hrs/day to 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant.
 - Diane Hunter from 7.13 hrs/day bus attendant and .87 hrs/day teaching assistant to 7.25 hrs/day bus attendant.
 - Patti LaPorte from 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant to 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant and 1.08 hrs/day bus attendant.
 - LeAnn Bartosik from 6.67 hrs/day teaching assistant and .83 hrs/day bus attendant to 6.5 teaching assistant and 0.7 bus attendant.
 - Sharon Messersmith from 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant and 1 hr/day bus attendant to 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant and 0.7 bus attendant.
 - Judy Quackenbush from 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant to 6.5 hrs/day teaching assistant and 1.08 bus attendant.
 - Lisa Quackenbush from 4.25 hrs/day food service helper and 0.5 hrs/day teacher aide to 3.75 hrs/day food service helper and 0.5 hrs/day teacher aide.
8. to change following school bus drivers hours for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 8, 2009:
- Alan Bornt from 5 hrs/day to 6 hrs/day on Monday through Thursday and 5 hrs/day on Friday
 - Wendy Baker from 6 hrs/day to 7 hrs/day
 - Lorraine Vincent from 5.75 hrs/day to 6.25 hrs/day
9. to approve the Military Leave of Absence for Darron Schnoop from September 8, 2009 through October 1, 2009 as per military orders.
10. to approve the temporary appointment of Tracy Holovach as school bus driver for 5 hours per day, effective September 8, 2009, due to the military leave of absence. Tracy is currently a substitute bus driver.
11. to approve the appointment of Carol Spinelli as a Substitute Food Service Helper, effective September 1, 2009, at a rate in accordance with the Hoosick Falls Support Staff Contract, on an emergency conditional status, upon completion of a finger print test and a background check.
12. to approve Molly LaBonte, as a Substitute Food Service Helper, effective September 2, 2009, at a rate in accordance with the Hoosick Falls Support Staff Contract, on an emergency conditional status, upon completion of a fingerprint test and background check.
13. to approve the Appointment of the following Extra-Curricular Activities for the 2009-2010 school year:

Advisors

Freshman Class Advisor

Christina Stebbins

Judy Woodard

14. to approve the Appointment of the following Volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year:
- Dwain Wilwol
 - Mark Folgert
 - Brian Hall
 - Josh Furnas
 - Jeff Wysocki
 - Edwin Wright
 - Kevin Allard
 - Donald Skott
 - Charles Kovage, Jr.
 - Wallace Sheffer, III
 - Robert Abbott

- Amanda Webber

15. to approve the following Appointments:

Detention: (per contract rate of \$29.61/hr)

High School	David Hammond
Elementary	Bill Brown

Academic Tutorial Program (per MOA 1/200th of salary per hour)

ELA	Nora Senecal	\$65.93/hr
Social Studies	Holly Emerson	\$36.14/hr
Science	Kim Hayden	\$48.52/hr
Math	Denise Hoag	\$51.79/hr
Substitute	Isabel McGuire	\$44.42/hr
Substitute	Josh Meyer	\$33.50/hr
Coordinator Gr. 7-8	Debbie Mabey	\$40.51/hr
Coordinator Gr. 9-12	Karen Tommasino	\$55.81/hr

Lunch Supervision (per MOA \$1,200 stipend)

<u>A Lunch (HS)</u>	<u>B Lunch (HS)</u>	<u>C Lunch (HS)</u>
Kelli Grennan	Kim Hayden	Lynda Bilow
Tara Antolick	Amy Ferullo	Ambigay Yudkoff
Christine Stebbins	Denise Hoag	Colleen Corcoran
Jenn McDonald	Lisa Ferrannini	Sheryl Rifenburg
<u>Elementary</u>		
Bill Brown	Chris Zakrzewski	Jon Millman
Holly Grogan	Jonathan Laurin	Mark Marquart
Larry Haskell	Jenn Borge	Nadine Scott
Vicki Malossi-Perry	Traci Friel	

Morning AIS K-6 (per MOA 1/200th of salary per hour)

Math K-6	Helen Hemendinger	\$65.26/hr
ELA K-6	Debbie Tudor	\$64.48/hr

Academic Assistance Gr. 3 & 4 (per MOA 1/200th of salary per hour)

Grade 3	Terri Burdick	\$65.61/hr
	Erin Jarosz	\$44.56/hr
Grade 4	Dale Ninivaggi	\$61.73/hr
	Michelle Culver	\$59.25/hr

Academic Assistance Gr. 5 & 6 (per MOA 1/200th of salary per hour)

Grade 5	Sue Conety	\$46.04/hr
	Anne Ferrannini	\$45.51/hr
	Jenn Barron	\$35.10/hr
	Chris Zakrzewski	\$38.52/hr
Grade 6	Vicki Malossi-Perry	\$41.86/hr
	Traci Friel	\$41.72/hr
	Amy Sutton	\$43.15/hr
	Andrea Bearor	\$32.21/hr
Substitute	Holly Grogan	\$40.90/hr

Website Coordinator (per MOA rate of \$2,100)

Robert Allen

Mentor Coordinator (per MOA rate of \$2,300)

Jenn McDonald

Mentors (per MOA rate of \$1,300)

Kathy Crannell	Kelli Grennan	Sheryl Rifenburg
Ellie Danforth	Sarah Fleming	

16. to approve the addition to Summer Curriculum as follows:

3-6 Math Centers – increase 2 days for \$228/day = \$456 (Title I)

AP Environmental – increase 1 day for \$228/day = \$228 (General Fund)

Subsequent Meeting Dates:

- The Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on September 22, 2009 @ 6:00 PM in the high school library.
- The Board of Education will hold its Regular Meeting on October 15, 2009 @ 7:00 PM in the high school library.

2nd Public Comment Session: Started at 6:17 pm and Ended at 6:20 pm.

1. A member from the audience asked why the board meetings were changed to Thursday.
2. Mr. Sutton answered that this gives a better flow of information to the board.
3. A member from the audience asked why the board meetings were held in the high school library. Stated that it is a long trip for senior citizens that wish to attend, this keeps them away.
4. Mr. Sutton has not seen any change in attendance when moved from the cafeteria to the high school library.
5. Mr. Facin stated that he will accommodate anyone wishing to attend board meetings, but he has not received any communication as such.
6. A student thanked the board for allowing the chorus trip to Florida.
7. A member from the audience gave praise to administration on their selection for the first grade teaching position.
8. Mr. Facin commented that the teacher was number one out of 220 candidates.

Board Forum: This is an opportunity for Board members to ask clarifying questions.

1. Mrs. Gormley stated that she is hearing all positive remarks on the school. Events coming up to show the public the building.
2. Mr. Facin asked students in the audience what they liked about the school and their comments were:
 - they liked the changes
 - they liked the computers
3. Mr. Mausert commented on the “walk-through”, the building was very nice, saw happy faces and the mums outside looked very nice.
4. The elementary steps are being poured today.
5. Mr. Wilwol stated that the Pumpkinpalooza was next week and that the district has a team headed by Mr. Malikowski.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to go into Executive Session at 6:24 PM for reason to discuss contract negotiations with the School Support Staff.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

There will be no board actions following this executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilwol seconded by Mrs. Gormley to return to Regular Session at 6:30 PM.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Helft seconded by Mr. Wilwol to Adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays; motion carried.

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2009

Pamela Cottrell, District Clerk