

**SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007  
PLANETARIUM CLASSROOM**

**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Ted Rejman called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. All Board members were present at the start of the meeting except Teresa Reeves and Dean Winspear.

**OPEN SESSION/ROLL CALL**

**Board members present:** President Ted Rejman, Vice President Michelle Dean, Leonard Jordan, Steve Morse, Jim Wilcox  
**Board members absent:** Teresa Reeves, Dean Winspear  
**Administrators present:** Superintendent Mary Kay Worth, Martha Stevermer  
**Others present:** Nynette Adams, Matthew Bancroft, Dennis Barrett, Joanne Driscoll, Randy Lawrence

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education approved the agenda, as amended.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Ted Rejman reviewed the calendar.

**PRESENTATIONS** – none

**VISITOR RECOGNITION** –

-- Randy Lawrence noted that he supports the policy on the Chief image that was discussed at the last meeting.

-- Joanne Driscoll also supports the policy; she believes the Chief image provides positive morale for the students; it was put in place years ago to show pride, honor and respect.

-- Board members then discussed the Chief image, the policy, what has happened so far and the process to lay this topic to rest. At the meeting on December 3, a second reading of a new policy on the Chief image was defeated. The following facts were clarified. The Board has and will continue to support the name “Chiefs” to represent Southern Cayuga Central School. The school colors will remain the same. The paintings of the Chief image on the walls in the high school gym will stay. Administration has been asked to return to the BOE in January with a proposed process that keeps those three details in place and involves a representative group of stakeholders in choosing a different visual representation for the name of the Chief. The process will include the establishment of an Alma Mater.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education entered executive session at 7:32 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular individual, and litigation.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

On a motion by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education returned to open session at 7:50 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

### **RESIGNATION**

On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education approved the following resolution.

RESOLVED that the resignation of **Teresa Wittmann**, as Typist, effective December 18, 2007, is hereby accepted, in accordance with the Agreement dated December 14, 2007, which the Board of Education hereby approves, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute on behalf of the District.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION ITEMS**

#### Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2007

On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the BOE regular meeting December 3, 2007, as revised.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

IRS Mileage Rate: On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Michelle Dean, the Board of Education amended the approved rate for mileage, from 44.5 cents approved at the reorganization meeting, to 48.5 cents, which is the correct rate beginning January 1, 2007.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Field Trip Request: Motion made by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, to approve a field trip to New York City in April 2008 for approximately 40 students in the Drama Club and the Future Business Leaders of America Club, four chaperones and others with interest. Travelers are responsible for all costs associated with the trip, including transportation, hotel, attractions and meals. No district funds are requested. Jim Wilcox would like to follow the procedure of having the teachers present to the Board prior to any overnight field trip. Motion made by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Jim Wilcox, to table the approval of the field trip. Superintendent Worth asked Board members to call with questions prior to meetings to assist in preparations. Also noted was the much-needed work to revise the Field Trip Policy and Procedures currently at the Policy Committee and Leadership level.

Motion to table carried: Yes – 4 No – 1 (MD)

Policy #5220, First Reading: On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Michelle Dean, the Board of Education reviewed for a first reading Policy #5220, District Investments.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Policy #5241, First Reading: On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education reviewed for a first reading Policy #5241, Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Regulation #5410, Review: On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education completed an annual review of Administrative Regulation #5410, Procurement Guidelines.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Personnel Agenda: The Superintendent recommends the following.

**RESIGNATIONS -- School Monitor**

On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of **Elizabeth Frazier** as School Monitor, effective December 21, 2007.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

**CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS -- none**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE -- none**

**APPOINTMENTS -- Resolution:** The Board of Education hereby gives notice of its intent to appoint the following individuals to the designated positions with an emergency conditional appointment in accordance with Policy #6170, subject to their submission of clearance for employment by the State Education Department Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability (OSPRA). Upon the receipt of conditional employment clearance, the appointment shall be changed to a conditional appointment and upon receipt of final clearance for employment granted by the State Education Department, the appointment shall be changed to a regular or substitute appointment as designated below.

-- Substitutes: On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education approved the following substitutes for the 2007/08 school year.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

*Substitutes:*

- John Mares, substitute teacher
- John Marshall, substitute teacher
- Katherine Pipher, substitute aide, clerical, food service, cleaner/custodian
- Theresa Servais, substitute teacher
- Dawn Weir, substitute aide, food service

-- Co-Curricular: On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Michelle Dean, the Board of Education approved the appointment of **Christopher Braun** as Modified Wrestling Coach for the 2008 season, with a stipend of \$1,400.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

**BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS**

Budget Transfers: On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education approved budget transfers, as reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee on December 12, as listed.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No -- 0

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
\$1,200	Teaching Substitutes	Substitute Teacher Aide	Based on 2006/07 expenditure plus 3.65% increase and previous transfer; estimated substitute aide salary thru June 2008
\$8,000	Unemployment Insurance	Transportation Aides	Based on 2006/07 expenditure plus CSEA salary increase; estimated aide salary thru June 2008
\$2,221	Teaching Supplies 9-12	Occ Ed Supplies	Transfer approved Occ Ed budget items to correct code
\$25,319	Transportation Workers' Compensation	Workers' Compensation	Per SED notification, workers' compensation not expendable in transportation; transfer allocation to employee benefit line
\$20,000	Unemployment Insurance	Workers' Compensation	Quote from Cayuga County came in higher than budgeted

Steve Morse left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Superintendent Worth reviewed with Board members the following topics.

- Indoor Air Quality Testing; Mark Snyder report (November 29 & December 11 letters)
- Policy Committee minutes
- EXCEL Committee minutes
- Merged Sports Committee memo
- Route 90 Bridge Construction; Superintendent Worth, Martha Stevermer, Bruce Culver, Ted Rejman will attend a meeting tomorrow with Assemblyman Gary Finch to discuss the District's concerns with a proposed bridge closure in the town of Genoa.
- 2008/09 BOCES Services Guide/Initial Requests

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT –**

- Medicaid letter; Board members had no changes to the draft; it can be sent out.
- BOCES minutes, November 15; Board members received a copy.

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS – none**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Michelle Dean, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Motion carried: Yes -- 4 No -- 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Nynette Adams, District Clerk