

**SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008
EMILY HOWLAND LIBRARY**

MINUTES

The Board of Education met at the bus garage at 6:00 for a tour,
then traveled to the Emily Howland building for a tour.
Following the tour, the meeting was held in the Emily Howland library.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ted Rejman called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. All Board members were present at the start of the meeting except Steve Morse (7:20), 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, Mary Lou Cronin, Patricia Reilley, Luke Carnicelli
Others present: Nynette Adams, Beverly Buisch, Phil Donovan, David Gould & Zak Frazier from Chesapeake Energy, Debbie Groom (reporter for the *Post Standard*), Dan Holden, Dan McGarry, Ann Poorman, Ed Siemaitkowski, Liz Tyrrell, Bill Zimpfer

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 – 4 No – 0

Ted Rejman reviewed the calendar.

PRESENTATIONS –

-- David Gould and Zak Frazier, representatives from Chesapeake Energy, were in attendance, for a further discussion with Board members, of their request for permission to put a gas pipeline across the southern end of the Poplar Ridge campus property. It was the consensus of Board members to allow the legal parties of both entities to negotiate in closed session to come up with a plan for compensation for the district. It was also noted that Chesapeake Energy would pay the legal fees for this negotiation. Steve Morse arrived during this conversation.

- Ed Siemiatkowski, Claims Auditor, spoke to the Board. He is in the office every Thursday, reviewing all checks that go out. He is going to a training session tomorrow. It was noted that his oversight is working out well.

- Department Budget Presentations: Board members heard presentations from three departments regarding their accomplishments for this school year and their budget requests for 2008/09.
 - Career & Technical Education (CTE) Department: Dan Holden
 - English Language Arts (ELA) Department: Ann Poorman
 - Math Department: Liz Tyrrell & Dan McGarry

VISITOR RECOGNITION – none.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2008

On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the BOE regular meeting January 28, 2008.

Motion carried: Yes – 4 No – 0
Abstain: 1 (MD)

CSE Recommendations: On a motion by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education approved the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Revised Resignation Date: On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education approved the resignation of **Bruce Culver** as Transportation Supervisor and Director of Grounds, for retirement purposes, as revised to be effective April 29, 2008.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Accept Donation: On a motion by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education accepted a donation in the amount of \$621 from the Sports Booster Club, to be used toward the purchase of a new pitching machine for our softball program. A further donation for this purpose is expected from the PTO, and the pitching machine will not be purchased until all donations are received and approved.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Policy #3260, First Reading: On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education reviewed for a first reading Policy #3260, **Booster Clubs**.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Policy #3271, First Reading: On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education reviewed for a first reading Policy #3271, **Solicitation of Charitable Donations from School Children**.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Policy #7450, First Reading: On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education reviewed for a first reading Policy #7450, **Fundraising by Students**.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Policy #8460, First Reading: Board members discussed this policy and agreed on one revision, to add BOE approval for out-of-state field trips, whether or not they are overnight. On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education reviewed for a first reading Policy #8460, **Field Trips**, as amended.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Personnel Agenda: The Superintendent recommends the following.

RESIGNATIONS -- none

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.

-- Substitute: On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education approved the appointment of **Jeannette Curkendall** as a substitute cleaner for the 2007/08 school year, at a rate of \$8.84 per hour. Ms. Curkendall is currently employed as a food service helper/monitor.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

-- Co-Curricular: On a motion by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education approved the following appointments for the 2007/08 elementary swim program.

Motion carried: Yes – 4 No – 1 (JW)

- Cathy Murray, head lifeguard, \$20 per hour
- Kimberly Burke, PT lifeguard, \$10 per hour
- Ashley Cooper, recreation aide, \$7.15 per hour
- Patrick Redmond, recreation aide, \$7.15 per hour

-- Practicum Teacher: On a motion by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Michelle Dean, the Board of Education approved the placement of **Sarah Hinz**, Cornell University teacher education student, to work with Andy Miller and Patrick Brennan on Wednesdays for 40 hours of practicum time, from February 13, to May 3, 2008.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

-- Long-Term Volunteer: On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education approved the appointment of **Terry Lang** of Center Road, Moravia, as a long-term volunteer for the 2007/08 school year, working in the Emily Howland building.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

-- Field Trip: On a motion by Michelle Dean, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education approved an overnight field trip for the Southern Cayuga FFA. This is the annual winter trip to Camp Oswegatchie, in Lewis County, to be held January 19-21, 2008. Chaperones are Andy Miller and Patrick Brennan.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

-- Student Field Placements: On a motion by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education approved the field placements for six Wells College students for 20 hours of classroom observation time each, for their EDUC 406 Secondary Methods and/or EDUC 332 Reading and Writing in the Content Areas, during the spring 2008 semester.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

- Fred Cederstrom, with Bill Zimpfer
- Jamie-Leigh Csizmar, with Mary Beth Howell
- Emma Dailey, with Julie Netti
- Jennifer O’Neill, with Kathy Sterrett
- Stephanie Freese, with Ann Poorman
- Sheri Spooner, with Chris Clapper

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS

-- Central Business Office (CBO) Proposal; the Board discussed proposed changes to take place. Various scenarios were reviewed. A visit has been made to the Jordan Elbridge district to see the software being used. Another visit is expected to either Port Byron or Moravia.

-- NYCLASS Investment Group; information was provided for Board review.

-- Greenhouse discussion; the Board discussed the financing of the greenhouse project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent Worth reviewed with Board members the following items.

-- Transportation Supervisor; the posting for this position was provided to Board members. This is a Civil Service position and the posting must follow their guidelines and their job description. The timeline was reviewed; Jim Wilcox and Steve Morse (tentative) agreed to serve on the interview committee. The BOE agreed to support the process as presented by Superintendent Worth.

-- Management Advisory Group; the report will be provided to the Audit Committee.

-- Planetarium Curriculum Organizational Meeting; there are six districts registered for this event, to take place on February 13.

-- EXCEL project; we have received the building permits for this project.

-- Legislative Luncheon, March 6, Noon to 2:00, Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES; Michelle Dean will attend; others will check their calendars.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT –

-- BOCES minutes, January 17, 2008

-- Energy discussion; Board members agreed they would like to have further discussion regarding alternative energy systems, such as a co-generation plant. Superintendent Worth will provide direction on the next steps.

-- Missing Board member; this topic will be discussed in executive session.

-- Michelle Dean asked about providing names and addresses of registered sex offenders to school bus drivers, so they will know who lives on their routes.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS –

-- Phil Donovan noted that he is glad the Board will be discussing the missing member. He also asked about the consulting agreement with Syracuse University for long-range planning. This is being reviewed by Superintendent Worth and the business administrator. There is not yet a timeline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Leonard Jordan, seconded by Michelle Dean, the Board of Education entered executive session at 9:42 pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

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 10:27 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Leonard Jordan, the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 10:28 pm.

Motion carried: Yes -- 5 No -- 0

Respectfully submitted,
Nynette Adams, District Clerk