

**SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Leonard Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. All Board members were present at the start of the meeting except Steve Morse (7:29).

OPEN SESSION/ROLL CALL

Board members present: President Leonard Jordan, Vice President Dean Winspear, Teresa Lipfert, Joe Lonsky, Steve Morse, Ted Rejman

Board members absent: none

Administrators present: Superintendent Mary Kay Worth, Martha Stevermer, Luke Carnicelli, Mary Lou Cronin, Patricia Reilley

Others present: Nynette Adams, Bud Beyea, Jinny Bianconi, Tom Bianconi, Trudy Buxenbaum, John Gloss, Sandy Groth, Doug Killian, Lisa Killian, Bruce Kopp, Carin Kopp, Steve Lonsky, Ally Murphy, Marlene Nivison, Morgan Nivison, Jane Simkin, Alyssa Sunkin (*Citizen* reporter), Ann Teeter, Elisa VanAmburgh, Jim Walker, David White, Pat White, Bill Zimpfer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Ted Rejman, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board of Education approved the agenda, as amended. The calendar was reviewed.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

PRESENTATIONS –

-- Superintendent Worth presented **Patricia White**, SCCS retired music teacher, with a certificate in recognition of honor bestowed as Syracuse Symphony's Outstanding Music Educator in Music Technology.

VISITOR RECOGNITION – none

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda Action Items: Motion was made by Ted Rejman, seconded by Dean Winspear, to approve the following items.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

-- Minutes – BOE Special Meeting, April 20, 2009

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the BOE special meeting of April 20, 2009.

-- Minutes: – BOE Regular Meeting, April 22, 2009

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the BOE regular meeting of April 22, 2009.

-- CSE Recommendations: The Board of Education approved the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education.

-- Salary Adjustment

The Board of Education approved the adjusted salary rate for long-term substitute **Jennifer Dunster**, from \$100 to \$211 per day, retroactive to March 23, 2009, until on or about June 18, 2009. She continues to substitute for Janet Otis and after May 12 will exceed the 29 days in the same assignment.

-- Salary Adjustment

The Board of Education approved the adjusted salary for **Cathy Murray** as Director of the Elementary Swim Program, to \$20 per hour.

-- Policies, Review

The Board of Education reviewed and approved the following policies, as reviewed by the Policy Committee on April 27, with no changes recommended; from the Non-Instructional Operations section. A copy of the district Safety Plan is located in district offices.

#5650: Energy/Water Conservation and Recycling of Solid Waste

#5660: School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)

#5670: Records Management

#5680: Safety and Security

#5681: School Safety Plans

#5682: Crisis Response (Post Incident Response)

#5685: Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Public School Facilities

#5690: Exposure Control Program

#5691: Communicable Diseases

#5692: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Related Illnesses

Policy, First Reading: On a motion by Dean Winspear, seconded by Teresa Lipfert, the Board of Education reviewed for a first reading **Policy #5684, Anthrax and Other Biological Terrorism: Prevention Protocols/Protocols for Mail Handling**, as reviewed and revised by the Policy Committee. The next meeting of the committee will be announced.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Service Contract, OCM BOCES

On a motion by Ted Rejman, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board of Education for the Southern Cayuga Central School District adopted the following resolution. This is for new equipment; older items go through our system until determined they are no longer of value; then OCM BOCES takes them back for disposal. This is the third year of a revolving contract.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District desires to enter into up to a three (3) year service contract with the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereafter referred to as OCM BOCES) in order for the Regional Information Center (RIC) to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being but not limited to classroom technology and library automation and other instructional technologies in Co-Ser 562 and/or Co-Ser 620.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the above School District agrees to enter into a contract with the OCM BOCES for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the estimated principal amount of **\$85,000** plus related borrowing fees incurred by the OCM BOCES on behalf of the school district, plus yearly Regional Information Center support during the term of this contract. This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties.

Payments will be made as part of a regular annual BOCES contract for services. Further, this contract will be finalized by the Superintendent of the school district and is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education for both this multi-year service agreement and the OCM BOCES Installment Purchase contract which will be entered into on behalf of the school district at its request. This contract will be for a maximum period of three (3) years commencing on or about June 25, 2009.

- 33 Workstations
- 40 Laptops
- 12 MM Projectors
- 4 Area Printers
- Network items

Authorization: On a motion by Ted Rejman, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to send a letter to the Town of Scipio, in support of their request for high speed internet connection in the southern Cayuga towns (Scipio, Ledyard, Genoa, Venice).

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

Personnel Agenda

RESIGNATIONS; each of these positions has been budgeted and will be filled.

-- Math Teacher: On a motion by Ted Rejman, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of **Jennifer Furnia** as Mathematics Teacher, for personal reasons, effective June 30, 2009.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

-- Elementary Teacher: On a motion by Ted Rejman, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of **Bonny Blair** as Elementary Teacher, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2009. Board members expressed thanks for her many years of service to the district.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

-- Elementary Teacher: On a motion by Ted Rejman, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of **Patricia Nunno** as Elementary Teacher, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2009. Board members expressed thanks for her many years of service to the district.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS – 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.

Consent Agenda Personnel Items: On a motion by Ted Rejman, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board of Education approved the following personnel items.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

- Substitute: The Board of Education approved the appointment of **Nicole Corcoran** as substitute teacher for the 2008/09 school year.
- Extra-Curricular Assignment: The Board of Education approved the appointment of retired teachers **Connie Bouck** and **Connie Rejman** for an extra-curricular assignment for the 2008/09 school year to be compensated per SCTA contract hourly rates. They will assist with kindergarten screening.
- Election Inspectors: The Board of Education approved the appointment of the remaining inspectors for the election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.
 - Bruce Culver, Machine Technician
 - Mark Adams, alternate
 - Ann Burch, alternate
 - Mary Burns, alternate
 - Sharon Culver, alternate
 - Mary Elser
 - Cathy Komarisky
 - Sally Krueger
 - Rosemary Lacey
 - Roxzann Reynolds
 - Alice Sheerer
 - Micki VanOrman, alternate

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Correcting Resolution; Capital Reserve: On a motion by Dean Winspear, seconded by Ted Rejman, the Board of Education adopted the following resolution, as revised. Business Administrator Stevermer explained the change.

Motion carried: Yes – 5 No – 0

CAPITAL RESERVE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District, that the following proposition providing for the establishment and funding of a capital reserve fund be presented to the voters of the District at the May 19, 2009, annual budget vote and election:

Proposition #4

Capital Reserve Fund

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Southern Cayuga Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund to be used to finance in whole or part the cost of acquisition, construction or reconstruction of District buildings and grounds and of other capital projects in accordance with Education Law section 3651, in an ultimate amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. The fund shall have a probable term of five (5) years.

The Board of Education is further authorized ~~to transfer to such fund the entire remaining balance of the capital reserve fund established by the voters on May 19, 2009, and~~ to pay into the fund (1) in the 2009-10 school year and annually thereafter funds of the District in an amount determined by the Board not to exceed \$300,000.00 per year, (2) state aid reimbursement to the District on account of capital projects to the extent determined appropriate by the Board for the purposes of the fund, and (3) such other monies as the voters may direct.

The Clerk of the District is authorized and directed to include notice of such proposition in the legal notice of the annual vote and election.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS --

- Facilitator process for BOE and Superintendent; information was provided to Board members; a committee was formed, consisting of Superintendent Worth, Len Jordan, Ted Rejman and Teresa Lipfert, to review RFP applications and interview/select consultant/facilitator services regarding Board and Superintendent relationships, for up to one year of service, beginning June 1, 2009. All Board members agreed with the RFP draft and the timeline and agreed it is a good plan.
- High School Student Handbook, 2009/10; Board members received a copy of the proposed document to review, with changes in the philosophy, climate & culture and mission statement sections. They should call with any questions and will be asked to approve it at the May 26 meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

- Central NY School Boards Association
- Annual Meeting, May 28, Springside Inn; Superintendent Worth, Business Administrator Stevermer and Board members Dean Winspear, Leonard Jordan and Ted Rejman will attend.

- BOE Committee Reports
 - Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA) Executive Committee Representative; Leonard Jordan
 - **Report from** May 4 meeting; more planning was discussed for the June 4 meeting; information will be forthcoming on the sale of the old BOCES site; a BOCES representative will come to a Board meeting to give information; any sale must be approved by all the districts; Ted Rejman asked about the wetlands and what will be done with the remaining acres.
 - **Annual Dinner & Awards Night**, June 4, Springside Inn; Dean Winspear, Ted Rejman and Leonard Jordan will attend.

Steve Morse arrived.

- District Audit Committee; Joe Lonsky, Dean Winspear; a meeting is planned for May 21.
- Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee; Ted Rejman, Dean Winspear, Len Jordan
 - **Report** from May 6 meeting; the committee is moving forward with the plan to move all students to the Poplar Ridge campus, with expansion; a public information night is planned for **June 10**, with John Schmitt facilitating; the process will be reviewed and recommendations will be publicized; the Board will hear a report at their June 22 meeting and make their recommendation.
- Policy Committee; Ted Rejman, Dean Winspear
 - **Minutes from** April 27 meeting; distributed with May 1 update; next meeting will be announced.
- Wellness Core Committee or SubCommittees; Teresa Lipfert; Dean Winspear
- Transportation Committee; Dean Winspear
- Athletics; Steve Morse; spring sports are winding down, with participation in some tournaments and championships.
- SCCS/Union Springs Merged Sports Committee; Ted Rejman, Dean Winspear
- SCCS/Wells Partnership; Dean Winspear

BUDGET HEARING PRESENTATION

Superintendent Worth gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2009/2010 school district budget. She reviewed the process, the various parts of the budget, the tax levy, the tax rate and the four propositions that will be on the ballot. Steve Lonsky asked about a possible rate of increase that might have happened without the federal stimulus money. Bud Beyea commented on the number of teachers. Jinny Bianconi asked about using reserves when stimulus money runs out. Jane Simkin asked about the timeframe of moving all students to the Poplar Ridge building.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Lisa Killian and Bruce Kopp, candidates for Board of Education member, facilitated by Ally Murphy and Morgan Nivison, 10th grade students, answered predetermined questions regarding their candidacy for the two open seats on the Board. Students and candidates were thanked for their part in this new forum for “Meet the Candidates.”

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS – none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board adjourned to the District Office Conference room for an executive session at 8:45 pm for discussion of a personnel matter.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Ted Rejman, the Board of Education returned to open session at 9:20 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

Transportation Supervisor

On a motion by Steve Morse, seconded by Dean Winspear, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopted a resolution to terminate the employment of **Brett Johnson** as Transportation Supervisor, effective May 26, 2009.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ted Rejman, seconded by Steve Morse, the Board of Education adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 6 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,
Nynette Adams, District Clerk