

September 9, 2008

President John Wapner called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was held in the High School Library. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Macfarlane, Vice President; Ric Campbell; Michael Clark; Denise Dapice; Fred Hutchinson; David O'Connor (arrived at 6:39 p.m.); and, James Toteno. Francis Iaconetti was absent.

Also present were Lee Bordick, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Phyllis McGill, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services; Dr. Jean Scheriff, Director of Pupil Services; Diane T. Malecki, Business Administrator/District Clerk; Charlotte Frye, Elementary School Principal; Ron Davis, High School Principal; Gordon Fitting, Middle School Principal; Larry Burud, Middle School Assistant Principal.

Two newspaper reporters were in the audience. Mr. Louis Turpin, Rhinebeck Architecture, and Mr. Robert Fortune, BCI Construction were present as invited guests of the Board.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board conducted the following business.

Motion by Denise Dapice, seconded by Ric Campbell, that the Board of Education approve the present agenda as written or amended. **Motion Carried 7-0**

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Michael Clark, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education approve **R. 33** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the September 9, 2008 Board Workshop meeting, as written. **Motion Carried 7-0**

CONSENSUS AGENDA

The Consensus Agenda consists of:

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Christian Ritter, part-time (.4 FTE) music teacher, effective August 21, 2008.

RESIGNATION – C. RITTER

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Donna Himmel, part-time teaching assistant, effective August 27, 2008.

RESIGNATION – D. HIMMEL

That the Board of Education appoint Anita Crosby as part-time teaching assistant (3.0 hours/day), effective September 2, 2008, on step two, level one, at an hourly rate of \$11.96.

APPOINT – A. CROSBY

That the Board of Education appoint Colleen LeGere, who holds provisional certification in the area of music, to a part-time (.4 FTE) music teacher position effective September 2, 2008, on

APPOINT – C. LeGERE

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Masters, step 4, at an annual salary of \$43,473.00, pro-rated for .4 FTE.

That the Board of Education appoint Daniel Kohler as grade 7/8 football assistant coach for the 2008-2009 sports season, at a stipend of \$1,477.00.

APPOINT – D. KOHLER

Workshop Items:

1. Capital Project Update: Messrs. Turpin and Fortune reported that the Project is proceeding on schedule and currently is approximately \$35,000 under budget. Discussion took place regarding possible alternative items such as digital controls in the MED and a catch basin at the middle school. Additional topics discussed were:

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

The high school portion includes, but is not limited to: electrical work, window/door replacements, reconstruction of parking lot, entrance vestibule upgrade.

The MED portion includes, but is not limited to: heating/ventilation of the 1958 wing, electrical improvements, replacing fire alarms with new addressable systems, reconstruct ramp walkway between the MED and high school, and masonry work.

The middle school portion includes, but is not limited to: partial roof replacements on middle school and public library, upgrade of electrical systems, window/door frame replacements, and replace site lighting at the front of the middle school.

2. Opening Day/Opening Week: Mr. Bordick thanked food service, clerical, custodians, maintenance, transportation, instructional staff and administration for working together to make opening day a success. He reported enrollment to date is 1,301 students. On the same date last year, Chatham's enrollment was 1,313.

OPENING DAY/OPENING WEEK

3. Technology Grant from Senator Saland: The \$34,000 grant is fairly open ended but is meant for technology use specifically.

TECHNOLOGY GRANT

4. Canaan Library Agreement: 2 contracts for next meeting – The first contract is for the final 6 months of the 07-08 school year. The second contract will bring the Agreement in line with the District's school year.

CANAAN LIBRARY AGREEMENT

5. Superintendent Search: John Wapner reported a consensus amongst Board members to use Questar. A Resolution to that effect will be placed on the agenda for the September 23<sup>rd</sup>

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

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meeting. Mr. Wapner stressed the importance of Questar communicating with the Board and the Chatham community as a whole.

6. High School music room carpeting: It was reported that the carpeting will be installed to reduce safety issues with the flooring and risers in the music room.

HS MUSIC ROOM  
CARPETING

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. International Baccalaureate Program and Advanced Placement Program possibilities for the curriculum in the District.

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by James Toteno, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Entered Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Denise Dapice, that the Board of Education appoint Lee Bordick as District Clerk Pro-Temp for the remainder of the meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education return to Open Session. **Motion Carried 8-0**

OPEN SESSION

Returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Ric Campbell, seconded by Denise Dapice, that the Board of Education adjourn the September 9, 2008 Workshop Meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Diane T. Malecki  
District Clerk

Lee Bordick  
District Clerk Pro-Temp

