

August 24, 2010

President John Wapner called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was held in the High School library. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Macfarlane, Vice President; Gail Day; Fred Hutchinson; Francis Iaconetti; David O'Connor; Melony Spock; and James Toteno. Michael Clark and Taylor Wenk, Student Representative were not in attendance.

Others in attendance were Cheryl Nuciforo, Superintendent; John Thorsen, HS Principal; Jean Scheriff, Director of Pupil Services; and Kristen Reno, MED Principal

The audience consisted of staff, students and numerous community members (approximately 50); Emilia Teasdale, *Columbia Paper* reporter; Paul Crossman, *Chatham Courier* reporter; and Adam Charbonneau, District Communications.

Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by James Toteno to appoint Diane T. Malecki as district clerk pro-temp for the August 24, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

MALECKI - DISTRICT
CLERK PRO-TEMP

Motion Carried 8-0

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board addressed the following business

Motion by Francis Iaconetti, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane to approve the present agenda as written.

APPROVE WRITTEN
AGENDA

Motion Carried 8-0

President John Wapner read a statement regarding administrative investigations and how they are to be handled with 3020a processes. President Wapner stated that the Board will not respond to public comment and asked the public to try to limit their time and avoid repetition.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT

One member of the audience asked permission for a teacher who is on administrative leave to enter the Board meeting. Permission was granted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Twenty-nine members of the public, including former students, parents and community members commented on an on-going personnel issue. General discussion took place following public comments.

Cheryl Nuciforo spoke about the process and timelines governed by Education Law Section 3020a. She also notified

STATEMENT ABOUT 3020a
SUPT. NUCIFORO

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the public that decisions regarding personnel issues cannot be made until school is in session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Strategic Planning - Superintendent Nuciforo presented a PowerPoint explaining the direction of the Board of Education and the District for the coming school year. The approach that will be taken is to be clear and concise with several goals that are attainable within the school year while maintaining a future look at the District's hurdles and opportunities.
2. District and Board Goals for 2010-2011 – President Wapner, presented a PowerPoint explaining the goals for 2010-2011. The overall goals include 21st Century Learning, supporting and cultivating leadership at all levels, developing a culture of “Long Range Planning,” developing a school system with flexibility, and seeking and implementing “best practices” in District Leadership.
3. Board Agenda Format and Committee Structure – Superintendent Nuciforo and President Wapner discussed the sample new agenda format with the Board members in attendance. The reformatting of the agenda will enhance the topic focus and increase the opportunity for the participation of all Board members. Board Committees will meet on an as needed basis.
4. Race To The Top - Superintendent Nuciforo read a letter from NYS Education Department Commissioner David M. Steiner announcing the NYS has been awarded \$696.6 million as a winner in the second round of the federal Race to the Top competition.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

DISTRICT AND BOARD GOALS 2010-2011

NEW BOARD AGENDA FORMAT & COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

RACE TO THE TOP NYS WINNER

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education approve **R. 22** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the August 4, 2010 recommendations of the Committee on Special Education. **Motion Carried 8-0**

CSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Melony Spock, that the Board of Education approve **R. 23** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the District and Board Goals for the 2010-2011 school year, as revised at the August 24, 2010 meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**

DISTRICT AND BOARD GOALS ADOPTED 2010-11

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Motion by Melony Spock, seconded by Gail Day, that the Board of Education approve **R. 24** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the contract with Dr. Lawrence Greitzer, school doctor, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, in the amount of \$2,833.33 per month, totaling \$34,000 per year, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract. **Motion Carried 8-0**

CONTRACT WITH
SCHOOL DOCTOR - DR.
GREITZER

Motion by David O'Connor, seconded by Elizabeth Macfarlane, that the Board of Education approve **R. 25** as follows: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the Consensus Agenda of the August 24, 2010 Board meeting, as written. **Motion Carried 8-0**
The Consensus Agenda consists of:

CONSENSUS AGENDA

That the Board of Education revise the retirement effective date for Marybeth Rilke, bus driver, from August 31, 2010 to August 21, 2010.

RILKE RETIREMENT
DATE CORRECTION

That the Board of Education revise the per diem substitute bus driver effective date for Marybeth Rilke to August 31, 2010.

RILKE PER DIEM SUB
DATE CORRECTION

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Leslie Coons, bus driver, effective September 8, 2010.

RESIGNATION - LESLIE
COONS

That the Board of Education accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, under the NYS Part A retirement incentive, from Lawrence Dreher, transportation supervisor, effective August 31, 2010.

RETIREMENT - L. DREHER

That the Board of Education accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement, under the NYS Part A retirement incentive, from David VanLeeuwen, mathematics teacher, effective August 13, 2010.

RETIREMENT - D.
VANLEEUVEN

That the Board of Education appoint Kelli Pritchett, who holds continuing (permanent) TA certification, to a 1.0 probationary appointment in the teaching assistant tenure area, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2013, on level III step 5, at an annual salary of \$19,578.00.

APPOINT F/T TA -
K. PRITCHETT

That the Board of Education appoint Mary Ellen Hiebeler as per diem substitute food service helper, effective September 1, 2010, at the hourly pay rate of \$10.50 per hour.

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE -
M. HIEBELER

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That the Board of Education appoint Justin Forrest as 2010-2011 Science 9-12 Instructional Study Team Leader.

IST LEADER - J. FORREST

That the Board of Education appoint the following coaches for the 2010-2011 sports season at the 2009-2010 pay rates as noted:

COACHING
APPOINTMENTS

Daniel Doyle, Girls' JV Soccer, \$1,952

Michael Graves, Boys' JV Soccer, \$1,952 (pending CPR/1st Aid Cert.)

Barbara Rosenthal, Girls' Varsity Tennis, \$2,670

Bruce Otto, Girls' Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach (volunteer-no stipend)

Glenn Wheeler, Boys' Modified Soccer Assistant Coach (volunteer-no stipend)

That the Board of Education approve the contract with The Center for Disability Services, Inc. for the 2010-2011 school year for six students attending the Langan School, at the rate approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the NYS Division of Budget, estimated at \$38,743.00, and authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract.

SPEC. ED. SERVICES
CONTRACT - LANGAN
SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Library Committee - The next meetings of the Library Committee will be with the Library Advisory Committee. The deadline to apply to become a member is September 10, 2010.

Policy Committee - 2nd reading of Relations with Booster Organizations #1222, 2nd reading of Student Organizations #5210, and 2nd reading of Student Fundraising #5251. These policies were discussed and comments were made for suggested revisions.

Facilities Committee - met on August 13, 2010.

Bi-County School Boards - President Wapner reminded Board members about the Columbia County School Boards Association's September 23rd Annual Meeting and dinner. He will be calling all school board members in the County to encourage them to attend.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA:


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AGENDA

1. Action steps for discussion of disclosure of excess reserves
2. Per diem substitutes' salaries
3. How volunteers are hired

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Motion by Elizabeth Macfarlane, seconded by Fred Hutchinson, that the Board of Education appoint Cheryl Nuciforo as District Clerk Pro-Tem for the remainder of the meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP


Diane T. Malecki
District Clerk Pro-Temp

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations, the employment history of a particular person leading to the appointment, promotion or discipline of a particular person, and proposed, pending, or current litigation. **Motion Carried 8-0**
Entered Executive Session at 9:13 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cheryl Nuciforo left Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.


Cheryl A. Nuciforo
District Clerk Pro-Temp

Motion by Gail Day, seconded by Francis Iaconetti that the Board of Education appoint Elizabeth Macfarlane as District Clerk Pro-Temp for the remainder of Executive Session. **Motion Carried 8-0**

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMP - EXEC SESSION

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by James Toteno that the Board of Education resume Open Session. **Motion Carried 8-0**

Resumed Open Session at 10:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Motion by Fred Hutchinson, seconded by Francis Iaconetti that the Board of Education adjourn the August 24, 2010 Board meeting. **Motion Carried 8-0**
Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED


Elizabeth Macfarlane
District Clerk Pro-Temp