

Board Highlights

UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

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REGULAR/EXECUTIVE MEETING AUGUST 3, 2009

Board of Education Present: Mr. Kevin Burke, Mrs. Debra Eichholtz, Mrs. Kitty Houghtaling, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mr. Mark LaFountain, Mr. Mickey Muscolino, Ms. Allison Tyminski (arrived @ 5:36 p.m.), Mr. Paul Waltz

Board of Education Absent: Mrs. Jennifer Steigerwald

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Dr. Thomas Neveldine, Deputy Supt.; Ms. Sheila Tufankjian, Exec. Dir. of Bus. Admin./Board Clerk; Mrs. Rebecca Streib, Exec. Dir. of Human Res.; Mrs. Judy Morgan, Exec. Dir. of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability; Mr. Kieran O'Connor, Exec. Dir. of Planning, Development & Technology

Others Present: Mr. Joseph Shields, School District's Attorney; Mr. John Nichols, ESMUT

Interested Citizens: 0

MR. KEVIN BURKE, PRESIDENT, CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M. AT HEMAN STREET SCHOOL, ROOM #105.

“RESOLVED BY MR. LAFOUNTAIN, SECONDED BY MR. WALTZ THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC OFFICER’S LAW SECTION 96, SUBDIVISION I, THE BOARD ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE/ AT 5:32 P.M.”

Ayes – 8, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

“RESOLVED BY MRS. EICHHOLTZ, SECONDED BY MR. LAFOUNTAIN THAT, THE EXECUTIVE SESSION BE ADJOURNED AT 5:50 P.M.”

Ayes -8, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: None

FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD:

BUSINESS REPORTS:

A. Minutes: 7-13-09

B. Business Reports:

Payroll Warrant Reports (#33, #35, #37, #39, #41, #43, #45, #47, #49, #51)

Accounts Payable Warrant Reports (#34, #36, #38, #40, #42, #44, #46, #48, #50, #52, #53, #54)

Tax Certioraris

Transfer of Funds 2008-2009

Donation

C. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports:

Graduation – August 19, 2009, 6:00pm

D. Superintendent's Report:

EXCEL Project Update presented by Ms. Tufankjian
Feedback on NSBA 2009 Presentation presented by Mrs. Morgan
Update on Pine Grove Middle School Summer Programs presented by Mrs. Morgan
– Enhanced Skills for Middle School Success and Robotics
Textbook Adoption/Purchase presented by Mrs. Morgan
Revised Course Proposal presented by Mrs. Morgan

“RESOLVED BY MR. MUSCOLINO, SECONDED BY MR. WALTZ THAT, the Business Reports A – D, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Textbook Adoption/Purchase

“RESOLVED THAT the following two new textbooks for the English Department at the Central High School be approved, at a total cost not to exceed \$55,000.00.”

Literature: Language and Literacy (Grade 9). Wiggins, Grant, etal. Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education, Inc. 2010.

Literature: Language and Literacy (Grade 10). Wiggins, Grant, etal. Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education, Inc. 2010.

“RESOLVED THAT the following three new textbooks for the Foreign Language Departments at Pine Grove Middle School and the Central High School be approved, at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000.00.”

Ecco! Uno – EMC Publishing, 2009.

Ecco! Due – EMC Publishing, 2009.

Percorsi – Prentice Hall, 2009.

B. Revised Course Proposal

“RESOLVED THAT, the Career and Technical Education courses Computer Aided Design & Drafting I and Computer Aided Design & Drafting II be revised as outlined in the enclosed memorandum.”

C. Tax Certiorari Settlement: Nocha Group

“RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of School District Counsel, a tax certiorari settlement for Nocha Group (5000 Campuswood Drive) with an estimated refund from the District to Nocha Group (5000 Campuswood Drive) in the amount of \$66,376.15, be approved.”

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District (the “Board of Education”), held on August 3, 2009 at Heman Street School, 121 E. Heman Street, East Syracuse, County of Onondaga, State of New York;

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kevin Burke, President of the Board of Education, and upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT: Mr. Kevin Burke, Mrs. Debra Eichholtz, Mrs. Kitty Houghtaling, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mr. Mark LaFountain, Mr. Mickey Muscolino, Ms. Allison Tyminski, Mr. Paul Waltz

C. Tax Certiorari Settlement: Nocha Group (cont'd)

ABSENT: Mrs. Jennifer Steigerwald

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Dr. Thomas Nevelndine, Deputy Supt.; Ms. Sheila Tufankjian, Exec. Dir. of Bus. Admin./Board Clerk; Mrs. Rebecca Streib, Exec. Dir. of Human Res.; Mrs. Judy Morgan, Exec. Dir. of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability; Mr. Kieran O'Connor, Exec. Dir. of Planning, Development & Technology

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Mark LaFountain, and seconded by Mr. Paul Waltz.

“WHEREAS, Nocha Group 3, LLC has filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment on its property located at 5000 Campuswood Drive in the Town of DeWitt for assessment years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS Nocha Group 3, LLC has proposed settlement of all pending tax year challenges upon the terms contained in the proposed “Stipulation of Settlement and Order” attached as *Exhibit “A”*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is willing to settle all proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education agrees to settle each of the tax certiorari proceeding, subject to attorney approval, in accordance with the terms of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement and Order attached as *Exhibit “A”*.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.”

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows: **AYES: 8 NAYS: 0**

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

Tax Certiorari Settlement: New Process Gear

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District (the “Board of Education”), held on August 3, 2009 at Heman Street School, 121 E. Heman Street, East Syracuse, County of Onondaga, State of New York;

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kevin Burke, President of the Board of Education, and upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT: Mr. Kevin Burke, Mrs. Debra Eichholtz, Mrs. Kitty Houghtaling, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mr. Mark LaFountain, Mr. Mickey Muscolino, Ms. Allison Tyminski, Mr. Paul Waltz

ABSENT: Mrs. Jennifer Steigerwald

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Dr. Thomas Nevelndine, Deputy Supt.; Ms. Sheila Tufankjian, Exec. Dir. of Bus. Admin./Board Clerk; Mrs. Rebecca Streib, Exec. Dir. of Human Res.; Mrs. Judy Morgan, Exec. Dir. of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability; Mr. Kieran O'Connor, Exec. Dir. of Planning, Development & Technology

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Mark LaFountain, and seconded by Mr. Paul Waltz.

“WHEREAS, New Process Gear has filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment on its property located at 6600 New Venture Gear Drive in the Town of DeWitt for assessment years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009; and

Tax Certiorari Settlement: New Process Gear (cont')

WHEREAS, New Process Gear has proposed settlement of all pending tax year challenges upon terms contained in the proposed "Stipulation of Settlement" attached as *Exhibit "A"*; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dewitt, the Town Assessor and the School District Expert Jack Coyle, MAI Appraiser, recommend the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is willing to settle all proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education agrees to settle each of the tax certiorari proceedings, subject to attorney approval, without paying any refunds to the Company. The assessment will be reduced in 2009 to \$30,000,000; 2010 to \$25,000,000; 2011 to \$17,500,000 and 2012 to \$15,000,000, and in accordance with the terms of the proposed "Stipulation of Settlement" attached as *Exhibit "A"*.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately."

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows: **AYES: 8 NAYS: 0**

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

D. Transfer of Funds 2008-2009

"RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District, approve the transfer listed below, from the unappropriated fund balance (year end June 30, 2009) to the listed accounts:

Retirement Contribution Reserve (ERS)	\$500,000
Capital Reserve of 2008	\$600,000

E. Donation

"RESOLVED THAT, a donation of \$28,760.79 from the ESM Spartan Marching Band and Winter Guard Booster Organization, to be used for the Central High School's Automotive Technology Club, be approved."

F. Airport Settlement Resolution

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District (the "Board of Education"), held on August 3, 2009 at the Pine Grove Middle School, East Syracuse, County of Onondaga, State of New York;

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kevin Burke, President of the Board of Education, and upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT: Mr. Kevin Burke, Mrs. Debra Eichholtz, Mrs. Kitty Houghtaling, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mr. Mark LaFountain, Mr. Mickey Muscolino, Ms. Allison Tyminski, Mr. Paul Waltz

ABSENT: Mrs. Jennifer Steigerwald

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Dr. Thomas Neveldine, Deputy Supt.; Ms. Sheila Tufankjian, Exec. Dir. of Bus. Admin./Board Clerk; Mrs. Rebecca Streib, Exec. Dir. of Human Res.; Mrs. Judy Morgan, Exec. Dir. of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability; Mr. Kieran O'Connor, Exec. Dir. of Planning, Development & Technology

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. Mark LaFountain, and seconded by Mr. Paul Waltz.

WHEREAS, the City of Syracuse has filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment on its property located in the Town of DeWitt for assessment years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009;

WHEREAS, the City of Syracuse has proposed settlement of all pending tax year challenges upon the terms contained in the proposed Stipulation of Settlement and Order attached as *Exhibit "A"*, Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement attached as *Exhibit "B"* and proposed legislation to create a new Airport Authority attached as *Exhibit "C"*;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is willing to settle all proceedings, authorize the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and proposed legislation to create a new Airport Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education agrees to settle each of the tax certiorari proceedings, subject to attorney approval of the Stipulation of Settlement and Order, Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and proposed legislation, in accordance with the terms of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement attached as *Exhibit "A"*, Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement attached as *Exhibit "B"* and proposed legislation to create a new Airport Authority attached as *Exhibit "C"*.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows: **AYES: 8** **NAYS: 0**

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

Dated: August 3, 2009

School District Clerk
East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District

“RESOLVED BY MR. LAFOUNTAIN, SECONDED BY MR. WALTZ THAT, the Action Items A – F, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

A. Appointments

Two-Year Probationary ~ Instructional Appointment

*Tara Niles, Special Education Teacher – Woodland, Eff. 9/1/09 – 8/31/11

Three-Year Probationary ~ Instructional Appointment

Scott Causer, Earth Science Teacher – CHS, Eff. 9/1/09 – 8/31/12

*Kris Hebert, Teaching Assistant – Minoa, Eff. 9/1/09 – 8/31/12

*Elizabeth Boyle, Elementary Teacher – PGMS, Eff. 9/1/09 – 8/31/12

52-Week Probationary ~ Non-Instructional Appointment

*Amanda Ciocca, School Bus Attendant/Aide – Transportation Dept., Eff. 9/1/09

Permanent Itinerant Substitute

Philip Gillett – CHS, Eff. 9/1/09 – 6/30/10

Megan Walker-Gray – CHS, Eff. 9/1/09 – 6/30/10

Regular Substitute

Christopher Colosi, Elementary Teacher – ESE, Eff. 9/1/09 – 1/31/10

Meghan DeSocio, Elementary Teacher – Minoa, Eff. 9/1/09 – 6/30/10

Mary E. Spicer, Business Teacher (.4FTE) – CHS, Eff. 9/1/09 – 6/30/10

*Michael White, School Counselor – CHS, Eff. 9/1/09 – 6/30/10

PGMS Summer School Appointment

Timothy Patterson, Lego Robotics Summer Enrichment Course

*Pending Fingerprint Clearance.

Season	Sports	Position	Coach
FALL	Athletic Trainer	Asst. Trainer	Houck, Paul
FALL	Cheerleading, F'ball	Head Coach	Muscolino, Veronica
FALL	Cheerleading, F'ball	Asst Coach	Norcross, Ashley
FALL	Cross Country	Head Coach	Gorney, Jim
FALL	Cross Country	Asst. Coach	Herrington, Pam
FALL	Cross Country	Asst. Coach	Taddeo, Bill
FALL	Cross Country	Asst. Coach	Zodbylak, Carrie
FALL	Field Hockey (G)	Asst. Coach	Sergi, Kate
FALL	Field Hockey (G)	Asst. Coach	Neuhaus, Lindsey
FALL	Football	Head Coach	DeParde, Kevin
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Eschbacher, Michael
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Kilpatrick, James
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Pacelli, Steve
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Zappala, Tom
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Smith, Jim
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Pynn, Daryl
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Staub, Christopher
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Graham, Steve
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Open
FALL	Football	Asst. Coach	Avery, James
FALL	Golf-Boys	Head Coach	Ferris, Michael
FALL	Golf-Boys	Asst. Coach	Trivelpiece, Mark
FALL	Gymnastics-B/G	Head Coach	Suddaby, Wayne
FALL	Gymnastics-B/G	Asst. Coach	Pierrot, Kendra
FALL	Gymnastics-B/G	Asst. Coach	Open
FALL	Soccer-boys	Head Coach	Carr, Mark
FALL	Soccer-boys	Asst. Coach	Neff, Kevin
FALL	Soccer-boys	Asst. Coach	Fekos, Dimitrios
FALL	Soccer-boys	Asst. Coach	Bachta, Todd

FALL	Soccer-boys	Asst. Coach	Dugan, Pat
FALL	Soccer-boys	Asst. Coach	Open
FALL	Soccer-girls	Head Coach	Vollmer, Jaime
FALL	Soccer-girls	Asst. Coach	Spencer, Courtney
FALL	Soccer-girls	Asst. Coach	Hatcher, John
FALL	Soccer-girls	Asst. Coach	deBerjeois, Michael
FALL	Soccer-girls	Asst. Coach	Smith, Tim
FALL	Soccer-girls	Asst. Coach	Russell, Tanner
FALL	Tennis-girls	Head Coach	Underwood, Jay
FALL	Tennis-girls	Asst. Coach	Open
FALL	Weight Training-HS (AM)	Coach	Eschbacher, Michael
FALL	Weight Training-HS (PM)	Coach	Herrington, Robert
FALL	Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Houck, Paul
FALL	Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Clark, Denise
FALL	Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Scholl, Jackie

Season	Sports	Position	Coach
WNT	Athletic Trainer	Asst. Trainer	Manfredo, Paul
WNT	Basketball-(B)	Head Coach	Carr, Mark
WNT	Basketball-(B)	Asst. Coach	Carr, Larry
WNT	Basketball-(B)	Asst. Coach	Kilpatrick, James
WNT	Basketball-(B)	Asst. Coach	Dugan, Pat
WNT	Basketball-(B)	Asst. Coach	Michaud, Kevin
WNT	Basketball-(B)	Asst. Coach	DeBerjeois, Michael
WNT	Basketball-(G)	Head Coach	Graham, Steve
WNT	Basketball-(G)	Asst. Coach	Herrington, Bob
WNT	Basketball-(G)	Asst. Coach	Keough, Tim
WNT	Basketball-(G)	Asst. Coach	Ferris, Michael
WNT	Basketball-(G)	Asst. Coach	Neuhaus, Lindsey
WNT	Basketball-(G)	Asst. Coach	Brown, Chris
WNT	Bowling-Boys	Head Coach	Piraino, Marty
WNT	Bowling-Girls	Head Coach	Open
WNT	Cheerleading, B'ball	Head Coach	Muscolino, Veronica
WNT	Cheerleading, B'ball	Asst Coach	Pierrot, Kendra
WNT	Indoor Track	Head Coach	Taddeo, Bill
WNT	Indoor Track	Asst. Coach	Staub, Chris
WNT	Indoor Track	Asst. Coach	Farranto, Courtney
WNT	Volleyball	Head Coach	McHerron, Jerime
WNT	Volleyball	Asst. Coach	Clark, Denise
WNT	Volleyball	Asst. Coach	Smith, Tim
WNT	Volleyball	Asst. Coach	Trivelpiece, Mark
WNT	Wrestling	Head Coach	Leo, Jay
WNT	Wrestling	Asst Coach	Open
WNT	Wrestling	Asst. Coach	Avery, Jim
WNT	Wrestling	Asst. Coach	Open

WNT Weight Training-HS (AM)	Coach	Eschbacher, Michael
WNT Weight Training-HS (PM)	Coach	Eschbacher, Michael
WNT Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Houck, Paul
WNT Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Clark, Denise
WNT Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Scholl, Jackie

Season	Sports	Position	Coach
SPG	Athletic Trainer	Asst. Trainer	Houck, Paul
SPG	Baseball	Head Coach	Herrington, John
SPG	Baseball	Asst. Coach	Galuski, Greg
SPG	Baseball	Asst. Coach	Taylor, Paul
SPG	Baseball	Asst. Coach	Herrington, Bob
SPG	Baseball	Asst. Coach	Pacelli, Steve
SPG	Baseball	Asst. Coach	Smith, Jim
SPG	Golf-Girls	Head Coach	Ferris, Michael
SPG	Golf-Girls	Asst. Coach	Trivelpiece, Mark
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Head Coach	McCoy, Jon
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Asst. Coach	Michaud, Kevin
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Asst. Coach	Dunham-Jones, Jerome
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Asst. Coach	Linton, Dave
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Asst. Coach	Open
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Asst. Coach	Open
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Asst. Coach	Ducharme, Jeff
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Asst. Coach	Smith, Tim
SPG	Lacrosse-Boys	Asst. Coach	Open
SPG	Lacrosse-Girls	Head Coach	Reed, Andy
SPG	Lacrosse-Girls	Asst. Coach	Vollmer, Eric
SPG	Lacrosse-Girls	Asst. Coach	Sergi, Kate
SPG	Lacrosse-Girls	Asst. Coach	Thomas, Meghan
SPG	Lacrosse-Girls	Asst. Coach	Bonus, Amy
SPG	Lacrosse-Girls	Asst. Coach	Open
SPG	Outdoor Track-(B)	Head Coach	Carr, Mark
SPG	Outdoor Track-(B)	Asst. Coach	Comstock, Garry
SPG	Outdoor Track-(B)	Asst. Coach	Richmond, David
SPG	Outdoor Track-(B)	Asst. Coach	Staub, Christopher
SPG	Outdoor Track-(G)	Head Coach	Gorney, Jim
SPG	Outdoor Track-(G)	Asst. Coach	Taddeo, Bill
SPG	Outdoor Track-(G)	Asst. Coach	Clark, Denise
SPG	Outdoor Track-(G)	Asst. Coach	Farranto, Courtney
SPG	Softball	Head Coach	Brown, Christopher
SPG	Softball	Asst. Coach	Neuhaus, Lindsey
SPG	Softball	Asst. Coach	Ervin, Megan
SPG	Softball	Asst. Coach	Zappala, Tom
SPG	Softball	Asst. Coach	Open

SPG	Softball	Asst. Coach	Open
SPG	Tennis-Boys	Head Coach	Underwood, Jay
SPG	Weight Training-HS (AM)	Coach	Eschbacher, Michael
SPG	Weight Training-HS (PM)	Coach	Eschbacher, Michael
SPG	Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Houck, Paul
SPG	Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Clark, Denise
SPG	Weight Training-PG (PM)	Coach	Scholl, Jackie
SUMMER	Weight Training-Conditioning	Coach	Eschbacher, Michael

B. Recommendations for Tenure

“RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent of Schools recommends the following personnel for appointment to tenure:”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Philip Kugler	Carpentry Teacher	Initial Carpentry 7-12	10/09/2009
Tina Nabinger	School Library Media Specialist	Perm. School Library Media Specialist	10/09/2009
Donna Dauria	Elementary Teacher	Perm. Nursery, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6	10/29/2009
Melissa Ferrara	Elementary Teacher	Initial Early Education Birth – Grade 2 & Initial Childhood Education Grades 1-6	10/16/2009

C. Personnel Change

“RESOLVED THAT, Kathy Jorgensen’s position of School Nurse be increased from .8FTE to 1.0FTE, as outlined in the attached memorandum.”

“RESOLVED BY MR. WALTZ, SECONDED BY MRS. EICHHOLTZ THAT, the Personnel Items A – C, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

POLICY DISCUSSION: None

POLICY ACTION: None

“RESOLVED BY MS. TYMINSKI, SECONDED BY MR. WALTZ THAT, THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 6:52 P.M.”

Ayes - 8, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tufankjian
District Clerk

Approved _____
Filed _____