

Board Highlights

UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

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EAST SYRACUSE-MINOVA CENTRAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR/EXECUTIVE MEETING MARCH 8, 2010

Board of Education Present: Mr. Kevin Burke, Mrs. Debra Eichholtz, Mrs. Kitty Houghtaling, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mr. Mark LaFountain, Mr. Mickey Muscolino, Mrs. Jennifer Steigerwald, Ms. Allison Tyminski, Mr. Paul Waltz

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Dr. Thomas Nevelidine, Deputy Supt.; Ms. Sheila Tufankjian, Exec. Dir. of School Bus. Admin./Clerk; Mrs. Rebecca Streib, Exec. Dir. of Human Res.; Mr. Kieran O'Connor, Exec. Dir. of Planning, Development & Technology; Mrs. Kathryn Southwell, Director of Teaching & Learning; Mrs. Cheryl West, Coord. For Youth Development & Leadership; Mr. Ed Ames, Principal of Central High School; Mr. Doug Mohorter, Asst. Principal of Central High School Asst. Principal of Central High School; Mrs. Kelly Sajnog, Principal of Pine Grove Middle; Ms. Janice Ahlsen, Principal of Fremont Elementary

Others Present: Mr. Charles Wicks, Treasurer; Ms. Joan Ferrara, Internal Claims Auditor; Mr. Joe Ciancaglini, Internal Auditor; Mr. John Nichols, ESMUT, Mr. Wayne Brownson, OCM BOCES; Ms. Faith Jones-Rolfe, SEIU

Interested Citizens: 54

MR. KEVIN BURKE, PRESIDENT, CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AT FREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AFTER AUDIT COMMITTEE AND A BUILDING WALK.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:

Recognitions:

Regional Science Olympiad Team
PS/WCNY Spelling Bee Contest

Fremont Elementary School Improvement Plan Highlight: *Learning and Interacting in a Digital Environment*

Alignment of 2010-2011 Budget with the Strategic Plan: Part II

Public Relations & Communications Plan – Michael Meath, Andrea Wandersee, and Crystal Smith

FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD: No one spoke.

BUSINESS REPORTS:

A. Minutes: 02/08/2010

B. Business Reports:

Treasurer's Report (January 2010)
Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report (January 2010)
Appropriation Status Report
Budget Transfers (January)
Accounts Payable Warrant Reports #30, #32
Payroll Warrant Reports #29, #31
Donations
Refund of Taxes
Municipal Energy Purchasing Co-Op Agreement
Revised Budget Calendar 2010-2011

C. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports:

OCM BOCES Annual Meeting: April 7, 2010
OCM BOCES Board Member Elections: April 26, 2010
Policy Development
March Highlights: Spartan Spectacular and Festival of Nations
ESM Education Foundation Mystery Dinner Theater: March 26, 2010
Teen Financial Literacy Forum: March 27, 2010
Woodland Museum of Young Artists Exhibit

D. Superintendent's Report/Spectrum Update:

ESM Festival of Nations
Park Hill Library
Bristol Myers R_xeSearch: An Educational Journey
2010-2011 Initial Budget Forecast
Onondaga County Sales Tax
Study Excursion/Non-Curricular Field Trip Request

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

Ayes- 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Budget Transfers

“RESOLVED THAT the budget transfers for salaries or other ordinary contingent expenses, per Board Policy #5230 and Commissioner's Regulations, as outlined in the enclosed, be approved.”

B. Donations

“RESOLVED THAT, a donation of \$500.00, from Bristol-Myers Squibb to be used for Career Odyssey at the High School, be approved.”

“RESOLVED THAT, a donation of \$250.00, from Bristol-Myers Squibb to be used for Science Programs at Park Hill School, be approved.”

“RESOLVED THAT, a donation of \$50.00, from various contributors to the Pam Quigley Memorial Scholarship Fund, be approved.”

B. Donations (cont’d)

“RESOLVED THAT, a donation of \$100.00, from various contributors to the Pam Quigley Memorial Scholarship Fund, be approved.”

C. Refund of Taxes

“RESOLVED THAT due to a clerical error by the Town Assessor’s Office, a school tax refund of \$700.84 is due Frank & Antionette Coville, 7307 Roumare Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057, be approved.”

D. Municipal Energy Purchasing Co-Op Agreement

“WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other,

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district;

WHEREAS, East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District is a "municipal corporation" as defined above;

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the “Agreement”), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer for the term ending April 30, 2012 for all natural gas participants; and April 30, 2012 for all electric participants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District (hereinafter "Participant") to participate in the NYSMEC, authorizes and directs Dr. Donna J. DeSiato, Superintendent of Schools to sign the Agreement and/or the Billing Schedule for natural gas and/or electricity pursuant to the Agreement for the term ending April 30, 2012 for all natural gas participants; and April 30, 2012 for all electric participants on its behalf and further authorizes its officers and employees to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to participate in the municipal cooperative bids for the purchase and delivery of natural gas and/or electricity pursuant to the Agreement and subject to subsequent approval by this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids and to award contracts for the purchase and delivery of natural gas and/or electricity on behalf of the Participant, in accordance with such bid specification, to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and employees of Participant are authorized to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.”

E. Revised Budget Calendar 2010-2011

“RESOLVED THAT the revised Budget Calendar, as enclosed, be approved.”

F. Public Relations & Communications Plan

“RESOLVED THAT, the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District Board of Education adopt the Public Relations & Communications Plan.”

G. Study Excursion/Non-Curricular Field Trip Request

DECA: International Career Development Conference; Marriott Downtown,
Louisville, Kentucky (04/23/10 - 04/28/10)

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

Ayes- 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

A. Resignations

Debby Diriwachter, Account Clerk I – District Office, Eff. 03/15/10

Nancy Dick, Food Service Helper I – PGMS, Eff. 03/08/10

B. Retirements

Kathleen Green, Special Education Teacher – Minoa Elementary, Eff. 07/31/10

Regina Moore, Special Education Teacher – East Syracuse Elementary, Eff. 08/29/10

C. Appointments

Non-Teaching/52-Week Probationary

Matthew Gallipeau, Custodial Worker I – CHS, Eff. 03/13/10

Coaching Assignment – 2010 Spring Season

Sara DeVona, Assistant Coach – Girls Lacrosse

Sara Reitz, Assistant Coach – Girls Lacrosse

D. Amended Probationary Appointment

“RESOLVED THAT, the amended probationary appointment of Bryan Dunlap as outlined in the attached memorandum, be approved.”

E. Amended Substitute List

“RESOLVED THAT, the amended substitute list, dated 03/08/2010, be approved.”

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

Ayes- 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

POLICY DISCUSSION:

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POLICY ACTION: None

“RESOLVED BY MR. WALTZ, SECONDED BY MRS. HOUGHTALING THAT, THE
REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:59 P.M.”

Ayes - 9, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tufankjian
District Clerk

Approved _____

Filed _____