

NORTH ROSE-WOLCOTT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2012

6:15 PM

AUDITORIUM OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT:

Judi Buckalew, John Boogaard, Robert Cahoon, Kathy DeAngelis, Kari Durham, Kelly Ferrente (6:50 PM), Brigitte Henry, Gary Sproul (6:21 PM), Phil Wagner

Elena LaPlaca, Cinda Lisanto, Robert Magin, John Walker and approximately 25 guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Kari Durham called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

1a. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Robert Cahoon moved and Philip Wagner seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, J. Boogaard, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, B. Henry, P. Wagner voted yes.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the agenda of May 8, 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Katharine DeAngelis moved and Philip Wagner seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, J. Boogaard, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, K. Ferrente, B. Henry, G. Sproul, P. Wagner voted yes.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves Executive Session for the purpose of discussing tenure recommendations of specific employees.

REGULAR SESSION

The meeting returned to regular session at 6:57 PM and moved to the auditorium.

All board members introduced themselves.

Phil Wagner spoke briefly of his background, what led him to become a board member and his reasons for seeking reelection.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE
2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

John Walker presented the proposed 2012-13 budget. Bob Magin explained proposed revenues and expenditure. Board and audience members were invited to ask questions.

- Is alternative education program funded by grants? Yes, partially.
- Is the increase in the administrative portion of the budget for an SRO position or additional administrators? For an SRO position.
- What happens to those funds if not used? They go into the general fund.
- John Walker strongly supports an SRO position. Proactive approach to enabling students to make good choices.
- Questions about using grant funds to build the budget. All districts are compelled to use grant funds to maintain the educational program.

- Special education costs are higher than last year. Yes, one newly enrolled classified student can impact the budget by as much as \$100,000.
- The budget for supplies seems to be lower for 2012-13 than last year. How does this effect program. It doesn't affect program. Funding for program is on another budget line.

Kari Durham thanked everyone for participating in the presentation and for their thoughtful questions.

4. DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPOSALS

Kari Durham thanked the community for joining in the three forums and asking good, thoughtful questions. The board continued a roundtable discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of moving grades 5-8 to the Florentine Hendrick Elementary building.

- Consolidations: is there value to furthering the discussion with neighboring districts as one more measure of the decision making process before the board?
- Newark sent out letters to Midlakes and Marion to promote a discussion of merger.
- Sodus and Red Creek are not interested in merger, but Clyde-Savannah may be interested in sharing some programs. A study done a couple of years ago found that there was no interest in the subject throughout the Wayne - Finger Lakes BOCES area. Can still share and consolidate services without merging.
- Economics are the driving force behind consolidation, with continually declining enrollment the next factor.
- Why not go back to a four building configuration?
- One building was closed because North Rose - Wolcott schools were at 60% capacity. Why go back now, given that North Rose Wolcott Elementary is operating so efficiently?
- In the late 1980's BOCES proposed an addition to Middle School: academics, gym, administrative offices. They withdrew plans due to lack of interest by neighboring districts.
- The board must make a decision by June. Can the district afford the lost time?
- Driving the issue: academic program for students and costs:
 - = Students can't wait for updated, enhanced, learning environment
 - = Costs increase: the longer the decision making timeframe is extended the higher the cost to renovate.
- Question about who might want to occupy the building should the move take place. Not in favor unless the board has solid commitments from agencies, local government entities, organizations and businesses. Many communities have empty schools, and no one wants to do anything to make the building useful.
- How the building is used is secondary for the boe. The real questions is: what is best for students, not about whether a community center will thrive.
- Engaging community investment is important but is secondary to the financial and educational responsibility to students. How do we allocate our funds to provide the best education for our students?

- Community members have expressed interest in working with the board to brainstorm on the best way to utilize the building.
- What is the cost analysis of maintaining the Leavenworth building, managing building leases, monitoring usage?
- The board is not at a point where it has to consider these questions. They are not essential to the question before the board.
- The district will not let the building fall into disrepair. It is a misconception and does not speak well to the professional work done to maintain the appearance of our district.
- Saving 25% of the cost of renovation because Florentine Hendrick Elementary building is empty and work can progress without students/staff. This is significant savings and the decision should not be sidetracked by future “what-ifs”. The issue is how to wisely spend limited money and give students the enhanced, safe learning spaces.
- Does the board need another session to review all questions?
- All data and information needs to be collected and collaborated to give the community clear answers.

5a. FOUR COUNTY SBA

Reservations are due for the annual meeting.

5b. BOARD OF EDUCATION EVALUATION

Kari Durham announced that she was no yet prepared to have the discussion.

5d. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Nolan Anthony reported on many good things that are taking place at the High School. The High School production, *Urinetown*, received the following awards: Outstanding Crew, Outstanding Student Orchestra, Outstanding Dance Ensemble, Outstanding Acting Ensemble, Outstanding Singing Ensemble
 Outstanding Musical Production, Rising Star Awards for all seven of our *Urinetown* Children, Outstanding Lead Actor: Noah Barnes, Outstanding Supporting Actor: Caleb Miraglia, Three Tip of the Hat awards: Conner Burry, Tim Jenkins, Tiger Winter

Noah Barnes has been selected to compete on Thursday May 24 at the Auditorium Theater for the chance to represent The Rochester area at a New York City competition.

Solofest results were equally impressive. Conner Burry scored 100, and three other students, Brett Norsworthy, Zack Luckin and Kyle Wafler all scored 98 or better.

4f OTHER GOOD NEWS OF THE DISTRICT:

Elementary testing is over!
 The board extends best wishes to Noah Barnes. Everyone please vote for Noah at www.rochesterhp.com/starsoftomorrow.

5a. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION UPDATE

Cinda Lisanto reported on APPR meetings. Curriculum Council met and the decision was made not to do any science or social studies curriculum writing this summer due to the revisions in standards that are coming from SED.

5b. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Bob Magin reported that internal auditors are in the district this week reviewing risk assessment.

- 5g. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE No further reports were given.
6. CONSENT AGENDA Robert Cahoon moved and Brigette Henry seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, J. Boogaard, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, K. Ferrente, B. Henry, G. Sproul, P. Wagner voted yes.
- Consent Agenda item 6c. - Recommendations from CSE and CPSE was removed as no recommendations were available for approval.
- 6a. MEETING MINUTES Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2012.
- 6b. WARRANTS Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the following Warrants: #53 - \$32,879.19
#55 w/ Auditor's Rpt - \$193,514.62 #56 w/ Auditor's Rpt -\$121,331.90
- 6d. SUBSTITUTES Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the individuals named on the substitute lists, which are on file with the District Clerk.
- 6e. TREASURER'S REPORTS Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Treasurer's Reports for March 2012.
- 6f. BUS PURCHASE FUNDING Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, amend the 2011-2012 budget by an increase of \$6,751.50 to appropriations code A9950-900-07-0000 (interfund transfers) for the transfer from General Fund to Capital Fund in lieu of issuing debt, using surplus unappropriated, undesignated fund balance based on voter approved bus purchases at the December 8, 2011 vote.
- 6g. ESTABLISH EXTRACLASSROOM Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of
ACTIVITY ACCOUNT the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the creation of an activity account for the Cougar Cupboard. Be it further resolved that Nancy Younglove and Cary Merritt be approved as account co-advisors. This position is considered volunteer and the advisors will not receive a stipend.
- 6h. ESTABLISH SHARON Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the
MARTIN MEMORIAL THEATRE Superintendent of School and pursuant to Education Law, approves the
AWARD establishment of the Sharon L. Martin Memorial Theatre Award, giving a \$500.00 check to a high school senior on a yearly basis who meets the criteria set forth by the family. Be it further resolved that the district is authorized to hold the funds in an interest bearing Trust and Agency account for distribution according to written criteria established for the fund.
- 6i1. PERMANENT APPOINTMENT Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the

permanent appointment of Dustin Williams as a Cleaner, effective May 16, 2012.

612. EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY/
VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUMMER
GRANT STUDENT WORKER Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves student, Jessica Battist, who worked under the guideline of the Extended School Day/Violence Prevention Grant at \$7.25/hr.

613. APPOINT RECREATION
ATTENDANTS Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of Karli Bromley as a Recreation Attendant for 7.25/hr. effective May 9, 2012.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of Delicia Crippen as a Recreation Attendant for 7.25/hr. effective May 9, 2012.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS No items were discussed.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS The following items of information were given to the board:
Rural Schools Association Newsletter, WFL BOCES Bd. Meeting Agenda for May 7, 2012, Use of Facilities

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION A student stated that teachers tell them there have been budget cuts which affect various activities that are made available to students.

The board budget committee took the recommendations of building principals when preparing the budget. Principals take into consideration the enrollment in these activities, which would determine funding for the next school year. Additionally, many teachers volunteer their time to keep unfunded activities viable for students. These concerns should be shared with teachers, who then take the question to the building principal. Principals share the concerns with the Superintendent, and then the Board of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Robert Cahoon moved and Katharine DeAngelis seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, J. Boogaard, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, K. Ferrente, B. Henry, G. Sproul, P. Wagner voted yes.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves Executive Session at 8:55 PM for the specific purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person.

Executive Session took place in Room 210.

OPEN SESSION The meeting returned to open session at 9:20 PM.

The board settled on a date for an additional meeting to further discuss the middle school proposals. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 10, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the District Office Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time Kari Durham declared the meeting closed.
Phil Wagner moved and Gary Sproul seconded the following motion.
The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, J. Boogaard, R. Cahoon, K.
DeAngelis, K. Durham, K. Ferrente, B. Henry, G. Sproul, P. Wagner voted
yes.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the
Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves
adjournment of the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Clerk of the Board of Education