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NORTH ROSE-WOLCOTT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2003 7:00PM ROOM 210 OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

- PRESENT** Douglas Bell, Melinda DeBadts, William Gowan, Nickoline Henner, Mark Humbert, Edward Magin, David Smith
- Elena LaPlaca, Daniel Starr, Deborah Stuck and approximately 14 guests.
- ABSENT/EXCUSED** Sandra Boerman, and Jeffrey Lisanto attended a Four County School Board Association Meeting at the request of the Board.
- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Edward Magin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 1a. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Mark Humbert moved and Melinda DeBadts seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. D. Bell, M. DeBadts, W. Gowan, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith 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 December 16, 2003.
- 2. PUBLIC ACCESS** Jillian Sherwin invited all Board Members to a Holiday Tea sponsored by the High School Student Council. It will be held from 12:30 to 2:00pm on Friday, December 19.
- 3. PRESENTATIONS** No presentations were made.
- 4a. POLICY COMMITTEE** Dave Smith reported on the last committee meeting. A number of policies were reviewed and will be presented to the entire Board at the next meeting for a first reading.
- 4b. NEGOTIATIONS** Ed Magin reported that a number of negotiation sessions with the North Rose - Wolcott Teachers' Association have taken place. He will give the Board a detailed update in Executive Session.
- 4c. CURRICULUM COUNCIL** Dave Smith reported on the last Curriculum Council meeting, highlighting new trend tests that SED will be administering to selected 4th and 8th grade students. North Rose - Wolcott was not selected as a district that would pilot these tests.
- 4d. ASSESSMENT & EVAL.** Ed Magin reported on the last Assessment and Evaluation committee meeting. Committee members are looking at various assessment and evaluation tools that are better suited to evaluate the wide variety of positions in the district
- 4e. PTA UPDATE** Dan Starr reported on the first meeting of the new North Rose - Wolcott PTA. Lisa Interlichia has volunteered to organize this

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new venture and will be working with state and federal affiliations to help make this venture successful. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26 at 7:00pm at Florentine Hendrick Elementary School.

4f. MS SKI CLUB UPDATE

Dan Starr reported that he had spoken to Terry Smith regarding the Wolcott Community Ski Club. Mrs. Smith said that any and all North Rose - Wolcott students are welcome to join them for a night of skiing. She stressed that parents must accompany students or groups of students and act as a chaperone.

4g. OPEN

Dan Starr gave kudos to all band and choir students for their fine performances at recent Middle School and High School concerts.

Dan Starr reported that recent 5th grade Social Studies assessment scores were great! Eighty-seven percent of students are performing at levels 3 and 4.

Absenteeism rates for both students and staff are being closely monitored. Illness has been pervasive in all school buildings and the bus garage, but numbers are declining. Due to the illness rate among bus drivers, the district had to combine some bus runs and cancel a second bus run in order to have enough drivers to service students.

Dave Smith asked if the weather station was operational at the High School. Bob Ceccarelli commented that they are still having hardware problems and it is not working.

5a. GOLF PROGRAM

Anne Dapolito, Director of Physical Education and Golf Coach, spoke to the Board about the golf course. She spoke of several incidents of vandalism but felt that the revenue generated by public use was still good. She mentioned that future capital project considerations by the Board might include a pole barn structure that would house mowers, the ball machine and other equipment used to maintain the golf range.

5b. HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL HIRING
PROCESS

Dan Star covered the proposed timeline that the district would be using in order to hire a new High School Principal. A committee consisting of 12 High School teachers, support staff, students and parents would interview candidates and help narrow the field of applicants based on qualities that they will develop. The goal is to bring a recommendation to the Board in May 2004.

5c. REGENTS/RCT TEST
SCORE VARIANCE

Bob Ceccarelli addressed the State Education Department recommendation that the passing threshold for Regents exams be maintained at 55 to earn credit for a local diploma. Flaws in assessment questions and in the scaling of test scores have not been resolved. This makes the assessments nebulous and does not give students a solid, fair testing base. The Board can review the resolution each year and discuss the changes that SED has made to resolve assessment problems.

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Mark Humbert moved and Douglas Bell seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. D. Bell, M. DeBadts, W. Gowan, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith voted yes

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of School and pursuant to Education Law, readopts a Regents/RCT Variance policy from Commissioner's Regulations, which approves a test score of no lower than 55 percent on a Regents examination to satisfy local diploma requirements. This applies to the math, science, English, and social studies state required assessments.

6a. MEETING MINUTES

Douglas Bell moved and David Smith seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. D. Bell, M. DeBadts, W. Gowan, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith voted yes

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 November 25, 2003.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Mark Humbert moved and Melinda DeBadts seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. D. Bell, M. DeBadts, W. Gowan, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith voted yes

7a. 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:

Federal 132	\$10.00	Federal 135	\$70.00
Federal 139	\$2213.02	Federal 140	\$2390.55
Federal 144	\$120.00	General 130	\$5076.77
General 133	\$482.16	General 136	\$156161.00
General 137	\$1575.51	General 138	\$2642.54
General 139	\$1908.08	General 143	\$50454.98
General 145	\$20914.22	School Lunch 131	\$130.06
School Lunch 141	\$14422.65		

7b. RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE & CPSE

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education dated November 20, 24, 2003 and December 4, 2003 and the Committee on PreSchool Special Education dated December 2, 2003, and instruct the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number:

6434	7200	6830	7825	8426	10529	7863	0191	7550
7611	7935	10585	10988	9421	8185	10598	8021	10496
10444	9385	10201	10232	10983	10257	10981		

7c. 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.

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- 7d. ADJUSTMENT TO TAX WARRANT/TAX REFUND Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the school tax refund to Timothy J. Shattuck, tax ID #77114.00.262124 in the amount of \$382.83.
- 7e. CONTRACT: WC DEPT. AGING & YOUTH/FACTS Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Contract with the Wayne County Department of Aging and Youth to provide Family Assessment Coordination Team Service (FACT) for a minimum of 10 youths, grades K-6 in our district at a cost of \$300 per child not to exceed \$3000 for the 2003-04 school year.
- 7f1. REINSTATE CLEANER LISA COLE Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law reinstates the employment of Lisa Cole as a Cleaner, with no loss of seniority, personal or sick time, effective December 8, 2003.
- 7f2. APPT. MESSENGER: LISA WILLIAMS Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the 12 week probationary appointment of Lisa Williams as a Messenger with no loss of seniority, personal or sick time, for 4 hours per day, \$7.21 per hour, effective December 12, 2003.
- 7f3. APPT. FOOD SERVICE HELPER: JUDY PICKARD Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the 26 week probationary appointment of Judy Pickard as a Food Service Helper, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87, for 3 hrs/day, \$6.80/hr., effective January 5, 2003.
- 7f4. COACHING APPTS Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of the following individual as a coach for the 2003-04 school year.
- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary*</u> | <u>Step/Years</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Jay Reynolds | Boys Mod B. Basketball | \$1638 | 1 / 1 |
- *Adjusted upon completion of negotiations
8. INFORMATION ITEMS The following items were shared with the Board:
Florentine Hendrick Elementary School December Calendar
Use of Facilities
9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION This time is provided for the public to ask questions of Board discussions during the meeting.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION William Gowan moved and David Smith seconded a motion to go into Executive Session. The vote was unanimous. D. Bell, M. DeBadts, W. Gowan, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith voted yes.

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Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves Executive Session at 8:10pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the North Rose - Wolcott Teachers' Association, and to discuss the tenure appointment of a specific teacher.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:19pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Humbert moved and William Gowan seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. D. Bell, M. DeBadts, W. Gowan, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith voted yes.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the adjournment of the meeting at 9:19pm.

Clerk, Board of Education