

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

APRIL 8, 2014

7:00 PM

SMALL CAFETERIA OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

- PRESENT: Judi Buckalew, Robert Cahoon, Lucinda Collier, Kelly Ferrente, , Danny Snyder, Michael Virts
- Elena LaPlaca, Cinda Lisanto, Robert Magin, John Walker and approximately 35 guests.
- ABSENT/EXCUSED John Boogaard, Edward Magin, Laura McDorman
- CALL TO ORDER President, Judi Buckalew called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance,
1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Robert Cahoon moved and Lucinda Collier seconded the following motion. It passed with a unanimous vote. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, D. Snyder, M. Virts 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 April 8, 2014.
- Prior to conducting any business, Judi Buckalew provided an overview of the Public Participation portion of each agenda. School Board meetings are not public meetings, but business meetings conducted in a public setting. Soliciting comment from the public is a courtesy extended by the Board of Education not a right given by law. The Board does have a policy outlining guidelines for Public Participation. The policy is on display at each meeting.
2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Lois Wafler spoke to the Board about requesting input from the community with regards to next steps in formulating a plan for the future of school buildings, and educational programs. She urged the Board to conduct community forums.
3. PRESENTATIONS Kelley Allen, along with all Art instructors, gave a presentation of student artwork featured at exhibits and shows. Many pieces have won awards and metals. The Board was impressed with the level of talent displayed!
- 4a. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS Michele Sullivan and Kathy Goolden presented an overview of the six educational programs that take place in the District during the summer. Approximately 600 students receive instruction and related services from over 100 staff members.
- Mark Mathews reported on the administration of ELA exams at the Middle School. Student put forth good effort and test results will be used to formulate learning strategies for next year.

Jennifer Hayden reported that Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on April 9 and 10. A standards-based report card is being introduced at this time. Students completed ELA state assessments. 3rd grade students had some trouble completing day one multiple choice questions. Essays in general for students were well developed. Students spent more time going back to the text for evidence.

Paul Benz reported that he will be discussing career-ready status for students at a later date with the Board. Approximately 70 students will take Advanced Placement exams this year. They will be conducted off-site at the Wolcott Library.

Megan Paliotti reported on student referrals for educational placement and reported the number of students with out-of-district educational placements.

Scott Baker reported that the District took part in Operation Safe Stop, an effort by law enforcement to ensure the public is following bus safety rules and regulations. June Muto and North Rose - Wolcott Elementary Counselors are conducting PBIS [Positive Behavior Intervention & Support] lessons to reinforce good behavior/etiquette on school buses.

Kathy Hoyt reported that all spring sports games have been delayed due to the weather.

4b. STUDENT UPDATE

No report was given.

4c. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Judi Buckalew opened the dialogue by recapping the discussions that took place at the last meeting.

Danny Snyder stated that the High School building can hold grades 7-12 with minor renovations. He believes it is financially prudent to continue to plan for this educational program, and to consolidate grades K – 6 to one building.

Mike Virts is in favor of using two buildings to educate students. It is imperative that grades 7 and 8 be separated as much as possible from the remainder of the High School population. Other school districts [he used Red Creek as an example] do an exemplary job of separating grades 7 and 8 in a 7-12 educational program configuration. We can learn from them. It is also important that the Board formulate plans to use school buildings vacated by the students and convey the plans to the community.

Cinda Collier stated that she doesn't agree with the statements made. She doesn't believe Grades 7 and 8 can be successfully separated. They will have to use common areas at the same time as upperclassmen. It looks doable on paper but in reality it is difficult. Moving 5th grade to North Rose - Wolcott Elementary may be more doable.

In looking at the financials associated with the original capital project, she didn't find the costs associated with the upkeep and maintenance of closed buildings. Not convinced that the Board did a good job of exploring every scenario and possibility. It is her estimation that the

community has distrust for capital projects and was not prepared to support it.

Kelly Ferrente stated that she doesn't agree with Cinda Collier. While a capital project will cost taxpayers, doing nothing will cost more in the long run. She doesn't want to see programs cut and that is what will happen if the Board doesn't do anything to better manage the costs associated with maintaining buildings.

She further stated that she wants to hear from the community. She would like to share all of the facts that the Buildings & Grounds Committee and the entire Board used to develop the capital project.

Robert Cahoon stated that he feels the public has the idea that the Board is revisiting the capital project proposal to be spiteful. How does the community continue pay for three buildings and still maintain program? How does the Board keep taxes at a reasonable level and continue to provide a good education to children? Do we maintain what we have with higher budgets and more taxes? There is a consequence to every scenario and the Board is responsibility to make decisions that are best for students now and for the future.

John Walker provided Board Members with a copy of the 2010 Building Condition Survey (BCS). The information in this document led the Board to question maintenance expenditures, investigate cost-effective practices and ultimately develop the December 2013 Capital Project proposal. He also provided historical data regarding the tax levy and student enrollment. He commented that the District has done a good job of holding the levy at zero percent for the couple of years. Enrollment and State aid continues to decline. Who is left to pay the bills?

He distributed cost savings estimates that would be realized should the District house students in two school buildings. The estimates are conservative but are real. He thanked Bob Magin for gathering the data.

The tax levy history, enrollment documents and the cost savings estimates are part of these minutes. A copy of the BCS is available at the District Office.

Judi Buckalew stated that none of the discussions that have taken place suggest that the Board has a plan to close any building. The Board had not made plans prior to the Capital Project vote for building use because it was not practical to do so before the outcome of the vote.

These discussions will continue at future meetings.

4d. PTSO UPDATE

Andrea Roelle reported that PTSO is sponsoring a book fair at North Rose - Wolcott Elementary. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9th.

4e. GOOD NEWS

Cinda Collier reported that she attended the Four County SBA Prospective Board Member workshop.

- 5s. POLICY FIRST READING Cinda Collier asked for clarification of a policy.
- 5b. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION Melanie Stevenson reported that the grades 3 – 8 ELA State Exam administered on April 1, 2, 3 went smoothly. It was evident that students are using learned strategies.
- Summer curriculum writing proposals will be requested from the staff this week.
- 5c. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR Robert Magin reported on the changes to expenditures and revenues of the proposed 2014-15 budget as a result of state aid projections. He acknowledged the charge from and work of the Board Budget Committee to be able to present a budget with a zero percent increase to the tax levy.
- Danny Snyder gave kudos to Mr. Magin, recognizing him for developing a fiscally responsible budget and the solid financial projections for a K-6/7-12 educational program
- APPROVAL OF 2014-15 BUDGET Robert Cahoon moved and Danny Snyder seconded the following motion. It passed with a unanimous vote. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, D. Snyder, M. Virts voted yes..
- Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the proposed 2014-2015 Budget in the amount of \$25,842,757.00.
- 5e. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL TAX Danny Snyder moved and Lucinda Collier seconded the following motion. It passed with a unanimous vote. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, D. Snyder, M. Virts voted yes.
- Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District's Real Property Tax Report Card for the 2014-2015 tax year.
- 5f. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE John Walker stated that he has asked Administrators to start developing the logistics for moving 8th grade to the High School. The move would commence with the 2015-16 school year, if Administrators complete plans for the move.
6. CONSENT AGENDA Kelly Ferrente moved and Lucinda Collier seconded the following motions. They passed with a unanimous vote. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, D. Snyder, M. Virts voted yes.
- 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 March 25, 2014.
- 6b. RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE AND CPSE Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the recommendations for the Committee on Special Education dated March 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 24, 25, and 26, 2014, and April 1, 2014 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated November 25, 2013.

March 25, 2014, and instructs the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number: 13216 12793 12345 12433 13116 12343 13083 10444 13082 11679 11025 12762 12235 12429 12600 12323 11177 12417 13269 12538 12951 11726 12157 11320 11734 IEP Amendments: 11820 10356 13052 13282

6c. 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.

6d. TREASURER'S REPORT

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 February 2014.

6e. 2014-15 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Academic Calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

6f. COURSE APPROVAL

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the following new high school credit courses which will be included in schedules starting in September 2014:

Title: Business Math	Title: Statistics	Title: Forensic Science
Grade Level: 11, 12	Grade Level: 11, 12	Grade Level: 10, 11, 12
Length: Whole Year	Length: Whole Year	Length: Whole Year
Credit: 1	Credit: 1	Credit: 1

6g. BOARD APPOINTMENT INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, appoints Tina Fuller to serve as the Internal Claims Auditor for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, effective April 9, 2014.

6h1. LTR. OF RESIGNATION VIOLA PETTY

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law accepts the resignation of Viola Petty as a School Monitor, effective February 27, 2014.

6h2. APPT. BUS DRIVER CRAIG STEVENSON

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 Craig Stevenson as a Bus Driver, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80 1.11 and Part 87 as follows: \$14.50/hr, 5.25 hrs/day, for a total estimated salary of \$14,083, prorated to start date of April 9, 2014.

6h3. CREATION OF TEACHER AIDE POSITION

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the creation of a 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide position for 7 hours per day effective April 9, 2014.

6h4. CORRECT APPOINTMENT
KIRK BAILEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law approves the appointment of Kirk Bailey as a lifeguard/water safety instructor at \$9.75/hr., **\$ 9.50/hr.** for the 2013-14 school year.

6h5. CO-CURRICULAR APPTS.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law approves the following co-curricular appointments for the 2013-2014 school year.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Bldg.</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Step/Years</i>	<i>Salary</i>
Michael Witkiewicz	HS	Pit Band Director	4/10	\$1558.00
Michael Witkiewicz	HS	Solo Fest Advisor	\$22.00/hour – 8 hours max.	
Michael Witkiewicz	HS	All County Band	4/13	\$604.00
Michael Witkiewicz	HS	All State Band	4/14	\$604.00

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were given to the Board:
Claims Auditor Reports for Paid Warrants, Lake Shore News Articles, WFL BOCES Board Meeting Agenda, WFL BOCES Annual Meeting Agenda

8a. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Robert Cahoon moved and Kelly Ferrente seconded the following motion. It passed with a unanimous vote. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, D. Snyder, M. Virts 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 April 8, 2014.

8b LETTER OF INTENT TO
RETIRE: MOLLY MARTIN

Lucinda Collier moved and Danny Snyder seconded the following motion. It passed with a unanimous vote. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, D. Snyder, M. Virts voted yes.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law accepts with thanks for years of service the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Molly Martin, effective with the close of business on June 30, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Cahoon moved and Lucinda Collier seconded the following motion. It passed with a unanimous vote. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, D. Snyder, M. Virts 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 9:25 PM.

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Elena M. LaPlaca, District Clerk