

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2005 7:00PM AUDITORIUM AND ROOM 210 OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT

Robert Cahoon, Melinda DeBadts (8:01pm), Nickoline Henner, Mark Humbert, Jeffrey Lisanto (9:22pm), Edward Magin, David Smith, Terri Smith

Donna House, Elena LaPlaca, Daniel Starr and approximately 25 guests.

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Sandra Boerman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Humbert called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

1a. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Edward Magin moved and David Smith seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. R. Cahoon, M. DeBadts, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith, T. 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 September 27, 2005.

1b. PRESENTATION OF CAPITAL PROJECT

Dr. Starr provided the public with detailed information on the October 6, 2005 Capital Project vote. His presentation included the scope and cost of each proposition and also included the financial impact to taxpayers. Following his presentations, individuals had the opportunity to ask questions. Concerns were voiced about the District asking residents to pay more taxes for the proposed renovations/construction verses paying more taxes during the next budget development process. The preference was to pay taxes to keep teachers, not to do repairs.

David Allardice, the districts financial advisor explained that the "pots" used to distribute financial aid to school districts by SED are separate and distinct. The district will get no more aid if the repair costs are paid for from operating aid – the funds used to support program and staff. Taxpayers would have to pay for the entire cost of repairs if those expenses are made part of the regular budget. The district qualifies for 95% aid on repairs and construction authorized by voters in a capital project because it is a consolidated district. This is an advantage to taxpayers to get repairs/construction completed for 5% of the total cost. There is no other state aid reimbursement program of this type.

Another concern was the fact that the work contained in Proposition #2 was proposed a couple of years ago. At that time the Board decided not to present it for a vote. It is now being reintroduced to taxpayers. Why?

It was one speaker's opinion that due to declining enrollment in the district and there was no need to add classrooms at the High School, or move the District Administrative Office to Florentine Hendrick Elementary School and add classrooms to that building.

Dr. Starr was asked what the district was doing to stabilize the tax base and attract new businesses and families to the area. He responded that the best thing the Board can do is provide a quality education. Mr. Humbert added that safe, well-maintained educational facilities will help.

Dr. Starr thanked everyone for attending the meeting and invited everyone to Room 210, where the meeting would continue.

**2. PUBLIC ACCESS**

No one spoke to the Board.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations were made.

**4a. FOUR COUNTY SBA**

Reservations are due for the next general membership meeting.

**4b. CURRICULUM COUNCIL**

Terri Smith reported on the first Curriculum Council meeting of the school year.

**4c. CAPITAL PROJECT**

Dan Starr requested that Capital Project Committee members set a date for a meeting to discuss items from the old project.

**4d. OTHER GOOD NEWS**

Mindy DeBadts reported that the North Rose Elementary School Open House saying it was crowded and fun.

Ed Magin reported on an ERS/TRS workshop he attended in Newark.

Dr. Starr announced that 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math test scores had just been released. He reported that there was a decrease in level 1 and level 2 scores, which means that students are performing better on the test.

Mark Humbert mentioned that board members have received a copy of a letter from some teachers about the special education summer school program. Dr. Starr indicated that he has not discussed the letter with any individuals involved and will provide the Board with an update once the discussions have taken place.

**5a. UPDATE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Angela Kirkey reported on special education programs in the district. Offerings range from Resource Room to self-contained classrooms, consortium classes, and BOCES placements. All programs are provided to offer students with disabilities the opportunity to receive instruction in a setting that is conducive to learning. Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Music Therapy and audiology services are also provided based on each student's Individualized Education Plan.

**5b. UPDATE ON SUMMER SCHOOL**

June Muto served as the Principal for Cooperative Summer School, which was held at the High School this year. North Rose - Wolcott, Red Creek and Cato Meridian students participate in

classes. There were 110 North Rose - Wolcott students enrolled this year out of a total of 259 students. A full range of courses were taught this year in the 30 days of attendance required by SED.

**5c. LETTER OF INTENT  
TO RETIRE: LEO TICCONI**

Edward Magin moved and Jeffrey Lisanto seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. R. Cahoon, M. DeBadts, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith, T. Smith voted yes.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts with regret the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Leo Ticconi, effective Mary 12, 2006.

**6a. MEETING MINUTES**

Melinda DeBadts moved and David Smith seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. R. Cahoon, M. DeBadts, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith, T. Smith voted yes.

Prior to a vote on the meeting minutes, Dave Smith asked for clarification on a point made in the September 13, 2005 minutes. The District Clerk told him that if a fact/statement was recorded incorrectly then it should be clarified and corrected. If it is correctly stated but he didn't agree with the fact/statement itself, then no correction can be made.

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 September 13, 2005.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Nickoline Henner moved and Robert Cahoon seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. R. Cahoon, M. DeBadts, N. Henner, M. Humbert, J. Lisanto, E. Magin, D. Smith, T. 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:

|                 |             |                   |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Capital 45      | \$67081.81  | Capital 51        | \$4144.90   |
| Federal 41      | \$15228.54  | Federal 51        | \$13999.50  |
| General 39      | \$2970.83   | General 42        | \$17481.16  |
| General 46      | \$108031.90 | general 47        | \$10254.11  |
| General 52      | \$10409.67  | General 53        | \$330.67    |
| School Lunch 44 | \$4151.47   | School Lunch 50   | \$11645.32  |
| School Lunch 55 | \$120.18    | Trust & Agency 48 | \$197687.59 |

**7b. 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 from the Committee on Special Education dated September 20, 2005, and the Committee on PreSchool Special Education dated September 13, 2005, and instruct the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number: 9756 9383 11449 11483 11484 11339 11226

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.

7d1. APPT. TEACHING ASST  
CHRISTINE VOGEL

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the three year probationary appointment of Christine Vogel as a Teaching Assistant, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87 for 7 hrs/day, \$11.53/hr. for a total annual salary of \$14,931, prorated to \$14,205, effective September 19, 2005.

7d2. APPT. BUS DRIVERS

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 Ken Zirbel, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87 for 5 hr/day, \$10.57/hr. for a total annual salary of up to \$9,883, effective September 7, 2005.

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 Rebecca Kendt, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87 for 5 hr/day, \$10.57/hr. for a total annual salary of up to \$9,883, effective September 7, 2005.

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 Kent Sparnon, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87 for 4 hr/day, 4 days/wk., \$10.57/hr. for a total annual salary of \$5,961, effective September 26, 2005.

7d3. APPT. POLL WORKERS

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approve the following individuals to work at the October 6, 2005 Capital Project Vote to serve at Chief Inspectors of Election, Inspectors of Election, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Custodian.

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>\$/hr.</u> | <u>Name</u>       | <u>\$/hr.</u>   |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Elizabeth Cotton | \$6.00        | Shirley Kuczenski | \$6.00          |
| Dorothy Crane    | \$6.00        | Florence Chapin   | \$6.00          |
| Russell Bailey   | \$6.00        | Fred Durbin       | \$6.00          |
| Elisabeth Coman  | \$6.00        | James Ryan        | \$6.00          |
| Lillian Strong   | \$6.00        | David MacDougall  | \$50.00/machine |

- 8. INFORMATION ITEMS** The following items were shared with the Board:  
Florentine Hendrick Elementary School SDM Meeting Minutes  
Use of Facilities  
Survey Analysis  
The Advocate, September 2005
- 9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Sally Smith commented that the authors of that letter on the summer school program are well versed in the special education regulations and that our special ed. teachers are some of the best advocates that students have.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Jeffrey Lisanto moved and David Smith seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. R. Cahoon, M. DeBadts, N. Henner, M. Humbert, J. Lisanto, E. Magin, D. Smith, T. Smith 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 9:55pm for the specific purpose of discussing a matter of litigation and the evaluation of Administrators.
- Mr. Humbert called for a short break. Elena LaPlaca and all guests left the meeting at this time. Daniel Starr served as note taker for the remainder of the meeting.
- OPEN SESSION** The meeting returned to open session at 10:42pm.
- ADJOURNMENT** Robert Cahoon moved and Nickoline Henner seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. R. Cahoon, M. DeBadts, N. Henner, M. Humbert, E. Magin, D. Smith, T. 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 10:42pm.

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Clerk, Board of Education