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NORTH ROSE-WOLCOTT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2006 7:00PM AUDITORIUM OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

- PRESENT** Robert Cahoon, Melinda DeBadts (8:07pm), Nickoline Henner, Mark Humbert, Jeffrey Lisanto, Edward Magin, David Smith, Terri Smith
- Sam DeMuzio, Elena LaPlaca, Daniel Starr and approximately 30 guests.
- ABSENT/EXCUSED** Sandra Boerman
- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Mark Humbert called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and led the pledge of allegiance.
- 1a. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Jeffrey Lisanto moved and Edward Magin 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 the agenda of April 11, 2006.
- 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** Kari Durham posed questions to the Board of Education regarding a purported change of schedules at the Elementary schools. She said that she has seen no discussion in meeting minutes about eliminating extension classrooms, yet teachers have indicated that the decision was made after the visit by the Interim Superintendent, Lucinda Miner. She voiced her concerns that the decision may have been made without seeking input from all stakeholders, staff and parents. She feels that there is a lack of communication by the Board on a very important matter.
- Clay Bishop spoke about the need for the Board of Education to make a decision on the Golf Range Director position. He urged the board to create and appoint someone to the position.
- 3. PRESENTATIONS** No presentations were made.
- 4a. CURRICULUM COUNCIL** Dr. Starr reported on the last Curriculum Council meeting. A district-wide curriculum for Character education is coming to fruition. The information will be presented to the board at the next meeting.
- 4b. BUDGET COMMITTEE** Ed Magin commented that Dr. Starr and Sam DeMuzio have provided a good flow of information to the committee as they make decisions on the next budget.
- 4c. NEGOTIATIONS** Mark Humbert reported that new Terms and Conditions of Employment for Department Heads is on the agenda for ratification at the meeting.
- 4d. FOUR COUNTY SBA** Board members were given the opportunity to register for the next School Boards Association meeting.

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4e. GOOD NEWS

Jeff Lisanto commented on the High School play, Fiddler on the Roof. He said the performances were outstanding, singling out Jared Sherwin, whom he said was exceptional.

Ed Magin reported on the success of the North Rose - Wolcott Community Dollars for Scholars Phone-A-Thon. Students raised over \$3200, which will be awarded at graduation in June.

Cliff Parton, President of the organization, reported that they would soon be targeting Leavenworth Central graduates to solicit for pledges and donations.

5a. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Starr started his update with a continuation of the report on the DFS Phone-A-Thon. He reported that at least seventeen additional scholarship awards will be made at graduation because of the efforts of students and the generosity of the community.

Dr. Starr also gave kudos to students, advisors and production staff for the outstanding presentation of Fiddler on the Roof. He reported that approximately 80 senior citizens enjoyed dinner prior to viewing the dress rehearsal of the play.

Dr. Starr reported that he would be calling on Board Members to accompany him to community budget presentations.

5b. BUSINESS ADMIN. UPDATE

Sam DeMuzio reported that he has been working with Karen Bastedo, District Treasurer, to consolidate certain bank accounts in order to take advantage of higher interest rates.

He announced that he was pleased to be able to recommend an Account Clerk candidate for appointment. Carol Stevens has been in the position for 32 years and takes a wealth of experience with her when she retires.

Mr. DeMuzio started the budget discussion by refreshing the board on the development process. At the last budget committee meeting he and Dr. Starr were charged to lower the budget from a 5 percent increase to 2.95 or less. They worked diligently with building principals to achieve this goal.

Proposed expenditures and revenue sources were reviewed. Mr. DeMuzio stated that the figures presented were a good estimate of state aid. There is uncertainty in the Governor's ability to veto certain budget items. He reminded the board that if they increased the budget that both the revenue and spending sides of the budget must change equally. If spending is increased then revenues must be increased and that revenue would come from an increase to the proposed tax levy. Additionally, federal grant funds are driven by a variety of conditions in the district: free and reduced lunch, enrollment numbers and the number of classified students.

The budget committee met again on the morning prior to this meeting to discuss the schedule change recommendations made by Cindy Miner, the appointed Interim Superintendent.

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Dr. Starr recommended that no changes be made to the proposed budget. The discussion to change the elementary teaching schedules needs to involve all stakeholders in meaningful, productive discussions. He emphasized the importance of a deliberate process so that good decisions are the result. This recommendation impacts the budget and the district cannot assume that more state aid will be received.

Mark Humbert stated that there is a need to increase test scores. The board is looking at many ways to accomplish this, including charging the Interim Superintendent with reviewing elementary building schedules.

Teachers commented that their impression of the situation was that the changes were forthcoming and the board had taken the recommendations from someone who does not work for the district.

Dr. Starr offered to meet with administrators to develop some groundwork for future discussions on schedule changes. He will bring the resulting information to the board at a future meeting.

Jeff Lisanto told teachers of the importance of improving test scores and making changes for the right reasons. Any changes to the schedule might happen in September, or might not happen until January or a year from now.

5c. ADOPTION OF
2006-07 BUDGET

Jeffrey Lisanto 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.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of School and pursuant to Education Law, approves the proposed 2006-07 Budget in the amount of \$23,674,525.

5d. CONTRACT RATIFICATION
DEPARTMENT HEADS

David Smith moved and Melinda DeBadts 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 School and pursuant to Education Law, hereby ratifies and approves the terms of the Agreement between the Superintendent of Schools of the North Rose - Wolcott Central School District and the North Rose – Wolcott Department Heads for the period covering July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. The total salary increase is 4.5% for 2006-07; 3.75% for 2007-08 and 3.5% for 2008-09. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the necessary funds for this agreement. The full terms and conditions of employment are on file with the District Clerk.

5E. RESIGNATION OF
ASST. PRINCIPAL
POSITIONS

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.

ANGELA KIRKEY

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts the resignation of Angela Kirkey as an Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2006.

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Edward Magin 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.

NEIL THOMPSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts the resignation of Neil Thompson as an Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2006.

6a. MEETING MINUTES

Melinda DeBadts 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.

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 28, 2006.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

David Smith moved and Nickoline Henner seconded the following motions. 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:

Warrant 109 \$48379.73 Warrant 111 657110.77

7b. RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE

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 March 16, 23, 29, 2006 and instruct the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number:

10214 9746 9756 9983 10979 11578 9588 7531
8460 7578 8328 10606 10872 10307 10600 10639
11040 10220 10442

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.

7d. PROPOSITION LANGUAGE FOR MAY 16, 2006 VOTE

PROPOSITION NO. 2– SCHOOL BUS RESERVE

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the North Rose - Wolcott Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be known as the School Bus Capital Reserve Fund, for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the purchase of school buses as approved from time to time by the voters of the District. The ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed \$1,000,000. The probable term of such reserve fund shall be five years, but such reserve fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law. The source from which funds shall be obtained for such reserve fund will be: (a) the liquidation and transfer of the entire balance in the District’s existing School Bus Capital Reserve Fund at the time of the establishment of the School Bus Capital Reserve Fund; (b) State transportation aid received on account of purchases of the type that may be financed through such reserve fund; (c) unappropriated fund

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balances from the General Fund in any fiscal year as designated by the Board of Education; (d) budgetary appropriations as approved by the voters; and (e) any other source approved by the voters.

PROPOSITION NO. 3 - SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District be authorized to expend a maximum estimated sum, being the total of the maximum estimated costs of \$398,000, or so much as may be necessary for the purchase of six (6) school buses from the School Bus Capital Reserve Fund in the 2006-07 school year or, in the alternative, to finance all or part of such estimated aggregate amount through the issuance of bonds or notes of the School District in accordance with the local finance law and to levy a tax in installments to repay the principal and interest of such bonds or notes.

PROPOSITION NO. 4 – WOLCOTT CIVIC FREE AND ROSE FREE LIBRARY BUDGET

Shall the annual tax levied by the North Rose - Wolcott Central School District for the operating budgets of the Wolcott Civic Free Library and the Rose Free Library be increased by thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) to the total sum of forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000) annually to be allocated in the amounts of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to the Wolcott Civic Free Library and sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) annually to the Rose Free Library?

7e. APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS COURSE

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves Sports and Entertainment Marketing, starting in the 2006-07 school year, pending enrollment.

7f. CREATION OF CLEANER POSITIONS

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the creation of three 1.0FTE cleaner positions effective April 12, 2006.

7g1. LTR. OF RESIGNATION: NANCY MONELL

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts the letter of resignation from Nancy Monell as a Special Education teacher, effective march 31, 2006.

7g2. APPT. ACCOUNT CLERK: STEPHANIE MUNSON

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 Stephanie Munson as an Account Clerk, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87, for 7.5 hr/s day, \$15.90/hr., for a total annual salary of up to \$31,005, prorated up to \$5247, effective May 1, 2006. Terms and Conditions of employment are on file with the District Clerk.

7g3. APPT. FOOD SERVICE HELPER: SANDRA BEACH

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 Sandra Beach as a Food Service Helper, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87 for 3.5 hrs/day, \$7.21/hr, for a total annual salary of up to \$4618 prorated up to \$1136, effective April 12, 2006.

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7g4. APPT. LT SUB
TEACHER: NANCY
ANDERSON

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of Nancy Anderson as a long term substitute special education teacher, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87 as follows:

Certification: Permanent Special Education

Appointment Area: Special Education

Start Date: April 3 – June 30, 2006, to serve at the pleasure of the board.

Salary: Step 1A, \$33,950, prorated to start date

7g5. APPT. TEACHING ASST.
ON SPL. ASSIGNMENT
BRENDA MITCHELL

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the appointment of Brenda Mitchell as a Teaching Assistant on Special Assignment, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87 as follows:

Certification: Initial Elementary Education

Appointment Area: Elementary Education

Start Date: May 15 – June 30, 2006, to serve at the pleasure of the board.

Salary: Step 1A, \$33,950, prorated to start date

7g6. PERMANENT APPTS.
SHANNON CAHOON

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 Shannon Cahoon as a School Monitor, effective April 12, 2006.

JO JEAN CONROW

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 Jo Jean Conrow as a School Monitor, effective April 12, 2006.

SHARON ROBERTS

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 Sharon Roberts as a School Nurse, effective April 26, 2006.

SHANNON CAHOON

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 Shannon Cahoon as a School Monitor, effective April 26, 2006.

7g7. APPT. VOLUNTEERS

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the following individuals as volunteers for the golf range field work for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 school year:

Larry Galek Jerry Williams Chuck Dudas

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were shared with the Board:

Agreement between FLCC & WFL BOCES, Memo , Letter from BOCES Board Candidate, Florentine Hendrick Elementary School April Newsletter, North Rose Elementary School April Newsletter Spanish Class Newsletter, The Advocate, April 2006

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9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Various teachers told the board again of their concerns about changes to the schedules in the primary school and the impact to their classrooms. They asked the board to listen to them and to consider the strides they have made in working with students. They feel that the test scores have steadily improved and are positive about the work they have been doing.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeffrey Lisanto moved and Melinda DeBadts 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 the adjournment of the meeting at 8:45pm.

Clerk, Board of Education