

BOARD OF EDUCATION
RED CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL
RED CREEK, NEW YORK 13143

SUMMARY OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

7:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE

Board Members Present: Miss Molly Martin, Mr. Charles Paice, Mr. Richard Stevens, Mr. Larry Curtis, Mr. Patrick Scutt, Mrs. Christina Smith

Board Members Excused: Mrs. Jeanette Treby

Administration Present: Mr. David Sholes, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Andrew DiBlasi, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Randall L. Lawrence, Middle School Principal and Board Clerk
Mr. W. Noel Patterson, High School Principal
Mrs. Lynda L. Sereno, Elementary School Principal
Mrs. Cynthia Keeling, Coordinator of Literacy
Mrs. Julia Herbst, Director of Special Education
Mr. Matthew VanOrman, Dean of Students/AD

Others Present: Mr. R. Michel, Mrs. M. Watts, A. Altamirano, M. Witherell, S. Bennett, T. Williams, M. Stagles, H. Gill, R. Gill, D. Uetz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stevens.

A. PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Ms. Merrilee Witherell, a member of the public, spoke to the Board of Education concerning a recent disciplinary action with a bus driver. She was concerned about the precedent set by the Board of Education's action.

Ms. Andrea Altamirano, a member of the public, referenced NYS law regarding alcohol and bus drivers. She felt that the fact that the driver was not fired set a poor example for the district. Mr. Steve Bennett, a member of the public, inquired about a zero tolerance policy concerning alcohol at school. He felt that a zero tolerance procedure should have been in place with the most severe consequences being put in place for a violation.

Mr. Richard Stevens, Board President, welcomed input from the public on any issue and explained the decision-making process used by the Board of Education regarding employee discipline.

Mr. Ron Gill, a member of the public, responded to Mr. Stevens and expressed some dissatisfaction with the amount of public input into the disciplinary action that took place with the recent bus driver incident.

Discussion with the Board of Education and members of the public followed.

Merrilee Witherell also inquired about the effect of NYS school aid reductions on the Red Creek district. Mr. Sholes responded that current information is uncertain. At a point where information about the impact on Red Creek is more clear, it will be shared with the public.

B. MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting – October 22, 2008:

A motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2008.

Carried unanimously.

C. TREASURER'S REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Report for September 2008 and October 2008:

A motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mr. Curtis, to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2008 and the Treasurer's Report for October 2008.

Carried unanimously.

2. Warrants – October 2008:

A motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve a General Fund Warrant of \$336,302.44, a School Lunch Fund Warrant of \$18,829.81, a Special Aids Fund Warrant of \$1,211.42, and a Capital Fund Warrant of \$149,558.07.

Carried unanimously.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

1. EXCEL Project Update:

Mr. Michel, district architect, shared information on the latest plans for the new High School entryway that is part of the EXCEL construction project. He also shared information on the Cuyler cafeteria and the new science wing for the High School. Discussion followed.

E. NEW BUSINESS:1. Certified Staff:

Appointment: Substitute Teachers – Tara Curley, Michael Day, Adam Frank, Jennifer Gillis, Lori Perrault, Jean-Pierre Roberts, Michelle Somers, Aleta Walborn; Appointment: Club Advisors, 2008-09; Resignation: Elementary School Student Council Advisor; Approval: Red Creek Ski/Snowboard Club and Advisor; Appointment: Jr. High Basketball Coach, 2008-09; Extension of Maternity Leave and Child Rearing Leave, Kelly Witkiewitz; Appointment: Wrestling Assistant Coach, 2008-09:

Upon recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mrs. Smith;

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints the following as substitute teachers:

Tara E. Curley No Certification	No Degree Elementary	Lori J. Perrault No Certification	MA Degree K-12
Michael R. Day No Certification	AS Degree K-12	Jean-Pierre Roberts No Certification	No Degree K-12/Tech
Adam J. Frank No Certification	BA Degree Math/Science	Michelle A. Somers Certif. pending	BS Degree Gr. 5-12
Jennifer L. Gillis No Certification	BS Degree K-12	Aleta Walborn No Certification	AS Degree K-8

and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints the following for the 2008-09 school year.

OTHER ADVISORS

Stephen Hout	Sudden Light Co-Advisor
Robert Keim	Sudden Light Co-Advisor

VOLUNTEER ADVISOR

Robert Keim Guitar Club

and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Valerie Manning as Cuyler Elementary School Student Council Advisor for the 2008-09 school year; and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby approves the Red Creek Ski/Snowboard Club for the 2008-09 school year. Kelly L. Powers would act as the Ski Club Advisor on a voluntary basis. Said appointment is made without compensation or remuneration; and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints the following coach for Winter 2008-09.

Randy Lyons Boys' Jr. High Basketball "B" Team Step 1

and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby extends Kelly Witkiewitz's maternity leave through December 12, 2008 and also grants Mrs. Witkiewitz an unpaid extended child rearing leave of absence through December 19, 2008. Said leave is in accordance with Article III, Paragraph G, of the Red Creek Teachers' Association Contractual Agreement; and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints the following as Wrestling Program Assistant Coach for the 2008-09 school year.

Michael Murphy Wrestling Asst. Coach 1st Year

Carried unanimously.

2. Classified Staff:

Resignation: Teacher Aide, Linda M. Burdick; Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant, Teacher Aide and School Monitor – Jennifer L. Gillis, Melissa A. Jeremenko-Lepper, Teri L. Fessenden, Michelle A. Somers, Michael R. Day:

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Miss Martin;

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby accepts with very deep appreciation and regret the resignation of Linda M. Burdick from the position of Teacher Aide for the Red Creek Central School District effective November 21, 2008 for retirement purposes; and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints Jennifer L. Gillis as a Substitute Teaching Assistant, Substitute Teacher Aide and Substitute School Monitor. Said appointments are effective November 20, 2008 and are considered emergency conditional pending clearance from the New York State Education Department; and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints Melissa A. Jeremenko-Lepper as a Substitute Teaching Assistant, Substitute Teacher Aide and Substitute School Monitor. Said appointments are effective November 20, 2008 and are considered emergency conditional pending clearance from the New York State Education Department; and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints Teri L. Fessenden as a Substitute Teaching Assistant, Substitute Teacher Aide and Substitute School Monitor. Said appointments are effective November 20, 2008 and are considered emergency conditional pending clearance from the New York State Education Department; and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints Michelle A. Somers as a Substitute Teaching Assistant, Substitute Teacher Aide and Substitute School Monitor. Said appointments are effective November 20, 2008 and are considered emergency conditional pending clearance from the New York State Education Department; and

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints Michael R. Day as a Substitute Teaching Assistant, Substitute Teacher Aide and Substitute School Monitor. Said appointments are effective November 20, 2008 and are considered emergency conditional pending clearance from the New York State Education Department.

Carried unanimously.

3. CSE Recommendations:

A motion was made by Miss Martin, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the following CSE/CPSE recommendations:

7701, 6742, 7266, 7677, 7073, 5976, 5462, 4537, 5942, 4464, 6249, 7640, 7693, 7411, 7626

Carried unanimously.

4. Approval: Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser:

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mr. Curtis;

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby approves the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for February 2009.

Carried unanimously.

5. Revised Policy No. 5686, "Idling School Buses on School Grounds":

This proposed revision was presented for a first reading.

6. Appointment: School Attorney 2008-09:

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mrs. Smith;

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby appoints the Law Firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, One Lincoln Center, Syracuse, New York 13202-1355, as School Attorney at the rate of \$95.00 to \$185.00 per hour (depending on the service provided).

Carried unanimously.

7. 2009-10 Budget Preparation Schedule:

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Miss Martin;

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby adopts the Budget Preparation Schedule to develop and enact the 2009-10 school budget.

Carried unanimously.

8. Award: Used Buses, Car and Mower Bid:

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Paice;

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby awards the bids for the used buses and car to the bidders as follows: Lutz Sales for Bus Nos. 102, 105, 107, 109 and 93 totaling \$4,395; Dennis Hadcock for Bus No. 82, Car No. 9 and the Jacobsen Mower totaling \$1,675; and Jay Robinson/ Tom Maerz for Bus Nos. 97 and 199 totaling \$300.

Carried unanimously.

9. Tax Collection Report: Fall 2008

This was presented for information only.

10. Adoption: School Tax Collector's Report 2008-09

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Miss Martin;

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby accepts the Tax Collector's Report for 2008-09 for the Towns of Butler, Wolcott, conquest, Sterling, and Victory.

Carried unanimously.

11. Gasoline State Contract for 2009-2011:

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Paice;

That the School Business Administrator be and hereby is authorized to enter into a Contract with the State of New York, Office of General Services, for mid-range unleaded gasoline supply for the period July 24, 2009 through July 21, 2011 in the amount of approximately 7,000 gallons per year.

Carried unanimously.

12. Diesel Fuel State Contract for 2009-2011:

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mr. Curtis;

That the School Business Administrator be and hereby is authorized to enter into a Contract with the State of New York, Office of General Services, for diesel fuel supply for the period August 14, 2009 through August 11, 2011 in the amount of approximately 60,000 gallons per year.

Carried unanimously.

13. Correction: School Tax Roll 2008-09, Town of Sterling:

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mrs. Smith;

That the Board of Education of the Red Creek Central School District hereby adjusts the School Tax Roll (Assessment) for the 2008-09 school tax year for the following parcel located in the Town of Sterling:

Tax Map #11.08-2-23 from \$69,100 to \$36,200

and

That the Tax Collector be and hereby is authorized to prepare a new tax statement reflecting said change and to issue the necessary refund.

Carried unanimously.

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Sholes shared correspondence as listed.

1. Letter from Rural School Association
2. Note and Gift Certificate from Ontario Orchards
3. Letter from Wayne County Taxation Steering Committee
4. Memo from C. Keeling re: Fast ForWord
5. Letter from NYS Office of VESID

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

Mr. Sholes shared his correspondence and reported on the items listed.

1. High School Honor Roll
2. EXCEL Project Update
3. Capital Project Updated Drawings and Minutes
4. Health Insurance Rate Reduction
5. Garage Sale Proceeds
6. Analysis of Governor's Proposed Mid-year aid cuts
7. 403(b) Plan Administrator, Omni Group – We are rethinking our need to use the Omni Group.
8. Red Creek Boys' Varsity Soccer Champions – The team will be invited to the next Board of Education meeting. In addition to being State Champs, we also won the sportsmanship award.

H. OTHER BUSINESS AS DETERMINED BY BOARD PRESIDENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mr. Curtis, to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Carried unanimously.

Without objection from any Board member, President Stevens moved the Board out of Executive Session at 10:27 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Paice, seconded by Mr. Curtis, to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

Carried unanimously.