

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

7:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL ROOM #210

PRESENT:

Nickoline Henner, Larissa Bodine, Judi Buckalew, Robert Cahoon, Katharine DeAngelis, Melinda DeBadts, Kari Durham, Edward Magin, Clifford Parton, Ora Rothfuss III

Lucinda Miner, Robert Magin, Jacinda Lisanto, Jan McDorman and 18 guests

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Nickoline Henner called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1a. APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA:

Cliff Parton moved and Ora Rothfuss III seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K. Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III 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 February 10, 2009.

2. PUBLIC ACCESS:

No one spoke to the Board at this time.

3a. PBIS PRESENTATION:  
PAUL SCHIENER

The Positive Behavioral Intervention System presentation began with a movie which gave Board members an insight of how students in each building are learning about and gaining awareness of PBIS traits. Mr. Schiener explained the PBIS system at the Middle School. Mike Consadine and Tina Reed spoke about PBIS at the High School level, and shared plans for implementation for the next coming semester and school year.

4a. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FOUR COUNTY:  
EDWARD MAGIN/  
JUDI BUCKALEW

Edward Magin reported on the 4 County General Membership meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> which focused on "Coping in the Current Fiscal Climate". Dr. Joseph Marinelli, BOCES District Superintendent, and a panel of Superintendents, including Mrs. Miner, handled topics on cost savings ideas. Some of the topics discussed were: staffing, settling contracts, and shared services between districts. He mentioned that as an outcome of the meeting, one important thought to keep in mind is that school money is not the district's money, it is the tax payer's money.

Judi Buckalew attended a Presidents'/Vice Presidents' Round Table Discussion workshop where similar cost savings topics were discussed. The Deputy Director from New York State School Boards Association was

present, and spoke about a survey that NYSSBA has distributed that will help them to determine which of the services that they provide are most helpful to Districts. NYSSBA is developing ways to work better with teacher associations, and is helping to get laws changed that need changing. There were discussions on school budgets and tax percentage rates, and it was discovered that there is no conformity in tax percentage changes among districts.

2. BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
CLIFF PARTON  
Mr. Parton reinforced the fact that our State aid is expected to be reduced by more than \$700,000. The Budget Committee is looking for cost savings ideas and ways to cut the budget without harming our students' education. The first draft of the 2009-2010 school budget will be presented at the next budget committee meeting on February 11, 2009. The committee has met with all District groups except the School Lunch group which has a separate budget. Information gained from the Federal Stimulus Package will be too late to be used for calculating the budget. The Budget Committee will look for secondary cut recommendations at the next Budget committee meeting.
3. POLICY COMMITTEE:  
JUDI BUCKALEW  
The Policy committee met and five policies were reviewed and will be listed for a first reading on the next Board meeting agenda.
4. ENERGY COMMITTEE:  
ORA ROTHFUSS III  
The Energy committee met and reviewed performance contract information from Johnson Controls. Data from the last five years of utility services has been compiled and utility trends are being compared between buildings. Mike Steve and possibly Robert Magin will be meeting with Johnson Controls on February 12, 2009 to discuss the contract that we have with them and to re-evaluate the services that we are receiving, especially since major heating and air conditioning work will be taking place as part of the Capital Project.
- 4b. STUDENT BOE MEMBER  
REPORT:  
LARISSA BODINE  
The Student BOE member report will be given at the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 4c. OTHER GOOD NEWS  
DISTRICT:  
The Superintendent is pleased to announce that she has received and shared with the Board, a letter from a parent in another school district commending the outstanding behavior of our Modified Wrestling team at a recent match.
- 4d. OTHER: CENTRAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:  
BOB CAHOON  
Board member Robert Cahoon mentioned that budget cuts need to be made remotely and away from the students, so that their education is not affected. He presented the concept of sharing administrative positions with one other school district, and presented estimated figures for the cost savings. Board member Ora Rothfuss III mentioned other districts that are already sharing administrative positions, being run by a BOCES. Bob Cahoon recommended that the Board of Education form a committee to investigate this concept. The Sharing Services Committee has been formed with Judi Buckalew, Kari Durham, Robert Magin and Bob Cahoon, and will be meeting on March 2, 2009.

5a. INTENT TO RETIRE:  
KAREN NEARPASS

Clifford Parton moved and Ed Magin seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K. Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III 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 over 35 years of service, the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Karen Nearpass, effective June 30, 2009. Should the District increase the retirement incentive or accept a State retirement incentive between the time of acceptance of this letter and the date of retirement, the greater incentive will be offered.

5b. INTENT TO RETIRE:  
FRANK SOBIERAJSKI

Robert Cahoon moved and Clifford Parton seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K. Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III 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 over 24 years of service, the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Frank Sobierajski, effective June 30, 2009. Should the District increase the retirement incentive or accept a State retirement incentive between the time of acceptance of this letter and the date of retirement, the greater incentive will be offered.

5c. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
UPDATE:

Mrs. Miner has met with Wolcott Mayor John Monson and requests that the Board of Education meet with Mayor Monson and the Wolcott Village Board to discuss the possibility of the school district sharing services with the Village of Wolcott. ~~The next Board of Education meeting will be a joint meeting and will be held at the Leavenworth Middle School to accommodate everyone involved.~~ The Board of Education meeting on March 10, 2009 will be a joint meeting and will be held at the Leavenworth Middle School to accommodate everyone involved. Because the Capital Project is under bid and doing well, and there is a need for new gymnasium bleachers at the High School, Mrs. Miner asked the Board for approval to obtain quotes for new bleachers. A letter will need to be written to the State Education Department requesting permission to use Capital Project money for a purchase of this nature. Extra Capital Project money needs to be spent. The District is not allowed to keep unused money when the project ends.

5d. BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATOR'S  
UPDATE:

Mr. Robert Magin reported that the formulation of the Budget is requiring a lot of work. He is looking at where we can use our reserves. In addition to the reduction of State aid, there is a strong possibility that the District will have to cover 15% of Preschool Special Education cost this next school year. Mr. Robert Magin reported that the Cafeteria Fund is struggling. He has met with Nancy Younglove and is gathering specific information to clarify the situation.

A workshop will be scheduled for the Board of Education pertaining to Treasurer's reports.

6a. MEETING MINUTES  
January 27, 2009

Judi Buckalew moved and Edward Magin seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K. Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III 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 January 27, 2009.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Edward Magin moved and Mindy DeBadts seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K. Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III voted yes.

7a. WARRANT:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the following Warrant:

1. #0039                      \$ 473,998.46

7b. DISTRICT FINANCIAL  
REPORTS

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Treasurer's Report for December, 2008.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Extra Classroom Activity Report for December, 2008.

7c. RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM 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 January 14, 2009, January 22, 2009 and January 29, 2009 and the Committee on PresSchool Special Education dated January 26, 2009 and February 2, 2009, February 3, 2009 and instructs the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number:

11713 11720 11335 11766 12186 12093 10317 10597 10220  
11479 10534 10445 11304 10639 12104 09826 10283 12201  
11321

7d. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL  
EDUCATION PARENT  
REPRESENTATIVE:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves Ms. Sandra Besaw as a parent member to serve on the Committee on Special Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

7e. 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.

7f. APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES AND REGULATIONS:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the following policies:

1. Policy #3272 - Facilities and Public Dedication (Revision)
2. Policy #5731 - Idling School Buses on School Grounds (Revision)

7g1. LETTER OF RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT: DON ROSE

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts with thanks for over 12 years of service, the letter of intent to retire from Don Rose, effective with the close of business on March 6, 2009.

7g2. LETTER OF RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT: VALERIE TRYON

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts with thanks for over 29 years of service, the letter of intent to retire from Valerie Tryon, effective with the close of business on November 13, 2009.

7g3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE: JOLENE CASELLI

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the six week maternity leave of Jolene Caselli, to begin on or about April 28, 2009, followed by an unpaid child rearing leave through February 1, 2010.

7g4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE: BRANDY STARCZEWSKI

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the unpaid maternity leave of Brandy Starczewski, to begin on or about May 22, 2009. She plans on returning to work on August 3, 2009.

7g5. APOINT COOK: JOAN WHITNEY

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 Joan Whitney as Cook at the High School, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87, for 6 hrs./day, \$8.55/hr., 190 days/year, 189 days/year, for a total annual salary of up to \$9,747.00 prorated to \$4,361.00 effective February 11, 2009.

7g6. APPOINT SCHOOL MONITOR: DAVID COTA

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 David Cota as School Monitor at the Middle School, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87, for 2 hrs./day, \$8.25/hr. for a total annual salary of up to \$3,119.00 prorated to \$1,403.00 effective February 11, 2009.

7g7. HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS:

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 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Pam Arend	Musical Costume Designer	I	2	\$333.00
Pam Arend	Musical Costumer	I	3	\$333.00
Bill Klino	Musical Set Construction	I	2	\$333.00
Bill Klino	Musical Set Designer	I	3	\$333.00
Bill Klino	Musical Stage Manager	I	3	\$211.00

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The following informational items were shared with the Board:  
Enrollment –February 2009, RSA News - Winter 2008 Issue, Florentine Hendrick News - February 2009, The Advocate - January 2009, NRE News - February 2009, The Cougar Times - January 2009 (last issue), Finger Lakes Times article “No decision on NR-W school closing”, Finger Lakes Times article “Sexual responsibility article blasted at NR-W”, Finger Lakes Times article “Sex: Tough topic handled well”, Wayne County Star article: “Living a Moment in History in Washington”, Wayne County Star article: “Pipe Breaks Give Kids Extra Day Off”, BOCES Board Member Nomination and Administrative Budget Vote Information, Policy #5731 Regulation Information

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Edward Magin moved and Kari Durham seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K. Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III 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 8:50 pm for the specific purpose of discussing specific personnel issues.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting returned to open session at 10:39 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Cahoon moved and Kari Durham seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K. Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III 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 10:40 pm.

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Jan McDorman, Clerk  
Board of Education