

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

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

7:00 PM

NORTH ROSE ELEM. SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

- PRESENT:** Larissa Bodine, Judi Buckalew, Robert Cahoon, Katharine DeAngelis, Kari Durham, Edward Magin, Clifford Parton, Ora Rothfuss III
- Lucinda Miner, Robert Magin, Jacinda Lisanto, Jan McDorman and 25 guests
- ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Melinda DeBadts, Nickoline Henner
- CALL TO ORDER:** Board Vice President Judi Buckalew called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1a. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Clifford Parton moved and Edward Magin seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, 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 24, 2009.
2. **PUBLIC ACCESS:** High school teacher Heidi Rothfuss addressed the Board with positive reinforcement of Randy Sears, Head Custodian at the High School and Middle School. She urged the Board to reinstate his position for next year. She mentioned that Mr. Sears has a great rapport with the staff and students at the high school. The high school is open 24/7 and is a building used continuously by the community and also for sporting events. The building is aging and needs to be well kept and maintained especially at this time when the Capital Project construction is occurring. Mrs. Rothfuss feels that there would be a huge negative impact without Randy Sears as Head Custodian there next year.
- 3a. **CONTINUATION OF FOCUS GROUP, FLORENTINE HENDRICK CLOSING: JACINDA LISANTO** Jacinda Lisanto began by asking the Board to consider two questions: what would we hope to accomplish by closing a building?, and if a building is closed- what would you hope you would not have to say ten years from now about its closing? She reviewed alternative cost savings ideas from the Focus Group Community meeting, listing those ideas that community members ranked multiple times. She provided answers to questions that had been asked from the Focus Group meeting.
- It was mentioned that Four County School Boards and Rural Schools Association are able to lend advice to school districts in our situation.
- 3b. **BUILDING RECONFIGURATION - FLOOR PLANS:** Mrs. Miner presented building reconfiguration scenerios to the Board, explaining that the scenerios are dependent upon the number of sections chosen in each grade level. The Middle School building works for all

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scenerios, North Rose Elementary has limitations. Two scenerios of floor plans will be reviewed by the Board later in the meeting.

Robert Cahoon asked why the cost per student at NR-W is the highest in the BOCES district. Mrs. Miner responded that overstaffing and a high percentage of students classified with special education needs have resulted in this. She mentioned that she was charged with the responsibility of raising student scores and has proven successful in this area. The programs that have been implemented and are working to achieve higher student success are programs that would be undesirable to change.

A decision will need to be made by the Board by the second meeting in March 2009 on whether to bid out work at the Florentine Hendrick school.

It was determined that further study is required to evaluate purchasing new bleachers for the High School gymnasium.

3c. 2009-2010 BUDGET –
DRAFT #1 WITHOUT
REVENUES:
ROBERT MAGIN

Mr. Robert Magin presented the Board with the proposed 2009-2010 Budget, explaining areas that we have no control over and reviewing staff retirements, cuts, and rising payroll costs (per the contracted agreements). Without debt service items the budget has a 1/2 percent decrease. Mr. Robert Magin also mentioned that to date student programs have not been affected.

4a. ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORTS:

The Board thanked the administrator's for the reports they provide. June Muto mentioned that 2009 January Regents results are included with her report.

4b. STUDENT BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEMBER:
LARISSA BODINE

Larissa Bodine mentioned that the student body is excited about the upcoming Rochester Step Dance Clubs performance on February 27th for high school and middle school students.

4c. OTHER GOOD NEWS
DISTRICT:

Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball sectionals are upcoming.

Kari Durham mentioned that the Odyssey of the Mind program that was presented before the meeting this evening by North Rose Elementary students was incredible. The students did an outstanding job. The Odyssey of the Mind competition is in Spencerport on February 28th and everyone is urged to attend.

Michele Sullivan is pleased to report that the Middle School has newly installed clocks, and Neil Thompson is pleased to report that North Rose Elementary has newly installed boilers producing welcomed heat to the building, both results of the Capital Project. June Muto was very pleased to announce the achievements of students in the FBLA Club who recently traveled to Bryant & Stratton in Rochester, for the Spring District 10 Competitions. She mentioned that Kristen Virts will represent District 10 at the State Leadership Conference in April.

4d. OTHER:

Ora Rothfuss III, Clifford Parton, Robert Cahoon and Judi Buckalew attended a Community session last week presented by Assemblyman Robert Oaks. The one hour program held in our high school was attended by 20-25 people. Special concerns were discussed, not all relating to education. Mr. Oaks spoke about what's happening in Albany. He relayed concerns at Albany about forcing all students to pass regents tests to receive a diploma. Not all students are test takers. Mr. Oaks spoke about Federal Aid at the school level and consolidation of school districts. Mr. Oaks answered questions and recorded notes from those in attendance.

Judi Buckalew mentioned that the Wellness Committee met prior to the meeting. She relayed that wellness will be promoted on Superintendent's Conference Day, March 27th, by offering options to teachers. She spoke about the "Go Red" fund raiser for the American Heart Association that raised \$400.00 from our District and promoted healthy heart awareness in women. Throughout the month of March, a morning announcement in schools will be made relating to good nutrition.

5a. SUPERINTENDENT'S
UPDATE:

Mrs. Miner spoke about various committees that have met, and mentioned that March is Music in Our Schools month. She urged the Board to attend as many of the music related events as possible occurring in the district this month. She urges Board members to attend the BOCES Budget meeting on March 16th at 7:00.

5b. BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR'S
UPDATE:

Mr. Robert Magin told the Board that it is the time of year to shut down spending and to put in final purchase orders so that the expenditures for the rest of the year can be figured out. This gives the Business Office a chance to determine what the fund balance projection will be. Possibly the purchase of some needed equipment (i.e. safety blocks for the pool) can be made out of this year's fund balance, instead of next year's budget. The telephone system voice mail server has crashed and has been out of service for 1 1/2 weeks. Software upgrades for the server were included in the Capital Project, but the server is unusable at this time. Voice mail can't be delayed until the scheduled time in the Capital Project. The cost is \$12,000 and will come from the budget. Mr. Robert Magin is pleased to announce that new clocks have been installed and are functioning properly at the Middle School. Work on Florentine Hendrick clocks will be finished next week, with North Rose Elementary scheduled to follow.

5c. POLICY FIRST
READING:

New and revised policies were given to the board for a first reading. They are encouraged to call the Superintendent with questions.

Before approval of the meeting minutes of February 10, 2008 a correction was made to Item #5c. Superintendent's Update to read: ~~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.

6a. MEETING MINUTES
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Clifford Parton moved and Robert Cahoon seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, 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 corrected Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2009.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Edward Magin moved and Clifford Parton seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, 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:

#0040 \$ 545,943.88

7b. 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 February 5, 2009 and February 12, 2009 and instructs the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number:

10356 11464 09093 09983 09151 09756 08287 06777
12200 07578 08328 07531 07521 09588 11832 11193

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. APPROVAL
OF POLICY:

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

Policy #7521 - Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions
(Revision)

7e. REFUND OF 2008
SCHOOL TAXES:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves a school tax refund due to an overpayment of school taxes in 2008 of \$530.02 to William H. Dean, Tax ID #542600 72119-19-501092.

7f. DONATION TO THE

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the

DISTRICT:

Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, accepts the donation of saltwater aquarium equipment and materials valued at \$940.00 received from Mr. Dave Mohring.

7g1. LETTER OF RESIGNATION: JACK ROBERTS JR.

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 Jack Roberts Jr. as a Bus Driver, effective with the close of business on February 24, 2009.

7g2. PERMANENT APPOINTMENT: JAMES BARTRON

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 James Bartron as Bus Driver, effective February 26, 2009.

7g3. COACHING APPOINTMENT:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the following coaching appointment for the 2008-2009 school year, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87, and successful completion of all required First Aid/CPR and Child Abuse courses as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rob Yarrow	Girls Varsity Softball	1	1	\$2,650.00

7g4. APPOINTMENT CORRECTIONS: 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.~~, \$9.05/hr., 190 days/year, 189 days/year, for a total annual salary of up to ~~\$9,747.00~~ \$10,317.00 prorated to ~~\$4,361.00~~ \$4,616.00 effective February 11, 2009.

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.~~ \$8.75/hr., for a total annual salary of up to ~~\$3,119.00~~ \$3,308.00 prorated to ~~\$1,403.00~~ \$1,488.00 effective February 11, 2009.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The following informational items were shared with the Board: Capital Project Meeting Minutes #0009 - 1/28/2009, Old Policy #5661: District Wellness Policy, Information and Regulation of Policy # 5662: Healthy Kids, Healthy New York After-School Initiative, Procedure and Forms for Policy #7521 Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions, Regulation information for Policy #8460 Field Trips, Nominations for

BOCES Board Member discussion, Senior Citizen Dinner/HS Musical Dress Rehearsal.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No one spoke to the Board at this time.

Before the meeting ended there was discussion on cell phone usage and the cell phone policy in our district.

Also discussed were the choices offered by the School Lunch program that parents may purchase for student birthday parties.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Clifford Parton moved and Kari Durham seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, 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, approved an Executive Session at 8:37 pm for the specific purpose of discussing a personnel issue. Mrs. Buckalew called for a short break. It was found that a letter from Becky Rose, Teaching Assistant at the High School was not read during the meeting. The letter states positive reinforcement for Randy Sears, and urges the Board to reconsider reinstating his position for the next school year. This letter will be read to Board members during Executive Session. Jan McDorman and all guests left the meeting at this time. Executive session began at 9:20 pm. Lucinda Miner served as note taker for the remainder of the meeting.

OPEN SESSION The meeting returned to open session at 10:02 pm.

ADJOURNMENT Clifford Parton moved and Kari Durham seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, 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 10:03 pm.

Jan McDorman, Clerk
Board of Education