

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

MARCH 24, 2009

7:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL RM. #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 40 guests

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Nickoline Henner called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. 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 March 24, 2009.

2. PUBLIC ACCESS  
TO THE BOARD:

No one addressed the Board at this time.

3a. DIBELS REPORT:  
LINDA HAENSCH &  
NEIL THOMPSON

Linda Haensch and Neil Thompson reported on grades K-5 elementary reading assessment tests and data. The DIBELS, Dominie and Terranova tests were described. Mrs. Haensch and Mr. Thompson listed how many students in each grade level are listed in three category areas: intensive, benchmark and strategic. The current intervention methods which are in place to help struggling learners were discussed.

The **D**ynamic **I**ndicators of **B**asic **E**arly **L**iteracy **S**kills (DIBELS) test is a one on one test that is only one minute in length. The questions focus on particular skills.

The Dominie assessment is an oral assessment based on fictional and nonfictional reading books. Students are tested once a week and the data is shared with every teacher. Every child's needs are met. The **R**esponse **T**o **I**ntervention program (RTI) tracks what is happening with struggling students.

The Terranova test is a national standards assessment which measures basic skills in reading and math in grades K-3.

Results from these tests determine **Academic Intervention Services** and when small groups are used.

3b. DRAFT #2  
2009-2010 BUDGET –  
LUCINDA MINER &  
ROBERT MAGIN:

Mrs. Miner and Mr. Robert Magin presented Draft #2 of the 2009-2010 Budget to the Board, which shows a 0.52% increase in tax levy. Mrs. Miner mentioned that grant money is continually being sought out by our grant writers. The New York State budget is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, revenues are uncertain at this time. A closer look at the Federal Fund and grant money has shown that a couple of teacher's salaries will be funded from Federal grant money next year. An explanation of Debt Service in the General Fund budget was described (i.e. energy performance, prior capital project debt, etc.). Without Debt Service, the General Fund budget shows a decrease of 1.28%. The tax levy and use of Reserve Funds was discussed. It was recommended that money received by the District through the Federal stimulus program be saved, since the 2010-11 economy scenerio looks even worse than next year's.

4a. ADMINISTRATOR'S  
REPORTS:

The Board thanked the Administrators for their reports. An explanation of Differentiated Instruction was given by Jacinda Lisanto.

4b. STUDENT BOE  
MEMBER REPORT:

No report was given.

4c. OTHER GOOD NEWS  
OF THE DISTRICT:

Judi Buckalew spoke about how much joy she received from reading to the Kindergarten classes and First graders. It was a delightful interaction with the students and a great experience.

Mrs. Haensch spoke about the closure of this year's reading incentive program at Florentine Hendrick. The K-2 elementary students were promised that if enough reading minutes were obtained during the reading incentive program, Cubby (baby cougar mascot) would stay in a cave at Florentine Hendrick! The staff has made Cubby a cave complete with a calendar, cot, pillow, books and lantern. Cubby will celebrate his birthday on April 1<sup>st</sup> while staying in his cave at the school.

4d. OTHER:

Edward Magin, Clifford Parton and Robert Cahoon attended a Legislative Breakfast on March 21st where Senator Nozzolio and Assemblyman Oaks voiced their concerns about the State budget. More money is going to New York City than in past years. It was mentioned that there has been a total disregard for the Open Meeting Laws. Because of this, they have no information for upstate New York. With the 18% Federal mandates required and the 15% of preschool money being budgeted this year by school districts, all districts are facing financial difficulties. Edward Magin also relayed information discussed at the meeting regarding a possible new tier of the New York State Retirement System, Tier V.

Nickoline Henner has ~~made telephone calls to~~ emailed the Board Presidents of Sodus, Red Creek, and Clyde-Savannah Central School Districts to find out if there is interest in setting up a meeting to discuss sharing of services between districts. A meeting will be set up with the Red

Creek and Clyde-Savannah districts. Sodus is not interested in sharing additional services at this time.

Select students from our school performed in a delightful All County Music Festival in Lyons last weekend.

Ora Rothfuss III reported on details from the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Regional Budget Hearing on March 16<sup>th</sup> that he and Cindy Miner attended.

5a. SUPERINTENDENT'S  
UPDATE:

Mrs. Miner relayed that the last couple of weeks have been very difficult for Administrators. Meetings with employees have been occurring to talk about the elimination of positions, and all employees involved including those with changes in job duties, have been notified.

5b. BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATOR'S  
UPDATE:

Robert Magin was pleased to announce information on a new program that Nancy Younglove has involved our District with, called the Backpack Program. The Backpack Program is a national program administered through Feeding America and Food Link of Rochester. The Food Link of Rochester will come once a month to our school district and leave nonperishable food items (i.e. granola bars, fruit cups, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned tuna fish) with the school. Up to eight items will be placed in a bag and discretely distributed to children on the last day before the weekend or holiday vacation to take home in their backpack or book bag. This program will assist eligible families, and the families will need to grant permission in order for this to occur. The Backpack program will start in approximately one month. Mr. Magin will report back to the Board whether contributions may be made to this program.

5c1. 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 March 10, 2009, a correction was made to the Call to Order. ~~Board Vice President Nickoline Henner called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.~~ Board President Nickoline Henner called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6a. MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 10, 2009

Edward Magin moved and Melinda 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.

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 March 10, 2009.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Edward Magin moved and Melinda 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. 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:

#0044	\$1,073,057.04
#0046	\$ 203,435.84

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 March 5, 2009, March 10, 2009 and March 11, 2009, and the Committee on PreSchool Special Education dated January 20, 2009, March 10, 2009, and March 17, 2009, and instructs the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number:

09092	10253	11707	11804	09604	10202	09156	11738
06297	10323	12170	09543	12227	09946	07632	
12183	11211	12219	11331				

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. TRANSPORTATION  
APPROVAL:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the request of Ms. Cindy Jackson that transportation for her child be provided to attend Maranatha Christian School in the town of Lyons, New York for the 2009-2010 school year, based on availability and bus routing, according to school policy.

7e. TRANSPORTATION  
APPROVAL:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the request of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wells that transportation for their children be provided to attend Maranatha Christian School in the town of Lyons, New York for the 2009-2010 school year, based on availability and bus routing, according to school policy.

7f1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
MICHELE BARTHOLOMEW

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the unpaid child rearing leave of Michele Bartholomew which will commence immediately following her 6 week maternity leave beginning on or about May 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2009.

7f2. GOLF RANGE  
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 to provide field work from April 1, 2009 – November 1, 2010:

Mr. James Dennis

Mrs. Heather Dennis  
Mr. Walter Pitts  
Mr. Jon LaValley  
Mr. Matt LaValley  
Mr. Chuck Dudas  
Mr. Ed Theimann  
Mr. Leon Amer

8. INFORMATIONAL  
ITEMS:

The following informational items were shared with the Board:  
Policy #3160 - School District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing: Information, Regulation and Form, Policy #5673 Employee Personal Identifying Information: Information and Regulation, Policy #6120 Equal Employment Opportunity: Information and Old Policy, Policy # 6551 Family and Medical Leave Act:, Information, Regulation, Forms, Old Policy, Old Regulation and Forms, Policy #7240: Student Records: Access and Challenge: Information, Regulation and Forms, Old Policy, Old Regulation and Forms, Policy # 7540: Student Directory Information:, Information, Old Policy, Capital Project Meeting Minutes #00011 2/25/09, NRE Mini News, Special Edition - March 2009, Los Pumas De North Rose-Wolcott - March 2009, Four County School Boards Association Facts & Figures Book 2008-2009, Use of Facilities, Letter to Board of Education, The Advocate- March 2009, Finger Lakes Times article "NR-W to Study Shared Services, Finger Lakes Times article "Board hears capital project report", Wayne County Star article "NR-W, Municipalities Look at Shared Services", Wayne County Star article "No injuries in Bus Collision", 2009-2010 Academic Calendar, Wayne County Star and The Shopper ad -"NR-W School Board Petitions Available", Wayne County Star picture and caption "Blaze at NR-W High".

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Nancy Kasper addressed the Board regarding the music program. A letter that she wrote and read addressed her concern in regards to the level and availability of instruction for students. She spoke about the importance of instrumental music for grades 4-12, and mentioned that music has been proven to aid in education. Ms. Kasper feels that some individuals may opt to pay higher taxes vs. budget cuts. Mrs. Miner responded that programs for students have not been affected by the proposed budget cuts.

Katharine DeAngelis requested that an Exit Poll be taken at the time of the Budget Vote to determine if some tax payers would have opted for higher taxes vs. budget cuts.

10a. ADDITIONS TO  
AGENDA:

Edward Magin moved and Clifford Parton seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, M. DeBadts, 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 additions to the agenda of March 24, 2009.

10b. PROPOSITION  
LANGUAGE FOR  
MAY 19, 2009 BUDGET  
VOTE APPROVAL:

Kari Durham moved and Melinda DeBadts seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, M. DeBadts, 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 following resolutions as they will be presented to voters on May 19 2009:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 – AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE  
OF SCHOOL BUSES AND AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE  
DISTRICT’S EXISTING SCHOOL BUS RESERVE FUND**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District be authorized to purchase seven 66-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$97,000 each, for a total aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$679,000, with such cost paid in part by an expenditure of \$200,000 from the District’s existing School Bus Capital Reserve fund, with the balance of such cost to be raised by tax upon the taxable property of said District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefor, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of said District as may be necessary?

**PROPOSITION NO. 3 – WOLCOTT CIVIC FREE LIBRARY  
BUDGET**

Shall the annual tax levied by the North Rose - Wolcott Central School District for the operating budget of the Wolcott Civic Free Library be increased by four thousand two hundred ten dollars (\$4,210) to the total sum of forty-four thousand two hundred and ten dollars (\$44,210) annually?

10c. NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING AND CALL OF  
THE ANNUAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT MEETING  
AND ELECTION/BUDGET  
VOTE MAY 2009

Edward Magin moved and Clifford Parton seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, M. DeBadts, 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, hereby approves and confirms the Notice of the Annual Budget Hearing for May 12, 2009 and the Notice of the Annual District Meeting and Election/Budget Vote for May 19, 2009, as per attachment #10c., which will be published in the *Wayne County Star* on April 1, April 15, May 6, and May 13, 2009, and the *Finger Lakes Times* on April 1, April 15, May 6, and May 13, 2009.

10d. APPOINT LONG TERM  
SUB: KATHERINE  
DICKENS

Ora Rothfuss III moved and Katharine DeAngelis seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, M.

DeBadts, 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 appointment of Katherine Dickens as a Long Term Substitute Teacher, conditional upon a criminal history record check according to Commissioners Regulation §80-1.11 and Part 87 as follows:

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Wellness Management and Economics  
Associate of Science in Mathematics and Science

Appointment Area: Science

Start Date: March 2, 2009 to serve at the pleasure of the Board, continuing through approximately March 27, 2009

Salary: \$37,000 Step A, prorated to time worked

10e. GOLF RANGE  
VOLUNTEER  
APPROVAL:

Melinda DeBadts moved and Ora Rothfuss III seconded the following motion. he 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 following individual as a volunteer for the golf range to provide field work from April 1, 2009 – November 1, 2010:

Mr. Tom Jeager

10f. COACHING  
APPOINTMENT  
CORRECTION:

Clifford Parton moved and Katharine DeAngelis seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, M. DeBadts, 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 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>
<del>Rob Yarrow</del>	<del>Girls Varsity Softball</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>\$2,650.00</del>
Rob Yarrow	Girls Varsity Softball	Volunteer		

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clifford Parton moved and ~~Kari~~ Katharine DeAngelis seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, M. DeBadts, 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 8:20 pm for the specific purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting returned to open session at 9:10 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Robert Cahoon moved and Kari Durham seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, M. DeBadts, 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 9:45 pm for the specific purpose of discussing negotiations.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting returned to open session at 10:25 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Clifford Parton moved and Kari Durham seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, K. Durham, M. DeBadts, 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 10:26pm.

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Jan McDorman, Clerk  
Board of Education