

WAYNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA



November 15, 2007

6:00 p.m.

Middle School Library

6:00 Executive Session

6:30 Tour of Middle School

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

7:05 Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

[Att. 1](#)

7:10 Public Comment

7:15 Board Member Comments

7:20 Board President Comments

7:25 Action Item

7:30 Superintendent's Report

1. American Education Week Proclamation
2. Facilities and Finance Plan
3. Teacher Resource Center
4. Graduation Location
5. Financial Update
6. Computerized Board Meetings
7. Student Representative
8. Student Questions

[Att. 2](#)

[Att. 3](#)

8:05 Public Comment

8:10 Board Member Comments

8:15 Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Ontario Elementary School

District Mission Statement

Based on the belief that all students can learn, the staff of the Wayne Central School District accepts the responsibility to teach all students, regardless of differences, the fundamental skills. We further accept the responsibility to challenge all students to attain higher levels of achievement. Wayne Central will provide the opportunity, environment, and encouragement to meet this goal while developing the whole child, physically, socially, emotionally, and culturally.

WAYNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ontario Center, New York 14520

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED

DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2007

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

TYPE: Special Meeting – Joint Meeting of the
Board of Education & Walworth & Ontario Town Boards

PLACE: James A. Beneway High School

PRESENT: BOARD OF EDUCATION: Trustees Griswold, Robusto, Schultz & Triou; District Clerk Switzer; Administrators Havens, Atseff, Cox, Scheik, Callahan, Blankenberg, Miller & Wilson
ABSENT: Trustees Johnson, Lyke, Nicholson, Newman & Wyse

ONTARIO TOWN BOARD: Joseph Molino, Jason Ruffell, Lori-Eaton Smith, Jim Switzer, Stephen Tobin; Cathy Herzog, (town clerk), Chris Luteyn (sole assessor), Sandra Hysten (director, Ontario Public Library)

WALWORTH TOWN BOARD: Robert Plant, Suszi-Hawkins Mance, Patricia Marini, Thomas Yale, Jackie Van Lare (director of recreation and parks)

GUESTS: Approximately thirty residents, students and visitors were present for portions of this meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Frank Robusto, Jr., School Board President

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Havens welcomed everyone to the “Eagle Café” and noted the improvement in student behavior in the semi-restaurant setting.

III. RECOGNITION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

New school and town employees were introduced by school and town officials.

IV. RECESS: 7:25 p.m.

School and town officials and visitors attended a reception in honor of the new employees.

V. RECONVENE: 7:45 p.m.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE WALWORTH TOWN BOARD

A. UPDATE OF STUDY GROUP • WALWORTH TOWN COMPLEX

Mrs. Hawkins-Mance reviewed efforts underway by a joint study group of town officials, library representatives and citizens to compile options for meeting space needs for town and library services for consideration by the Walworth Town Board. The group is visiting other town hall and library facilities and interviewing department heads as part of the study.

Mr. Havens asked if future new space(s) would remain on the current town hall site. Mrs. Hawkins-Mance stated that the study committee will address that topic in its recommendations.

Mrs. Eaton-Smith asked if town court facilities were included in the study and if there were any security issues with the town court. Mr. Yale stated that town court needs are included as well as the state police sub-station. He added that there are some concerns about court security and some structural issues with the existing town hall.

Mr. Switzer asked if the Walworth Town Court was included in the **court security audit** by the NYS Office of Court Administration as was the Ontario Town Court. Mr. Yale stated it was.

Mr. Griswold asked how much growth has occurred in the Town of Walworth in the last five (5) years and what population projections were used. Mr. Plant noted that Ontario, Walworth and Macedon are the fastest growing towns in Wayne County.

Mrs. Eaton-Smith asked what portion of Gananda is within the Town of Walworth and if it is growing. Mr. Plant stated that the largest share of **population of Gananda** is within Walworth and almost all of the industry is within the Town of Macedon. He added that a few new subdivisions are planned in Gananda.

Mr. Robusto asked about expansion of sewers in that area. Mrs. Marini noted varied plans and proposals for **sewer expansion** were generated. Mr. Yale noted the area along Canandaigua Road northerly to Route 441 and west toward the Carey Lake Party House at 937 Route 441.

Mr. Plant noted that the sewer district/plant is a joint endeavor with the Town of Macedon and requires approval by both town boards. Mr. Yale noted that the area earmarked for sewer expansion includes substantial expense to cross a major waterway; an application was filed but not approved for a small cities' grant to cover that expense. Mrs. Marini stated that the median income in the designated area is too high to meet grant guidelines.

Mr. Switzer noted that the new retail center on Mayberry Place near the four-way stop at Gananda Parkway and Canandaigua Road appears to have full occupancy. Mr. Plant stated that the new building is fully occupied by a pharmacy, dentist and orthodontist and that the developer has plans to add another building, possibly for a restaurant. He added that the entire site is at the edge of the Town of Walworth; Mr. Yale noted that the four way stop nearby is on the town boundary with the Town of Macedon.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE ONTARIO TOWN BOARD

A. 2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET INFORMATION

Mr. Molino shared copies of preliminary budget information for 2008 for the general, highway and library funds as they appeared in the *Wayne County Mail*. He noted that the projected common tax rate reflects a decrease of 13 cents per thousand of assessed valuation and reflects the effort by the town board to consider the impact of increased taxable assessed valuation on the tax levy. The

county add-on for worker's compensation and cable TV franchises is projected at 20 cents per thousand of assessed valuation.

Mr. Robusto asked if the landfill closing issue is included in the proposed budget and tax rate. Mr. Switzer noted that the town board has created a capital project for the landfill issue and set aside \$500,000 in the fund balance of the general fund for related expenses. Mr. Ruffell & Mr. Molino reviewed potential funding of a landfill closure effort by a combination of cash and bonding.

B. TOWN LANDFILL REMEDIATION PROJECT

Mr. Molino reviewed the three options under review with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for closing of the vacant town landfill:

- (1) Full Part 360 closure plan, per state regulations, estimated @ \$3.6 million
- (2) Modified Part 360 closure plan per state regulations, estimated at \$2.6 million
- (3) A pilot project with the DEC to use a Eco-System cover, estimated at \$1.5 million

He noted that the pilot project has received support from DEC officials in Albany and discussions are underway between the regional DEC office in Avon and Land Resources Systems, LLC of New Jersey, consultant to the town board, which has designed an approach which relies on natural action within soils to handle landfill issues and allows for some passive uses (e.g. trails) on the land surface instead of a traditional membrane cover. The eco-system has produced success in other states.

Mr. Havens asked what timeline is projected for final decision and resolution of this matter; Mr., Molino stated 18 to 24 months. Mr. Switzer noted that the town board has experienced delays of some 18 months for response to their prior requests from the DEC.

Mr. Havens asked about additional monitoring wells required by the closing options Mr. Molino provided details. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Ruffell noted that successful eco-system projects are in place in New Jersey and Michigan.

C. INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL EXPANSION & DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Switzer provided an update on demolition of the former Ontario Center Hotel, two homes, the former C & D Collision (concrete building, also a former school bus garage in the 1950's) and The Glass Gallery to allow work to begin on a new 12,500 sq. ft. pharmacy on the northeast corner of Ridge Road and Route 350. Work is set for next week. He shared a photo illustration of the style of pharmacy planned by Rite Aid at the site.

Mr. Switzer reviewed the new traffic signal device for left turns yield on green along Route 104 and outlined the proposal recently presented to the Ontario Town Board for a new business named North East Biogas on the Wayne Industrial Sustainability Park (WISP) at the former 84 Lumber Site on Route 104, east of Dean Parkway.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. FUTURE USES OF ONTARIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Havens noted that the Board of Education has requested that he and district personnel reviewed the options for construction of space to use the Ontario Primary School site for a K to 5 school and shift use of Ontario Elementary School to a district-wide educational center. If the options are accepted by the Board of Education, district residents could consider the issue at a referendum.

As part of the planning, the Board of Education will also review the varied potential uses of Ontario Elementary School for district uses, community uses and rental to outside agencies. Mr. Havens invited town officials to consider any possible uses that they may have for use of space at Ontario Elementary School.

Mr. Plant stated that minutes of prior school board meetings indicated consideration and discussion about moving the student population at Freewill Elementary School to newly constructed space at Ontario Primary School to create a K-12 campus.

Mr. Havens noted that the committee has explored all options, including a single campus, and the overwhelming choice is that Freewill Elementary School would remain in operation as an elementary school. The structure is newer than Ontario Primary School and in good shape

Mr. Robusto noted that the Board of Education felt it was prudent to consider all possible options.

Mr. Griswold noted that a thorough review of the site and structure at Freewill Elementary School resulted in a decision by trustees to continue use of the school by grades K to 5.

In terms of ***potential uses of Ontario Elementary School***, the following suggestions were offered:

- possible town hall offices – Town of Ontario
- possible town court uses – Town of Ontario
- possible roadway south of Walter Cone Drive to connect to school campus/fields
- possible location for satellite programs from a 2- or 4-year college
- possible location for regional vocational-technical institute for western Wayne County

Mr. Plant noted that county officials are keenly aware of the need for training of the local workforce in technical skills to meet the needs of local businesses and the value of a local training site.

Mr. Ruffell asked if the County of Wayne is considering any additional space needs. Mr. Plant noted that the former nursing home is under review for re-location of some departments (e.g. elections, probation, sheriff's office, planning department) to address current facility needs.

Mr. Robusto asked about the status of town court facilities. Mr. Tobin noted that the NYS Office of Court Administration is conducting audits of local town courts and plans to issue reports and recommendations on each visit. The visit to the Ontario Town Court has occurred and a report is awaited. Mr. Switzer noted the

recent state ruling that moveable seating is no longer allowed in town courts based on an incident somewhere in the state where a chair was thrown at a justice. The cost for that update at the Ontario Town Court is estimated at \$7,000 to \$10,000.

Mr. Havens thanked town officials for their suggestions on uses of Ontario Elementary School and invited them to continue to share those ideas.

Mr. Plant noted that discussions by county officials on the future employment and business needs of the area have resulted in a recommendation that the name/label of trade and technical programs should discontinue use of the word "B.O.C.E.S." even if the function of the programs did not change based on prior history and experience of the negative impact of the B.O.C.E.S. label.

Mr. Havens stated that the programs and needs are more aligned to that of a technical academy and agreed to share the ideas with the component district superintendents.

B. STUDENT QUESTIONS

(1) Ryan Downey, 2825 Ridge Road, Williamson, asked about the future of Ames Plaza. Ontario town officials noted that the plaza is private property and they are in touch with the owners on a regular basis about present and future plans. Mr. Robusto noted that property owners have the right to sell, use, or do nothing with property they own.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

X. NEXT MEETING HOST, DATE & LOCATION

By **consensus**, town and school officials decided that the Ontario Town Board will host the next joint meeting. (After meeting, the date of April 8th was noted on the school board meeting schedule).

XI. ADJOURNMENT 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. SWITZER
School District Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The foregoing minutes of the Board of Education were submitted for review & (approved as presented)(corrected as noted) at the meeting of

November 15, 2007

School District Clerk

WAYNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ontario Center, New York 14520

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED

DATE: Thursday, November 1, 2007

TIME:

7:00 p.m.

TYPE: Regular Business Meeting

PLACE:

District Office

PRESENT: Trustees Griswold, Johnson, Lyke, Newman, Nicholson, Robusto, Schultz (entered @ 8: 27 p.m.), Triou, Wyse; District Clerk Switzer; Administrators Havens, Siracuse, Armocida, Wright, Schiek, Atseff, Cox, Callahan, Blankenberg, Green

ABSENT: Trustee Johnson

GUESTS: Visitor's Roster filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m. by Frank Robusto, Jr., School Board President

Prior to the meeting, trustees and school officials toured athletic fields on the Ontario Center campus and the district-wide maintenance and transportation centers.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES** (October 11, 2007)

Mr. Nicholson offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mr. Triou, to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting and the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2007, each as presented. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Mr. Johnson, Mr. Schultz), 1 Abstention (Mr. Wyse), Carried.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

V. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

A. Mrs. Lyke reminded trustees of the **general meeting of the Four County School Boards Association** on November 6th at Geneva on collective bargaining.

B. Mrs. Newman stated that she was **impressed with the facilities** viewed on the tour prior to the meeting and the pride evident of employees who work behind the scenes every day in roles that are critical to the success of our students and our schools. Trustees concurred with her sentiments.

VI. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

A. Mr. Robusto noted the many positive comments and activities during observance of **Red Ribbon Week** and extended thanks to the Interact Club for the grim reaper program they presented again this year.

VII. **REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** - None

VIII. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK RECOGNITION

Mr. Havens paid tribute to trustees for their time and talent on behalf of local students and families in observance of ***School Board Recognition Week*** in New York State. He noted the essential role which the Board of Education plays in the success of all aspects of school operations and student achievement.

Jason Carter, president of the Wayne Teachers' Association, extended thanks to trustees for their dedication and support of teaching and support staff. He noted that these efforts have resulted in recognition of our school district as a model district.

B. UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL BACCAULEAUREATE PROGRAM

Mr. Havens presented the progress report on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program for review and information of the Board of Education.

He introduced Joseph Siracuse, high school principal, and Mark McMillan, social studies teacher and IB coordinator, to outline a Power Point presentation on the status of the IB program (copy filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting)

In their presentation, they reviewed the recent IB evaluation visit, course offerings and content, staff training, scheduling, parent orientation and information nights, costs, curriculum writing and additional details of the new program. Pending approval of the program by IB officials, the courses will begin in September, 2008 and the first students eligible for an IB diploma will graduate in June, 2010. They noted that the school district will cover the costs for registration and subject fees

Mr. Wyse asked what options are available for eligible students with limited financial resources to cover the appx. \$500 in fees required to participate in the IB program. Mr. Siracuse noted that there is a procedure in place for other high school programs which have fees attached which is available for the IB program. Mr. Havens stated he is pleased to hear expression of support to insure that all students are eligible for the program.

Mrs. Lyke asked what projected enrollments exist for the IB program. Mr. McMillan stated that thirty-eight (38) freshmen and sophomores have indicated interest in IB programs. Mrs. Lyke asked if there is a high level of interest among parents; the response was yes.

Mrs. Newman asked if IB training is planned for school counselors; the response was yes.

Mrs. Lyke noted that she spoke to Dr. Joseph Marinelli, district superintendent of Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Educational Services, at the state school boards' meeting and learned that he was seeking approval to provide IB programs as a shared educational service eligible for state aid.

Mr. Havens noted the substantial amount of time devoted by Mr. Siracuse, Mr. McMillan and other staff members to the development, approval and presentation of the IB program and extended his thanks and appreciation for all of their efforts.

C. PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED NEW TEXTBOOK – Sixth Grade Science

Mr. Havens presented to proposed new science textbook for review and consideration by the Board of Education.

He introduced Mr. Robert Armocida, middle school principal, to present information about the sixth grade science textbook (copy of presentation filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting). Mr. Armocida was assisted by science teachers Gail Mc Andrew, Lisa Schlegel and Tracy Gray who, along with Krista Surowy, served as the textbook selection committee.

They explained that three different textbooks were reviewed and evaluated on criteria including readability, lab activities, web access for students and teachers, illustrations/diagrams, teacher and student materials and alignment to state math-science-technology standards. Documentation on these comparisons and request to purchase 250 copies @ \$52.95 each was provided to trustees (copy filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting) They noted that about 30% of the state assessment test taken in grade eight is based on sixth grade material.

After careful selection, the committee is recommending the package provided with the MacMillan-McGraw Hill textbook *Science – A Closer Look*. In addition to the criteria noted, the recommended textbook includes the inquiry based learning which coincides with the international baccalaureate program.

Mrs. Lyke asked if students can load a CD-ROM version of the textbook onto their computer at home; teachers present stated that a secure password is provided to allow such use.

Mrs. Lyke stated that she spoke to vendors at the recent state-wide school boards' workshops about the capacity for students to download textbooks for use at home.

Mr. Robusto asked if the textbook is also available on the Internet; the book is web-based.

Mr. Nicholson asked how many students do not have access to computers or to the Internet at home. The teacher stated that time in the computer lab is provided during the school day and after school. Mr. Armocida estimated that about 30% of students do not have access to the Internet at home.

Mr. Triou stated that Constellation Energy conducted a program to refurbish computers for re-use by needy or underprivileged children and families and found low interest for same. He stated that Internet access is a basic requirement for students today.

Mr. Robusto suggested a survey to determine the need among students for computers and/or Internet access. Mr. Triou suggested posting such a survey on the district web site.

Mr. Havens thanked the staff members for their presentation.

D. REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING • NYS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Lyke reported on attendance at the state-wide meeting and workshops of the NYS School Boards' Association in New York City.

She reviewed the remarks by keynote speakers and the workshops and sessions she attended on changing classroom needs of students, future opportunities for students in the visual arts, school climate, high performing schools, planning facilities and the life-cycle of school buildings, among others.

She added that technology was stressed at the sessions with distribution of presentations on thumb drives and citation of web-based resources. Reading lists for school trustees were also available which she encouraged trustees to preview.

As voting delegate, she attended the resolutions' meeting; she reviewed results of those sessions. In the exhibit hall, she visited numerous vendors and displays on topics such as portable sound systems, new floor surfaces and CD-ROM based programs for teaching foreign languages at the primary level.

Mrs. Newman asked if other states have area networking groups for IB schools; Mrs. Lyke noted that they are in place in Canada, Florida and New York City.

Mrs. Lyke stated that she was pleased with locale and setting of the state meeting and workshop sessions.

E. UPDATE ON MONROE COUNTY SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTION

Mr. Havens provided an update on the litigation by school districts which have territory within the County of Monroe to challenge the re-distribution of sales tax revenue. Small sections of Penfield and Webster are included in our school district. A proposed resolution for participation in that litigation is provided in the consensus agenda this evening.

He noted that oral arguments are scheduled for December 7th and the court may issue a decision prior to the holiday recess. He added that if the lawsuit by the schools is successful, the county is likely to appeal the decision and that if the action by the County of Monroe is upheld; the schools are likely to appeal that decision. As a result, the litigation could continue for a lengthy period.

Mr. Havens stated that he has spoken with the town/county supervisors from our two towns and learned there is no indication of proposed changes in the distribution of sales tax by the County of Wayne will occur.

Mrs. Lyke asked what final result occurred in the prior year's litigation on the sales tax issues with Monroe County. Mr. Havens clarified that the prior suit was brought by the Monroe County executive against component school districts seeking to use the sales tax revenue for other purposes; the court ruled the

matter as frivolous since no action was taken to divert the sales tax from the school districts at that time.

Mr. Triou noted that there is a good chance that our legal costs could exceed the \$5,000 or \$6,000 we receive in sales tax from the County of Monroe. Mr. Havens stated that the Wayne County Education Coalition believes it is better to win the lawsuit against the County of Monroe than lose future sales tax revenue from the County of Wayne.

Mr. Wyse stated it is important to demonstrate consistency in both counties.

F. COMMENTS BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Jamie Wisner, one of seven junior class officers, reviewed current and future student achievements and events at the high school and activities of the junior class. He noted that students are excited about the planned keynote visit by Lou Gram at career day on November 6th.

G. STUDENT QUESTIONS

(1) Derek Allen, 222 Ridge Road, Ontario, asked about the possibility of an open campus for seniors. Mr. Havens reviewed details.

IX. RECESS: 8:25 p.m.

(Mr. Schultz entered the meeting at 8:27 p.m.)

X. RECONVENE: 8:30 p.m.

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION

A. PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mr. Havens presented the following personnel changes for review and consideration by the Board of Education:

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

RESIGNATION:

Patrice Ott, art teacher, assigned to Ontario Primary School, effective on or about September 2007, exact date to be determined (personal reasons)

APPOINTMENTS:

Amy Mc Ginn, special education teacher, NYS Control No. 608517051 (Initial valid through 9/1/2010) assigned to the middle school, a three (3) year probationary appointment effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010 at \$37,850 (replacement for Liz Waring, re-assigned to high school).

Amended Extra-Duty Appointments/Designations • 2007-2008 School Year

SUPPORTIVE STAFF:

RESIGNATIONS:

Joyce Hargarther, cleaner, assigned to the middle school, effective November 16, 2007 (for retirement, 21 years service to Wayne Central School District)

Delbert Rohring, bus driver, effective October 24, 2007 (for retirement, 7 years service to Wayne Central School District)

APPOINTMENTS:

Mary Pat McAdam, teacher aide, 1:1, assigned to the middle school, a one (1) year temporary civil service appointment effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at \$14.10 per hour (support new student)

Mr. Wyse offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mr. Triou, to approve the personnel changes as recommended by the superintendent of schools. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Mr. Johnson), Carried.

B. PUPIL PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS • C.P. S.E. & SECTION 504

Mr. Havens presented the pupil placement recommendations of the Committees on Pre-School Special Education and 504 Services for review and consideration by the Board of Education.

Mr. Triou offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mrs. Newman, to adopt the following **RESOLUTIONS** for pupil placements by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education & 504 Committee, **TO WIT:**

- (1) to approve the recommendation for pupil placements by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND
AUTHORIZE ARRANGEMENT OF RECOMMENDED
SPECIAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education and authorizes the Director of Student Services to arrange the recommended special programs and services.

- (2) to approve the recommendation for pupil placements by the §504 Committee:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE § 504 COMMITTEE AND
AUTHORIZE ARRANGEMENT OF RECOMMENDED
SPECIAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the §504 Committee and authorizes the Director of Student Services to arrange the recommended special programs and services.

On the question, the **RESOLUTIONS** were adopted by a vote of 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Mr. Johnson), Carried.

C. CONSENSUS AGENDA

- (1) Reports of the School District Treasurer (A/O 9/30/07)
- (2) Adoption of New Textbook • Grade 6 Science
- (3) Adopt Resolution • Re-Distribution of Monroe County Sales Tax
- (4) Adopt Resolution • Joint Participation on Tax Certiorari– Town Ontario/Co,Wayne (DKR-Ames Plaza)
- (5) Adopt Charge to Policy Committee • 2007-2008

Mr. Havens presented the consensus agenda for review and consideration by the Board of Education.

Mr. Wyse offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mr. Triou, to approve/adopt the consensus agenda, as presented by the superintendent of schools, as follows:

- (1) Receive & file **reports of the school district treasurer** for the period ending September 30, 2007 (copies attached to these minutes in the minute book)
- (2) Adoption a **new textbook for grade 6** entitled *Science-A Closer Look* published by Mac Millan/McGraw Hill
- (3) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** to participate in litigation re: **re-distribution of Monroe County sales tax, TO WIT:**

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN LITIGATION TO PREVENT RE-DISTRIBUTION OF MONROE COUNTY SALES TAX

WHEREAS the adoption of the Medicaid Intercept Option by the County Legislature of the County of Monroe permits reduction of sales tax funds designated for the school districts with territory within the County of Monroe, *and*

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to take legal action against the County of Monroe and all appropriate parties, **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Wayne Central School District that the courts are requested to set aside the action of the Monroe County Legislature and to enforce the current laws regarding the use and distribution of sales tax revenue and to otherwise protect the school district's sales tax funds, *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the firm of Ferrara, Fiorenza, Larrison, Barrett & Reitz, P.C. represented by Dennis Barrett, is hereby appointed as special counsel to represent the school district in this matter.

- (4) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** to participate in a joint effort re: a tax certiorari matter with the Town of Ontario & County of Wayne, **TO WIT:**

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A TAX CERTIORARI LAWSUIT WITH THE TOWN OF ONTARIO AND COUNTY OF WAYNE (DKR investors – Ames Plaza)

WHEREAS, the Wayne Central School District has developed and approved a policy in which it may provide financial assistance for litigation challenges to real property assessments in excess of \$300,000, *and*

WHEREAS, the owners of Ames Plaza, also known as DKR Investors, have filed a tax certiorari petition to have their taxable assessed valuation reduced from \$1,800,000 to \$180,000, *and*

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario and the County of Wayne are seeking the support of the Wayne Central School District to share equally in the legal costs and related items in litigating this matter, *and*

WHEREAS, the Town of Ontario seeks Wayne Central approval of the appointment of Mr. Alan Knauf as lead legal counsel on this matter, **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Wayne Central School District that it agrees to participate with the Town of Ontario and the County of Wayne in sharing the legal and related expenses pertaining to the DKR Investment (Ames Plaza) tax certiorari challenge on a one third equal sharing basis.

- (5) Adopt the ***charge to policy committee for 2007-2008*** (copy filed in clerk's file, this meeting)

Mr. Triou asked for clarification on the DKR tax matter; Mr. Havens provided clarification.

On the question, the consensus agenda was approved/adopted by a vote of 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Mr. Johnson)

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Schultz reported that the committee has met with Mr. Wager, the external auditor, to review the annual audit and management letter. Both will appear on a future agenda for review and consideration by the Board of Education.

The internal audit firm – Freed, Maxick, etal – has completed the risk assessment and identified areas for additional scrutiny (*e.g.* use of the fuel depot at the transportation center, testing of safeguards for payroll-related functions). The committee has asked district management staff to address the fuel depot issues and Freed, Maxick to test the payroll system.

Freed, Maxick has also completed the pre-comptroller's audit and provided a draft report which the committee presently has under review. The committee plans to incorporate action items from that report with the items identified by the external auditor for follow-up.

Mr. Triou asked when the visit by state auditors would occur; Mr. Havens stated that those audits are not announced in advance.

Mr. Robusto thanked the committee for its diligent efforts.

Mr. Atseff provided printed copies of the external auditor's report and management letter to trustees (copy filed in clerk's files)

XIII. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Mrs. Susan Brown, 7518 Knickerbocker Road, Ontario, asked if special education teachers are included in the training for the international baccalaureate program.

- B. Mrs. Brown, *supra*, noted that the SAT exam results published in the news media this past weekend for our students were fairly unremarkable and lower than state assessment results and asked what efforts the school district is taking to analysis the results and align them with state and national standards.

XIV. ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Triou extended thanks to the Wayne Teachers' Association and Mr. Havens for their comments and tributes in recognition of ***School Board Recognition Week***.
- B. Mr. Triou noted that he has accepted invitations to serve as a ***guest speaker*** at the career day at the high school (on computers) and for the first grade team at Freewill Elementary School (on the role of a school board member)
- C. Mr. Schultz reminded trustees and visitors of the ***clothing drive*** sponsored by the parent group at the high school as their initial fund raiser; Mrs. Newman asked if the clothing is provided to individuals; the response was yes.
- D. Mr. Nicholson suggested consideration of an effort to ***collect and re-image unused computers*** to provide them to the 30% of students, cited earlier, who may not have financial resources to obtain them. Mr. Havens suggested the effort as a project for student service groups such as the Interact Club.
- E. Mr. Triou noted that computer equipment alone does not solve the issue if families or children do not have resources to also obtain ***Internet access***.
- F. Mr. Nicholson suggested that the ***greatest need*** might occur among primary-aged children.
- G. Mrs. Lyke noted that she visited a vendor at the state school boards' meeting on options for ***computer networking***.
- H. Mr. Griswold suggested caution on restrictions that may exist on ***licensure of software*** that may govern re-use of some computers.
- I. Mr. Robusto noted that the ***paperless agenda*** for this evening's meeting resulted in conservation of copier paper and postage for a 98-page agenda.
- J. Mr. Griswold noted that the three-month ***pilot period for the paperless agenda*** will soon end and requested review of the matter on the next agenda.
- K. Mr. Robusto expressed ***disappointment in the program*** by Dr. Manuel Rivera, Deputy Secretary of Education, State of New York, at the recent meeting of the Four County School Boards Association
- L. Mr. Robusto stated he learned additional details on the ***management of the concert shell at Finger Lakes Community College*** in a recent discussion with school board members form the Canandaigua City School District and shared the information with Mr. Havens to pursue re: commencement exercises for the Class of 2008.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Triou offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mr. Wyse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Mr. Johnson), Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. SWITZER
School District Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The foregoing minutes of the Board of Education were submitted for review & (approved as presented)(corrected as noted) at the meeting of

November 15, 2007

School District Clerk



**Wayne Central School District
Office of the Superintendent of Schools**

Memorandum

American Education Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education employees--be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians--work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Superintendent of Schools of the Wayne Central School District do hereby proclaim November 11-17 as the 86th annual observance of American Education Week

2007-2008 Goals

- Develop a final scope for Capital Project that will be unanimously approved by the Board of Education
 - Continues to move district towards long range goal
 - Addresses items identified in long range facilities plan
 - Common direction for various stakeholder groups within the district

Facilities and Finance

- Long Range Goal: Maintain Superior, Clean and Inviting Facilities for Wayne Central Students

Enduring Understandings

- Facilities provide the foundation to meet our instructional goals
- Maintaining facilities keeps capital costs down
- Community takes pride in its facilities
- School needs must be balanced with the community's ability to finance those needs

Desired Results

- A high quality facility will help us compete in a highly competitive global economy
- A high quality facility will ensure a safe environment in which to teach and learn
- A high quality facility will produce high quality learning

School Facility Options

- Replace Ontario Elementary with new space adjacent to Ontario Primary
- Plan for potential incorporation of Freewill Elementary at Ontario site for single campus

Action Step

- Board of Education Facilities Workshop
 - Review program needs/instructional issues
 - Review future school facility options
 - Review financial implications

Action step

- Present to Administrative Council
 - Admin Council Presentation
 - Feedback and Revisions
 - Admin Council Approval

Action Step

- Concept Drawings and Cost Estimates
 - Architects develop concept drawings
 - Construction Manager/Architects develop cost estimates
 - Feedback and revisions

Assessment

- Recommendations reviewed by administrative council
- Recommendations reviewed by Board of Education
- Board of Education direction and approval

Action Step

- Board Approval of Capital Project Final Scope
 - Board Presentation
 - Feedback and Revisions
 - Board Approval

2007-2008 Goals

- Ensure passage of budget by a favorable margin of 65% or greater
 - Budget is an indicator of the community's support of the direction and leadership of the district
 - Budget provides the resources and environment necessary to create successful programs

Questions

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Enduring Understandings

- Budget success breeds academic success
- Adequate financial resources are necessary for success
- Positive experiences at school events can produce positive budget results
- Community support has a direct correlation with student success

Desired Results

- 2008-2009 budget vote outcome will be favorable by a $2/3$ margin
- 2008-2009 budget will provide necessary resources to meet school improvement goals
- Community is supportive of district initiatives

Assessment

- Budget vote results will show at least 65% voting yes and no more than 35% voting no

Action Steps

- Public Relations
- Target district employees for vote
- Survey/data collections
- Parents

Questions

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