

NORTH ROSE-WOLCOTT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2014 7:00 PM ROOM 210 OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT: Judi Buckalew, John Boogaard, Robert Cahoon, Lucinda Collier, Kelly Ferrente, Edward Magin, Danny Snyder, Michael Virts, Laura McDorman

Elena LaPlaca, Robert Magin, Melanie Stevenson, John Walker and approximately 50 guests.

CALL TO ORDER President, Judi Buckalew called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance,

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Edward Magin moved and Kelly Ferrente seconded the following motion. It passed with a unanimous vote. J. Boogaard, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, E. Magin, D. Snyder, M. Virts 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 25, 2014.

3a. STUDENT ATHLETE RECOGNITION Athletic Director, Kathy Hoyt, and winter sports coaches, Duke Mitchell, Brian Cole, Gary Lockwood and Jerry DeCausemaker acknowledged a number of High School students for their participation on winter sports teams.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Lois Wafler addressed the Board stating her hopes that forums would be held soon to elicit community input on school building and grade level configurations for the district.

Izetta Younglove addressed the Board stating her hopes that the Board would seek input from the community on school building and grade level configurations for the district.

3b. CONTINUED DISCUSSION FACILITIES & PROGRAM NEXT STEPS Judi Buckalew prefaced the discussion by recapping the meeting with Ed Magin, Lucinda Collier and Mike Virts to provide them with background information on the process the Board used during the development of the Capital Project. The goal of this process and the charge to the Board of Education is to provide the best educational program the community can afford, by best utilizing all assets: State Aid, taxpayer funds, buildings and staff. North Rose - Wolcott is one of the few school districts in Wayne County that is financially sound.

Lucinda Collier acknowledged that the information she received at the ad hoc committee meeting was astounding! She has not had time to digest the data given to her. She stated that she feels the district should sell the Florentine Hendrick Building; the Board should rescind the resolution to go forward with a k-6 / 7-12 educational program; and utilize three school buildings. She submitted a written personal analysis and opinion paper. It has been annexed to these minutes.

Kelly Ferrente stated that she is not convinced that the defeat of the Capital Project was purely due to program reconfiguration, and more

input is needed. Additionally, the Buildings & Grounds Committee must look at the number one priorities on the building condition survey to determine where district funds must be spent to maintain the integrity and safety of school buildings.

Ed Magin stated that he feels there is a good educational program in place and the District is able to offer good choices to advance student learning. At some point soon program will suffer if the Board isn't proactive in ensuring financial viability for future generations. He stated that he didn't think the community was given the opportunity to make a well-informed decision on the Capital Project. After reviewing the information from the ad hoc committee meeting, the savings to taxpayers are amazing.

With the tax base and state aid diminishing, the District won't be in a financial position to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure financial and programmatic stability for the future of education. He feels that more information on the process and data used by the Board must be shared with the community.

Danny Snyder stated that he feels that a k-6 / 7-12 program configuration is still the right direction. The current configuration is costly both in the maintenance of buildings and the under-utilization of staff. Enrollment is diminishing and it is too costly to maintain three buildings.

Mike Virts stated that the Board does not know the reasons for the defeat of the Capital Project. How does the Board take three years of data and statistics and convey it to the community in a clear, concise manner? He feels that maintaining more than two school buildings will have serious financial effects on the community in the future, and take funds away from educational programs.

John Boogaard stated that he is and will continue to be an advocate for a Grade 6-8 educational program. He feels that it is good for the maturity level of the students. There are social and emotional concerns of this age group that are best served in a setting separate from grades 9-12.

He stated that ensuring the safety of students should be the first concern in all buildings. A bus loop should be installed at the Middle School with the entrance on Draper St.

Bob Cahoon stated that with declining enrollment, lower state aid funding, increased costs, the district can't afford to keep three buildings open. The Board needs to decide which two buildings to use and get community backing.

Mike Virts stated that he appreciated John Boogaard's comments. However other school districts are very successful with a K-6 / 7/12 program. They schedule classes so that 7 & 8 grade students do not have contact with grades 9-12. The Board may wish to seek them out to study their practices.

Kelly Ferrente asked John Boogaard if he felt that students couldn't be successfully separated in a 7 /12 configuration. Mr. Boogaard responded that it is a philosophical issue not a physical issue. Expectations are different.

Judi Buckalew stated that the economics of a k-6 / 7-12 educational program make a great deal of sense. The question of the education being delivered in one, two or three buildings is difficult. The community may not be able to support it for a myriad of reasons. The district will suffer financially in the near future, and the delivery of education will suffer.

Judi Buckalew confirmed with Melanie Stevenson that the State Education Department issues certification in Grades k-6 and Grades 7-12 program configurations. The district must take into consideration the economic impact of fully employing the teaching staff based on their certification and on enrollment.

Mrs. Buckalew summarized the discussion by stating that the majority of Board Members want to use a k-6 / 7-12 educational program in a two school building setting. Exit polls from the Capital Project vote were useless and no helpful information was collected.

Mrs. Buckalew asked Board Members to contemplate the discussions that just took place and asked new Board Members to study the data provided to them at the ad hoc meeting. Think about how to summarize three years of data to make it understandable to the public. Should the Board send a survey to the community with this data?

The Board will take up this discussion again at the next meeting. Be prepared to formulate a recommendation to the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

4a. POLICY COMMITTEE

Kelly Ferrente reported that the Committee met prior to the Board Meeting to discuss two mandated policies. They will be listed on the next agenda for a first reading by the entire Board.

4b. BUDGET COMMITTEE

Kelly Ferrente stated that Bob Magin would present during his report.

4c. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER
LAURA McDORMAN

Laura McDorman reported on various initiatives and events taking place in the High School. Additionally, she reported that the recent Dollars For Scholars phone-a-thon raised \$3,295 for scholarships.

4d GOOD NEWS

Mike Virts gave kudos to Scott Converse for the school bus safety demonstration that he conducted for the members of local fire departments.

4e OTHER

John Boogaard on a school safety committee meeting that he recently attended.

5a. LETTER OF INTENT TO
RETIRE: PEGGY WILSON

Edward Magin moved and Kelly Ferrente seconded the following motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. J. Boogaard, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, E. Magin, D. Snyder, M. Virts 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 years of service, the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Peggy Wilson, effective with the close of business on August 8, 2014.

5b. DIR. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION UPDATE

Melanie Stevenson reported on the curriculum work completed by staff on the March 14 Conference Day. Additionally she reported that a staff will work during the summer to develop ELA and Math teaching modules.

5c. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Bob Magin's report focused on development of the 2014-15 budget. State Aid projections have not changed, and no changes have been made to the revenue side of the budget. The Board must adopt the budget at the next meeting.

He reported that at a recent Budget Committee meeting the discussion focused on long-term strategies to manage District funds. He explained the process the District uses when financing the 2007 Capital Project; and the cost of seeking bonds to pay for work completed. This District is still authorized to complete \$1.4M in work based on this project. A detailed explanation of the process of fund transfers at the end of the 2013-14 school year is attached to these minutes.

5d. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE No report was given.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Danny Snyder moved and Kelly Ferrente seconded the following motions. They passed with a unanimous vote. J. Boogaard, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, E. Magin, D. Snyder, M. Virts voted yes.

6a. MEETING MINUTES

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 March 11, 2014.

6b. 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: #0052-\$76,426.16

6c. RECOMMENDATIONS OF 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 for the Committee on Special Education dated February 26, 2014, and March 5, 6, and 13, 2014 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated March 11 and 14, 2014, and instructs the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number: 11303 11447 12684 12561 09996 10623 11127 11129 10403 09856 12691 11547 12236 11677 IEP Amendments: 13321 13069

6d. 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.

6e. APPROVE POLICIES

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

7222 – Diploma and/or Credential Options for Students w/ Disabilities

7550 – Dignity for all students Act

6f. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ANNUAL ELECTION

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

Section 1: That pursuant to §2004(1) of the Education Law, as amended, the annual school district budget vote and election of the North Rose - Wolcott Central School District, shall be conducted in the North Rose-Wolcott High School, 11631 Salter-Colvin Rd., Wolcott NY on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, for the purpose of voting by voting machines upon the propositions hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting shall be kept open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 PM local time.

Section 2: That pursuant to §1707(2) of the Education law as amended, the Public Hearing on the proposed school budget will occur Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the North Rose-Wolcott High School Auditorium in said school district.

Section 3: That the notice of said public hearing and annual school election, including the propositions to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the following form:

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION & PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

North Rose - Wolcott Central School District
Wolcott, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of North Rose - Wolcott Central School District, Wayne County, New York that the annual election of the school district shall occur on the 20th day of May, 2014, in the North Rose - Wolcott High School, 11631 Salter-Colvin Rd., Wolcott, New York from 12:00 noon until 9:00 PM for the purpose of voting, by voting machine upon the propositions hereinafter set forth:

Proposition No 1: 2014-2015 Budget

Shall the budget for the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, as presented by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$ XXX be approved and adopted and the required funds be appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Proposition No. 2: Purchase School Buses

Shall the Board of Education of the North Rose – Wolcott Central School District be authorized to purchase buses for student transportation with a total aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$465,760.74, with such cost paid in part by an expenditure of \$300,000 from the District’s existing School Bus Capital Reserve funds, 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 therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of said District as may be necessary?

Proposition No. 3: Establish School Bus Capital Reserve Fund 2014
Shall the Board of Education of the North Rose – Wolcott Central School District be authorized to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be known as the School Bus Capital Reserve Fund 2014, for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the purchase of school buses as approved from time to time by the voters of the District. The ultimate amount of such reserve fund shall not exceed \$1,000,000. The probable term of such reserve fund shall be five (5) years, but such reserve fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law. The source from which funds shall be obtained for such reserve fund will be: (a) State transportation aid received on account of purchases of the type that may be financed through such reserve fund; (b) unappropriated fund balances from the General Fund in any fiscal year as designated by the Board of Education; (c) budgetary appropriations as approved by the voters; and (d) any other source approved by the voters?

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN That pursuant to §1707(2) of the Education law as amended, the Public Hearing on the proposed school budget will occur Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM. in the North Rose-Wolcott High School Auditorium in said school district.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed in with the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM local time, on April 21, 2014. Vacancies for school board members will occur as follows:

One (1) term of (4) years beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2018 to succeed the following incumbents: Robert Cahoon or Kelly Ferrente.

One term of three (3) years of a five year term beginning May 21, 2014 through June 30, 2017 to complete the term vacated by Philip Wagner.

One term of two (2) years of a five year term beginning May 21, 2014 through June 30, 2016 to complete the term vacated by Gary Sproul.

One term of one (1) year of a five year term beginning May 21, 2014 through June 30, 2015 to complete the term vacated by Kari Durham.

Petitions to nominate a candidate for member of the Board of Education may be secured from the District Clerk at the District Office, 11631 Salter-Colvin Rd. Wolcott, New York 14590 (east wing of the High School) Monday through Friday, exclusive of legal holidays, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Each petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, and state the name and residence address of each candidate and the name and residence address of each signer.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that the election of members of the Board of Education is at large. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes cast will be elected.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the estimated monies which will be required during the 2014-2015 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the purposes and the amount of each and a copy of the report of the amount of total assessed value of the final assessment roll(s) used in the budgetary process that is exempt from taxation will be available, upon request, to taxpayers in this District during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM from May 7, 2014 to May 20, 2014, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, at each schoolhouse in the District, the Rose Free Library, the Wolcott Civic Free Library, and on the District website: www.nrwcs.org.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the District Clerk between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. Applications must be received at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. The District Clerk must receive absentee ballots no later than 5:00 PM local time on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the district office.

Dated: March 25, 2014

By Order of the Board of Education of
North Rose-Wolcott Central School District
Wolcott, NY 14590

Elena LaPlaca, District Clerk

First Publication: April 2, 2014 (Lake Shore News) April 3, 2014 (Finger Lakes Times)

Second- Fourth Publication: Weeks of: April 14, April 28 and May 12, 2014

Section 4: That the school District Clerk is authorized and directed to cause such notice of the public hearing and annual school election to be given in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed by publishing the same four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks preceding the annual school election (May 20, 2014), the first publication to appear at least forty-five (45) days before the event, in the Lake Shore News and the Finger Lakes Times the official district newspapers, and by giving such other notice as may be deemed advisable.

Section 5: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

6g1. PERMANENT APPT
LISA KNORR

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 Lisa Knorr as a School Monitor effective March 11, 2014.

6g2. CREATION OF TEACHER
AIDE POSITION

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the creation of a 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide position for 7 hours per day effective March 26, 2014.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one made comments on the business discussed during this meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Cahoon moved and Lucinda Collier seconded the following motion. It passed with a unanimous vote. J. Boogaard, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, L. Collier, K. Ferrente, E. Magin, D. Snyder, M. Virts 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 9:21PM.

Elena M. LaPlaca, District Clerk