

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

APRIL 7, 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 (7:15), Clifford Parton, Ora Rothfuss III

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER:

Board President Nickoline Henner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before approval of the agenda, item #3c. was corrected to include additional names of individuals involved in the presentation.

1a. APPROVAL OF
AGENDA:

Clifford Parton moved and Melinda DeBadts seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K. Durham, 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 April 7, 2009.

2. PUBLIC ACCESS
TO THE BOARD:

No one addressed the Board at this time.

3a. STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT STATUS:
CINDY MINER

Mrs. Miner began the Student Achievement Status presentation by summarizing why the Leavenworth Middle School is listed as a **School In Need of Improvement (SINI)**. She spoke about the **Comprehensive Education Plan** that is being developed and the personnel in place that will help obtain the goal of proficiency for all students. The school improvement timeline was explained to Board members.

3b. NR-W CURRICULUM
INITIATIVES:
JACINDA LISANTO

Mrs. Lisanto presented an overview of curriculum initiatives for student achievement in our District. The Vision, Mission and Belief statements were reviewed. She spoke about the Curriculum and Staff Development Council, reviewed curriculum mapping, and spoke about staff development that has taken place. The Response to Intervention and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports programs currently in place were discussed. The Annual Professional Performance Review, a method of teacher evaluation, and the Comprehensive District Educational Plan were explained. The Quality Improvement Process for students with disabilities and the Comprehensive Education Plan (focusing on grades 6-

8) were discussed in depth. Mrs. Lisanto mentioned that curriculum mapping in ELA will occur on Superintendent's Conference Day, June 26th.

- 3c. VALUE ADDED GROWTH MODEL:
JACINDA LISANTO
MICHELE SULLIVAN
NEIL THOMPSON
JENNIFER HAYDEN
ANGELA KIRKEY
- Michele Sullivan, Jacinda Lisanto, Neil Thompson, Jennifer Hayden and Angela Kirkey presented the Educational Value-Added Assessment System (EVAAS). This program provides a way to measure the school's impact on student growth, and provides an in depth way to track student achievement. It measures student growth over time using multiple data points, rather than viewing test results in isolation. The program is useful for students in grades 5-8. The results of three state tests (3rd grade ELA, 3rd grade math, and 4th grade ELA) are required before tracking can occur. The program allows the comparison of a student to other students with the same profile, and could be useful in creating AIS groups, after school target skills groups, summer school lists, and class lists for the next school year. Schools can also compare results from a pool of schools with the same testing history. The value of looking at data using this method was explained. Other programs such as Cognos, RIC, and Data Warehouse, which track other types of information, were reviewed. There was discussion about the state of New York being in a data reporting transition time.
- 3d. PRESENTATION OF K-12 MUSIC SCHEDULE: ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM
- Declining enrollment in the District, less sections of general music, and staffing to enrollment were discussed. The Administrative team prepared three scheduling scenarios for the music department to consider for the 2009-10 school year. Each scenario was reviewed and the pros and cons of each were discussed. It was noted that the scenarios permit the teachers to stay in one school building all day without traveling.
- 3e. FINAL DRAFT 2009-10 SCHOOL BUDGET:
- Mr. Robert Magin presented the final draft of the 2009-10 school budget, which was very similar to the previous draft. With this budget, it is estimated that there will be a 0% tax rate increase.
- There was discussion among the Board members on various topics relating to the Budget.
- 4a1. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT: EDWARD MAGIN
- Mr. Edward Magin reported on the recent Technology committee meeting he attended where Frank Sobierajski was presenting and Jeff Lisanto, newly hired Technology Coordinator beginning in July 2009, was present. Smart Boards and unique software were the main topics discussed. There will be new computers installed in the computer lab, new laptops for computer carts, and printer replacements for the next school year. The pros and cons of every student having a laptop were discussed.
- 4b. STUDENT BOE MEMBER REPORT: LARISSA BODINE
- Larissa Bodine mentioned that there is a small group of students who will be going to Red Creek Central School to help prepare for the DWI Crash Scene scenario.
- 4c. OTHER GOOD NEWS OF THE DISTRICT:
- Congratulations on a fine performance to all those who participated in the Middle School musical, the "Phantom Tollbooth." There have been many enjoyable concerts at all grade levels.

- 4d. OTHER: The next spring chorus and band concert is at NRE on April 8th.
- 5a. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: No additional report was given.
- 5b. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE: Mr. Robert Magin addressed a question from the previous Board meeting regarding donations to the BackPack program. He mentioned that generally an individual is not able to donate items to this program, although a corporation or small group could. He mentioned that cement work is occurring at the Adaptive PE Center, and drywall will be started soon. He reminded the Board that this area is considered a hard hat area, and badges should be worn for identification. Mr. Robert Magin attended an annual conference by Utica National Insurance Company on school safety, and he is pleased to announce that we received a School Safety Excellence award. There was a brief discussion about our school safety plan.
- 5c. DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF 2009-10 BUDGET: There was discussion that took place by various Board members before voting on the Adoption of the 2009-2010 Budget.
- Robert Cahoon moved and Clifford Parton seconded the following motion. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, M. DeBadts, K Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III voted yes, K. DeAngelis voted no.
- Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the proposed 2009-10 Budget in the amount of \$26,956,786.00.
- Before approval of the Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009, a correction was made to the motion to enter into executive section, and #4e. the means of communication used in contacting Board Presidents from Sodus, Red Creek, and Clyde-Savannah to discuss sharing of services between districts. The Board Presidents were emailed, not telephoned.
- 6a. MEETING MINUTES MARCH 24, 2009 Robert Cahoon moved and Clifford Parton seconded the following motion. The vote was unanimous. N. Henner, J. Buckalew, R. Cahoon, K. DeAngelis, M. DeBadts, K Durham, E. Magin, C. Parton, O. Rothfuss III voted yes.
- Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the corrected Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009.
7. CONSENT 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.
- 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:

1. #0049 \$743,183.54
2. #0047 \$281,918.58

7b. DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Treasurer's Report for February, 2009.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the Extra Classroom Activity Report for February, 2009.

7c. APPROVAL OF NEW POLICIES:

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

1. Policy #7240 - Student Records: Access and Challenge (Revision)
2. Policy #7540 - Student Directory Information (Revision)
3. Policy #5673 - Employee Personal Identifying Information
4. Policy #6120 - Equal Employment Opportunity (Revision)
5. Policy #6551 - Family and Medical Leave Act (Revision)
6. Policy #3160 - School District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing

7d. 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 19, 2009, March 20, 2009 and March 25, 2009 and the Committee on Pre School Special Education dated March 30, 2009 and instructs the Superintendent to implement the recommendations on behalf of the following individuals identified by student number:

12199 12078 11283 11179 11721 11325 11336 12001 11913
11740 10402 11088 11177 11184 10133 12228 11419 10565
10198

7e. SUBSTITUTES:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves the individuals named on the substitute lists, which are on file with the District Clerk.

7f. LANGUAGE APPROVAL:
FOR MAY 19, 2009
BUDGET VOTE:

PROPOSITION NO. 1: 2009-10 BUDGET
Be it resolved that the budget for the North Rose-Wolcott Central School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$26,956,786.00 is approved and adopted and the required funds are 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.

7g. CORRECTION OF REFUND OF 2008 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.~~

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 \$529.70 to William H. Dean, Tax ID #542600 72119-19-501092.

7h. APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Education Law, approves Mrs. Arlene Middleton, as a volunteer at North Rose Elementary school.

7i1. 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>
Patty Jackson	Modified Baseball "B" team	1	1	\$1,793.00

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The following informational items were shared with the Board:
Enrollment - April, 2009, Newspaper article – "2 dozen+ cuts help NR-W keep tax hike to .5 percent", Adult Education letter, Capital Project Meeting Minutes #00012 - March 11, 2009, Policy #3160 - School District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing Regulation and Form, Policy #5673 Employee Personal Identifying Information Regulation, Policy # 6551 Family and Medical Leave Act Regulation and Forms, Policy #7240: Student Records: Access and Challenge Regulation and Forms, Use of Facilities, MS Newsletter - March 2009, Los Pumas De North Rose-Wolcott - March 31, 2009, NRE News - April 2009, FHE Newsletter - April 2009.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Nancy Kasper requested the music teachers who were present to relate what affect the instrumental music staff cut will have on music education in our District. The music instructors related their concerns to the Board.

Mr. Mike Virts commended Board members on the time and effort taken to formulate the 2009-2010 budget. He spoke about the information shared in the Value Added Growth Model presentation, and feels that the program is a good tool for evaluation services. He shared thoughts on going out early to bond for bus purchases, due to the economic situation. He feels that it is wise to look at long term planning and projections in regards to the 2010-11 budget.

Mr. Mike Witkiewitz spoke about the increase of enrollment in the music program, mentioning that although District enrollment has declined, enrollment in the music program has increased through the years. He mentioned that he is willing to help during this transitional period. Mr. Witkiewitz asked the Board to consider investigating reinstatement of the instrumental teaching position at a later time.

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 9:50 pm for the specific purpose of discussing negotiations.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting returned to open session at 10:27 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Cahoon 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 adjournment of the meeting at 10:27 pm.

Jan McDorman, Clerk
Board of Education