

WAYNE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA



June 25, 2009

6:15 p.m.

District Office Conference Room

6:15 Executive Session

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

[Att. 1](#)

7:05 Public Comment

7:10 Board Member Comments

7:15 Board President Comments

7:20 Superintendent's Report

1. Board/Administrative Retreat
2. Summer Programs
3. UPK Report
4. Student Representative
5. Student Questions

[Att. 2](#)

[Att. 3](#)

8:05 Four County Report

8:10 Public Comment

8:15 Board Member Comments

8:20 Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: July 9, 2009

District Office Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

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, June 11, 2009
TYPE: Regular Business Meeting

TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: District Office

PRESENT: Members Brunner, Griswold, Lyke, Newman, Nicholson, Paz, Robusto & Schultz; District Clerk Switzer; Administrators Havens, Derse, Pullen, Schiek, Atseff, Cox & Miller

ABSENT: Mr. Triou

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Frank Robusto, Jr., School Board President

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Student Matters)

Mrs. Lyke offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mr. Griswold, to adjourn the meeting, at 6:31 p.m., for an executive session on matters pertaining to specific students. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Mr. Triou), Carried.

III. RECONVENE: 7:00 p.m.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES (May 28, 2009)

Mr. Robusto noted addition of a presentation for a textbook for a proposed new course in child psychology through the Gemini program to the reports of the superintendent of schools. Mr. Havens withdrew the health services' contract for non-public school students from the consensus agenda. Mrs. Lyke offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mr. Paz, to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting, as revised, and the minutes of the meeting of May 28, 2009, as presented. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Mr. Triou), Carried.

VI. DONATION BY FIFTH GRADERS @ ONTARIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fifth graders Alexa Carmichael, 7594 Whispers Lane, and Samantha Smith, 7312 Slocum Road, both in Ontario, presented a check for \$425 on behalf of their classmates at Ontario Elementary School from a recent mixer as a donation to assist in the purchase of smart board for their school so future students can enjoy fifth grade as much as they have. (copy of prepared remarks filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting)

Mr. Robusto and Mr. Havens thanked the students for their donation and for their interest in use of smart board technology in their classrooms. School officials and visitors expressed their appreciation by a round of applause.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robusto stated that the Board of Education values public comment and that, under NYS Open Meetings Law, school board meetings are open to the public, not public meetings. Two opportunities are provided for public comment and time limits are placed on each speaker. While immediate responses are not always possible, follow-up will occur if needed. He asked speakers to identify themselves, their address, any organization they may represent and to provide copies of any documentation to the school district clerk.

- A. Susan Brown, 7518 Knickerbocker Road, Ontario, noted that the school district makes efforts in many areas to exceed state regulations and criteria and stated she was saddened that the unused emergency days in excess of the 180-day state minimum are not used for additional instructional days in the 2008-2009 school year. She feels learning is a continuing process and designating those days as non-student days sends the message to students that the minimum number is the standard.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Mrs. Lyke extended congratulated all parties involved in the well-executed annual ***Grandparents' Day at Ontario Primary School***; she was pleased to attend with her grandchild.

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Robusto noted that the ***generous effort and donation*** from the fifth graders at Ontario Elementary School illustrates that our students are engaged in the latest applications of technology.

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

XI. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. UPDATE ON THE H1 N1 INFLUENZA (Swine Flu)

Mr. Havens reported that preliminary reports indicate that the case of the influenza is not the H1 N1 virus.

B. PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED NEW GEMINI COURSE & TEXTBOOK • Child Psychology

Mr. Havens introduced a presentation on a proposed new Gemini, college-credit course and textbook in child psychology in the 2009-2010 school year for review and consideration by the Board of Education.

Mrs. Kim Cox, assistant superintendent for instruction, introduced Mrs. Jessica Kleindienst and Ms. Nicole Favreau who shared information on content and costs for the textbook for the new child psychology course planned for the high school next year through Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC). A copy of the proposed textbook was presented and an overview of the textbook distributed (copy filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting)

Mrs. Kleindienst summarized the features of the proposed new textbook as follows:

- contains detailed and easily read graphs, diagrams & photos
- content is suited to a variety of learning styles
- incorporates skill assessments to check for understanding
- provides study tips for students, including children with learning needs

- provides students & teachers with access to additional, web-based resources and links
- readability & vocabulary are appropriate for a variety of learning styles & abilities

Mrs. Lyke asked if the proposed textbook includes a CD-ROM version of the text; the response was no but there is an interactive CD-ROM with review and study materials.

Mrs. Lyke asked about variance in content of the softbound and hardbound editions; Mrs. Kleindienst provided details.

Mr. Griswold asked which version the college recommends; they recommend the full version.

Mr. Robusto asked what grades the proposed new course would serve and if any other textbooks were reviewed. Mrs. Kleindienst stated that the course is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors and the college chose the textbook.

Mrs. Lyke asked what the life expectancy is for the softbound textbook. Mrs. Kleindienst provided details.

Mr. Paz asked if there as a possibility that FLCC could change the textbook in the future which would incur additional costs to the school district. Mrs. Kleindienst stated that the college could change the textbook and noted that past practice by the college is to allow use of existing books in Gemini courses.

Mr. Paz asked if FLCC would continue to award credit for the course if textbooks did change. Mrs. Kleindienst stated that Gemini credits are accepted nationwide and FLCC has advocates who work with graduates if they encounter difficulty with acceptance of the credits by a post-secondary institution.

Mr. Paz asked how many staff members will teach the course and inquired about resource materials. Mrs. Kleindienst stated she will teach the class and reviewed the resources she plans to use.

Mr. Havens thanked Mrs. Kleindienst and Ms. Favreau for their efforts and presentation. He noted that formal consideration of the proposed textbook will appear on the next business agenda.

C. ANNUAL GOAL • ELEMENTARY FOREIGN LANGUAGE • ELEMENTARY GRADES

Mr. Havens introduced Mrs. Cox to provide an update on the school board goal for exploration of a foreign language at the elementary level for review and consideration by the Board of Education.

Mrs. Cox noted that a staff committee was formed and has met to brainstorm ideas, review research studies and visit area schools where programs are in place. She noted that about 30% to 40% of elementary schools, nationwide, offer a foreign language.

She shared results of the committee's work in a Power Point presentation on the format and content of programs visited and factors involved in selection of the foreign language for elementary children (e.g. French, Spanish, Other ?) (copy filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting). The Issues ranged from costs and staffing to the relatively small number of qualified foreign language teachers and the instructional advantages of an elementary foreign language program (e.g. younger children learn at faster pace, some earn higher SAT scores at an older age).

Mrs. Newman asked if all students have access to the programs visited; Mrs. Cox noted they do.

Mrs. Lyke asked about participation by teachers; Mrs. Cox provided details.

Mr. Griswold asked about reaction by teachers and parents. Mrs. Cox stated that reaction was consistently positive.

Mr. Robusto thanked the committee for a fine job and asked if they noted any evidence of programs that were discontinued after they began; Mrs. Cox stated she did not learn of any.

Mr. Paz thanked Mrs. Cox and the committee for their phenomenal research.

Mr. Nicholson asked if there is a potential for shared resources with neighboring schools to provide an elementary foreign language program. Mr. Havens stated that he has had discussions with his colleagues in Marion, Williamson and Gananda on shared programs but not on this topic. He added that the wide variance of daily schedules poses logistical obstacles.

Mrs. Lyke noted that there is a working group in the region exploring more common schedules.

Mr. Havens thanked the committee for its work and report.

D. REPORT ON 2009 NYS ASSESSMENTS • MATHEMATICS • GRADES 3 to 8

Mr. Havens and introduced Mrs. Cox to present the results the state assessments for math in grades 3 to 8 for review and information by the Board of Education. (copy filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting)

Mrs. Cox displayed data and graphs using a Power Point presentation to illustrate the results by students at each grade level. She reported that students in grades 3 thru 8 averaged a 94% proficiency rate which places our students third among the 25 schools in Wayne-Finger Lakes B.O.C.E.S. region and in the top third of schools in neighboring Monroe County.

She stated that each grade level ranked met the district goal of 90% or greater and outlined the significant growth and achievement by students, including the success of the new series of math materials.

Mr. Havens thanked staff members at each grade level for their efforts which led to these excellent results. School officials and visitors expressed their appreciation by a round of applause.

E. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES • CLASS OF 2009

Mr. Havens reviewed participation by the Board of Education in commencement exercises for the Class of 2009 on Friday, June 26th at the CMAC Center in Canandaigua.

F. FINANCIAL AND BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Havens introduced Mr. Atseff to present monthly financial reports for review and consideration by the Board of Education.

Mr. Atseff presented reports and information through May 31st as follows: (copies filed in clerk's agenda file, this meeting)

Revenue Status Report – General Fund: 90% of budgeted revenues have arrived.

Expense Status Report – General Fund: 72% of budgeted expenses have occurred.

G. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Sean Morgan, a sophomore, was student representative for the meeting and shared highlights of student academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities and achievements.

H. STUDENT QUESTIONS

- (1) Jacob Schlosser, 5779 Coppersmith Trail, Ontario, suggested ideas to reduce redundancy in documentation for the senior project portfolios and providing web site access to the project summaries to panel members prior to the presentations.
- (2) Jacob Odle, 6402 Furnace Road, Ontario, suggested reducing requirements for sign-offs by parents and guardians as the senior projects progress to reflect the future independence of seniors.
- (3) Thomas Welch, 5311 Fosdick Road, Ontario, recommended shifting the letter of intent and commitment for the final topic to later in the senior project process to eliminate changes in paperwork and allowing students the option to begin their work at the end of the junior year.
- (4) James Wisner, 3821 Orchard Street, Walworth, stated that his mixed feelings at the start of the senior project were removed by the positive, learning experience he had from his project and working with a mentor who is an expert on the topic.

XII. RECESS: 8:20 p.m.

XIII. RECONVENE: 8:25 p.m.

XIV. 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

RESIGNATIONS:

Sarah Brock, chemistry teacher, assigned to the high school, effective June 30, 2009. (personal reasons)

APPOINTMENTS:

Elizabeth Adams, German Teacher, NYS Control No. 272179081 (Initial, valid through 8/31/2013), assigned to middle & high schools, a three (3) year probationary appointment effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012 at \$41,027 (replacement for Martha Herbiik, resigned).

Clare Morgan, earth science teacher, NYS Control No. (TBA) (Initial, valid through 8/31/2013), assigned to the high school, a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012 at \$39,450 (replacement for Jon Lundberg, resigned)

Laura Stultz, biology teacher, NYS Control No. 230549081 (Initial, valid through 8/31/13), assigned to the middle school, a temporary appointment effective March 25 through June 30, 2009, pro-rated (replacement for Scott Partridge, resigned)

Elena Bernard, English teacher, NYS Control No. 184461081 (Initial, valid through 01/31/13), assigned to the high school, a probationary appointment effective September 1, 2009 through January 31, 2011 at \$41,811 (replacement for Meredith Kulik, resigned)

Melissa Abbott, math teacher, NYS Control No. 291725091 (professional, valid 9/1/08), assigned to the high school, a probationary appointment effective September, 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011 at \$44,075 (replacement for James Tiffin, resigned)

Additional Per Diem Substitute Teachers • 2008-2009 School Year

See Listing, Clerk's Agenda File, This Meeting

Additional Extra-Duty Appointments/Designations • 2009-2010 S.Y. (Collective Bargaining Rates Apply)
Summer Elementary Reading & Enrichment Program, Conditioning Program Supervisors, Athletic Event Supervisors

See Listing, Clerk's Agenda File, This Meeting

SUPPORTIVE STAFF:

APPOINTMENTS:

Charles Crumb, bus driver, a temporary appointment from May 4 through June 30, 2009 at \$13.47 (replacement for Donna Blake while on leave of absence)

Summer Recess Labor Assignments: (35 Days, Hours/Day As Noted)
Supervisors (6.5) Cleaners (6), Grounds Helpers & Painters: (7.5)

See Listing, Clerk's Agenda File, This Meeting

Substitute Support Personnel (Amended)

See Listing, Clerk's Agenda File, This Meeting

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

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

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

Mrs. Newman offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mr. Paz, to adopt the following **RESOLUTIONS** for pupil placements by the CSE/CPSE, **TO WIT:**

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on 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 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.

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

C. CONSENSUS AGENDA

- (1) Reports of the School District Treasurer (A/O 4-30-09)
- (2) Accept Gift to District (\$100 gift card from Wal-Mart funded by Frito Lay)
- (3) Award Bids for Technology & Art Supplies & Equipment • 2009-2010
- (4) Approve Unpaid Internships for Barb Heald and Donna Rizzo • 2009-2010
- (5) Adopt Resolution to Implement Power Team Recommendation Re: Energy Conservation

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

Mrs. Newman offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mrs. Lyke, 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 April 30, 2009 (copies attached to these minutes in the minute book)
- (2) Accept of a \$100 gift card from Wal-Mart funded by Frito Lay as a **gift** to the school district to enhance various school needs
- (3) Award **bids for technology and art supplies and equipment for 2009-2010** to the lowest responsible bidders meeting bid specifications, multiple bid award (copy filed in clerk's files)
- (4) Approve **unpaid administrative internships for 2009-2010** for Barbara Heald and Donna RIZZO (cf: Minutes of May 7, 2009)

- (5) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** to approve the recommended plan from the “power team” to address the district **energy goal for 2008-2009** for implementation in the 2009-2010 school year, **TO WIT:**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PLAN FOR
LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the plan to develop a long term sustainable energy plan that is environmentally responsible and reduces the dependency on outside energy sources by 20%.

Mr. Griswold asked if members of the power team would continue to work on implementation of the long-term plan and if there is a continued role for a school board liaison to the committee. Mr. Havens & Mr. Atseff stated that the intent is to have the “power team” continue to provide oversight and to invite the current members to continue to serve.

Mr. Nicholson stated he is willing to continue to serve as school board liaison to the committee.

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

XV. LIAISON & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FOUR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Lyke invited board members to suggest topics for program meetings during the 2009-2010 school year and noted a meeting of the program planning committee on June 29th.

XVI. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Mrs. Brown, supra, asked what impact an elementary foreign language program would have on high need students and what scheduling conflicts might occur.
- B. Mrs. Brown, supra, suggested addition of American Sign Language as foreign language and noted additional options for students using signing in past with expressive language skills.
- C. Mrs. Brown, supra, asked why there were no parents on the committee that explored addition of a foreign language at the elementary level.
- D. Mrs. Brown, supra, asked about efforts to meet the needs of advanced math students at the elementary level.

XVII. ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Robusto reviewed the schedule for the annual evaluation of the superintendent of schools.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Newman offered a **MOTION**, seconded by Mr. Paz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Mr. Triou), Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. SWITZER
School District Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JTES

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

June 25, 2009

School District Clerk

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Board Administrative Workshop Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | 5:00—5:05 |
| 2. Annual Report | 5:05—5:30 |
| 3. Dinner | 5:30—6:00 |
| 4. Elementary Second Language | 6:00—6:45 |
| 5. Annual Goals Group Work | 6:45—7:30 |
| A. Elementary/Middle | |
| B. High School | |
| C. Facilities & Finance | |
| 6. Reporting out | 7:30—7:45 |
| 7. Approving Goals | 7:45—8:00 |



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

Memorandum

TO: Board of Education, Michael Havens, Superintendent
FROM: Kim Cox, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
RE: Universal Prekindergarten-Update
DATE: June 19, 2009

On Thursday June 25, 2009, I will update the Board of Education about the district's Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program. It is hard to believe that we are completing our second year of implementation and are geared up for the third. We have been pleased with the quality and the commitment of our local agencies that are working in partnership with the district, to provide a positive first school experience for these young students.

If you have any questions prior to this presentation, do not hesitate to call me.