

COXSACKIE-ATHENS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 16, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Garland at 7:05 p.m

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Hanse, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Petramale, Mrs. Mercer, Mr. Nadler,
Mr. Garland, Mrs. Tailleir

Absent: Mr. Cardinale, Mr. Gerrain arrived at 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tailleir, seconded by Mrs. Mercer and unanimously passed to approve the following resolution:

Approval of Minutes

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education accept the minutes of the Committee on Special Education meeting of 11/17/08; minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting of 11/18/08; and, minutes of the Special Board of Education meeting of 11/25/08.

Public Input – Agenda Items

At this point in the agenda, members of the attending public are invited to address the Board on issues that the board will be considering on this evening's agenda. Individuals are asked to stand, to state their name, and to summarize their concerns for the Board. Any written documents may be given to the Clerk of the Board for distribution to Board members. We request that, if at all possible, comments be kept to three to five minutes in length to afford all interested parties the opportunity to speak.

None

Public Input – Non Agenda Items

At this point in the agenda, members of the attending public are invited to address the Board on issues of general concern that the Board may wish to consider at future Board of Education meetings, if appropriate, or to provide information to the Board on matters of importance. Individuals are asked to stand, to state their name, and to summarize their concerns for the Board. Any written documents may be given to the Clerk of the Board for distribution to Board members. We request that, if at all possible, comments be kept to three to five minutes in length to afford all interested parties the opportunity to speak.

Leif Roberg – He stated that he is a teacher and a homeowner in the community. He began his statement by thanking the Board members for their service to the district and the community. He stated that the district is losing great teachers. Recently an eleven year veteran left the district to take a job closer to home and make \$10,000 more per year. She was a fantastic teacher, who did not want to leave, but really had no choice. You need to give the teachers a fair and competitive contract.

Mr. Garland read a response (see attached).

Communications/Board Discussion

“Good News”

See attached

Committee Reports

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet before the January 20 Board of Education meeting.

Board Retreat, January 10, 2009

The Board Retreat will be held on January 10 beginning at 7 a.m. in the Middle School Library.

Fuel Oil & Diesel Fuel Cooperative Bid

Mrs. Copleston explained to the Board that we were the lead district in putting together a bid for fuel oil and diesel fuel. All districts in Greene County will save by doing this cooperative bid. The fuel oil was less through the State contract. Mrs. Copleston thanked Mr. Besenfelder and Mr. Nugent for all of their help in putting together the bid and comparing the bid results.

Senior Citizens & Disabled Income Exemption

Mrs. Copleston explained that in the past we have kept in line with the County level Senior Citizen and Disabled Income Exemption. This year the County is suggesting an increase of \$1,000 in the income of taxpayers who could take advantage of the exemption. This recommendation will be brought back to the Board on the January agenda.

Superintendent's Staff Reports

SMART Classroom Presentation – Mr. Martino

Mr. Martino explained that his presentation will focus on the professional development of Smart Board technology. (see attached).

Benchmarks for Courses with Absence of State Assessments – Mrs. Long

Mrs. Long has been working with curriculum leaders in developing benchmarks to assess student learning for courses that don't have state assessments. Mary Finneran, Art, Bryanna Laveroni, Physical Education, and Peter Siciliano, business all shared with the Board the benchmarks they are using to assess student learning.

Facilities Report – Mr. Besenfelder

See attached report. Mr. Garland thanked Mr. Besenfelder for all of his help with the building tours.

Superintendent's Recommendations

Program Matters

A motion was made by Mrs. Mercer, seconded by Mrs. Hanse and unanimously passed to adopt the revised policy #4110.

Policies – 2nd Reading

#4110 Determination of Class Rank

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mrs. Tailleir and unanimously passed to adopt the revised policies #4120, #4200 (with the removal of the word “furthermore”, #4220.

Policies – 3rd Reading

#4120 Designation of Valedictorian and Salutatorian

#4200 Middle School Promotion Policy

#4220 High School Final Examinations

Amanda Czop	Teacher/Teaching Asst
Miriam Greenfield-Certified	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Kyle Barrack	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Kimberly Poetzsch	Teacher/Teaching Asst.
Briene Ward	Cleaner
Mark Mousseau	Cleaner
Brittany Pebler	Cleaner
Kimberly Multari	Food Service

Volunteer

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and pursuant to Education law, approve the following volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year:

James Martin	Wrestling
Theodore McNeil	JV Basketball

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mrs. Tailleir and unanimously passed to approve the following resolution:

Annual Appointment of Officers

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the following:

Terminate the appointment of Darlene Ramm as Internal Claims Auditor effective December 31, 2008.

Appoint Sheryl Mathes as School District Internal Claims Auditor effective January 1, 2009 at no additional salary.

Appoint Jennifer DeRose as the District Laboratory Chemical Hygiene Officer effective December 17, 2008, remunerated at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

Business Matters

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Gerrain and unanimously passed to approve the following resolutions:

Donations

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept a donation from the Edward J. Arthur Elementary School P.T.O. of \$600 to the Edward J. Arthur Elementary School, from the Cossackie elementary School PTO of \$1,439, and from the Edward J. Arthur Student Activities funds for \$799 all for the purchase of a Sentio System;

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept a donation of thirty-six sideline chairs valued at \$3,378.70 from the Booster Club.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept a donation of \$500 from Dunkin Donuts High School Athlete of the Week, Jenna Morse, and re-appropriate the budget A2855-200-50-000 \$500.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept a donation of \$800 from Kevin Smith to purchase a chair rack.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mrs. Tailleir and unanimously passed to approve the following resolutions:

Bid – Meat

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent award the meat bid to Ginsberg's Institutional Foods, Inc. as the lowest bidder meeting specifications per the attached summary.

Bid – Groceries

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education it upon the recommendation of the Superintendent award the grocery bid to Sysco Food Service as the lowest bidder meeting specifications per the attached summary.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously passed to approve the following resolutions:

Bid – Diesel Fuel

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education it upon the recommendation of the Superintendent award the diesel fuel bid to MainCare, effective August 2009, as the lowest bidder meeting specifications per the attached summary.

Bid – Paper

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent award the paper bid to the lowest bidder meeting specifications per the attached summary.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mr. Wallace and unanimously passed to approve the following resolution:

Salary Increase

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve a salary increase for Maureen Long, Chief of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, effective January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, per the stipulations of the Employment Agreement governing her employment.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mrs. Hanse and unanimously passed to approve the following resolutions:

Bill Schedule

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent approve the following bill schedules for November 2008:

General Account Bill Schedule #6 in the amount of \$1,753,886.31

School Lunch Bill Schedule #\6 in the amount of \$58,038.18

Federal Account Bill Schedule #6 in the amount of \$22,426.77

Financial Reports

Be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the superintendent approve the following financial reports for the period ending November 2008:

Treasurer's Report

Revenue Budget Status Report – All Funds

Appropriations Status Report – All Funds

Trial Balances – All Funds

Statement of Student activities Accounts

School Lunch Profit and Loss

Internal Claims Report

Public Input

None

Request for Reports/Information

None

Establishment of Future Meetings

Board of Education Meetings

Regular Board of Education Meeting, January 20, 2009, 7 p.m. Edward J. Arthur Elementary School.

Committee Meetings

Facilities Committee will meet January 6, 2009 at 7 a.m. in the District Office Conference Room

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mrs. Tailleir to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of getting the results of the construction/renovation project vote.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tailleir, seconded by Mrs. Mercer and unanimously approved to accept the results of the vote as follows:

Yes 426
No 1066

A motion was made by Mr. Gerrain, seconded by Mrs. Mercer and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Zoller, District Clerk

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