

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – David Whitford, President

Mary B. Bailey, Vice President

MEMBERS – Scott Bombard, Robert Douglas, Tonia Finnegan

ABSENT - Barbara Davidson, Anthony Deyoe

ADMINISTRATION – Paul D. Savage II, Laura Marlow, Suzanne Miller, Matt Rogers, Phil Mero, Kurt Munson, Kevin Hulbert, Dean Lincoln

FACULTY & STAFF – Scott Brow, Donna Douglas, Sue Bjornstad, Jenn Knapp, Sheryl Maningo, Steve Fulton, Garth Houde, Rebecca Conklin, Denise Comins

CALL TO ORDER – President David Whitford called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President David Whitford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADD AGENDA ITEM - On motion by Mary Bailey, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, Item 12.I Revision to 2007-2008 Attendance Policy was added to the agenda and Item 13.G(2) and Item 13.G(3) under Personnel were deleted from the agenda.

PRESENTATION/ANNUAL AUDIT – Lawrence Ringer, CPA and Independent Auditor, distributed copies of the audit for year-end 2007. He described the focus of audit verification and procedures and reviewed the audit for the Board.

PRESENTATION/SEI DESIGN – Superintendent Savage introduced Matthew Monihan from SEI Design, the architectural firm handling the District's current capital project. Mr. Monihan distributed designs for the buildings and reviewed the additions and alterations for each building. He also reviewed the Summary of Project costs including the energy options. A question and answer session ensued.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Superintendent Savage asked Matt Rogers to share with the Board information on a wonderful new scholarship at AuSable Valley Central School. Matt reported that Dr. and Mrs. Johnson have generously started a scholarship endowment that will provide awards for two AuSable Valley students attending college. Each award will be \$10,000, renewable for four years. In essence they are worth \$40,000 to each award winner. He said that this says a great deal about the quality of our students and the impression the school district has made in our community. He also said the Johnson's would be in touch regarding further criteria and will attend our scholarship ceremony in June. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Savage stated that we are all very grateful for this outstanding opportunity and gift.

Superintendent Savage reminded the public about the changes in the STAR Rebate Program, which is now available and emphasized that the deadline to file is November 30, 2007. Superintendent Savage also reported on and highlighted the 2007-2010 AVCS Professional Development Plan, which focuses on Special Education, Curriculum, Technology and Character Education. Superintendent Savage shared that the new AVCS website (AVCS.org) is now up and running (still considered a work in progress) and reviewed the website with the Board of Education and public.

VISITORS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Robert Douglas and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President David Whitford called the meeting back to order at 8:15 p.m.

MINUTES – On motion by Scott Bombard seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the August 15, 2007, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPLICATIONS – President Whitford acknowledged the following non-instructional employment applications: Kenneth Bagshaw, Carol Conklin, Angela Dillon, Ilane Dubuque, Cynthia Hart, Kathleen Howard, Marc Kresge, Timothy Mousseau, Lydia Osenbaugh, Paul Osenbaugh and Jodie Williams.

AUSABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Jennifer Knapp, Co-President of the AVTA, thanked the high school administration for working with the faculty and responding to their concerns regarding unexcused absences and the confusion as to who receives zeros for their work and said they appreciate their willingness to listen. She also reported that Keeseville Elementary held their open house on Wednesday, September 6, and the teachers were very happy with the attendance and the response from the community.

TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Mary B. Bailey seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2007, as presented.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Robert Douglas, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated August 9, 2007, through August 22, 2007, and the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated April 4, 2007, through June 14, 2007, as presented.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the Annual Independent Audit of the 2006-2007 school year performed by Lawrence J. Ringer, CPA, as presented.

APPROVAL OF CELL PHONE FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR – On Motion by Robert Douglas, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the use of a cell phone for Kurt Munson, Athletic Director. The plan will be the 200-minute per month plan.

APPROVAL OF AFTER SCHOOL KARATE CLUB – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the creation of an After School Karate Club, per the proposal submitted.

AUTHORIZATION FOR A BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the following Bus Bond resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON AND ESSEX COUNTIES, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$350,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF ONE CARAVAN AND FOUR 65-PASSENGER BUSES

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the AuSable Valley Central School District, Clinton and Essex Counties, New York (the "District") on April 18, 2007 approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District purchase one caravan at an estimated maximum cost of \$20,000 and four 65-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$82,500 each (collectively, the "Project"), all at a total cost not to exceed \$350,000, such cost to be raised by tax upon the taxable property of said District to be levied and collected in annual

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installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, by obligations of the District.; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the buses constitutes a "Type II Action" pursuant to Section 6 NYCRR Part 617.7 of the Regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended (the "SEQRA Act"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all its members), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The District is hereby authorized to purchase one caravan at an estimated maximum cost of \$20,000 and four 65-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$82,500 each, and to issue up to \$350,000 principal amount of serial bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance the estimated cost of said specific objects or purposes, or bond anticipation notes in anticipation of such bonds.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aggregate maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$350,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the issuance of the \$350,000 in serial bonds of the District authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is five (5) years, pursuant to subdivisions a.29 of Section 11.00 of the Law.

SECTION 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purposes described in Section 1 of this Resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 1 hereof with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the District without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Section 54.90, Sections 56.00 through 60.00 and Sections 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the District.

SECTION 7. The President of the Board is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on

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the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 8. The intent of this resolution is to give the President of the Board sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments, certificates or to do any similar acts necessary or in the opinion of the President of the Board advisable to effect the issuance of the aforesaid serial bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of this Board.

SECTION 9. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution to be published in full in an official newspaper of the District for legal notices, together with a notice of the District in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

SECTION 10. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money; or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

The following vote was taken and recorded in the public or open session of said meeting:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING CAPITAL PROJECTS – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The AuSable Valley Central School District Board of Education, wishes to approve work as itemized in the attached Capital Construction Program dated September 19, 2007, for District Buildings with Building Numbers 09-02-01-04-0-003 (KES), 09-02-01-04-0-011 (M/HS), 09-02-01-04-0-012 (AFE), 09-02-01-04-5-004 (KBG), 09-02-01-04-5-019 (AFBG); 09-02-01-04-1-006 (DO);

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department (SED) relinquished the lead agency status to the Board of Education by revising Commissioner of Education Regulation 8 NYCRR Section 155.9 while this action was before the SED;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is lead agency for coordinated review under SEQR pursuant to Section 617.6 of Title 6 of the NYCRR;

WHEREAS, the work itemized in the Capital Construction Program is of a reconstruction/renovation nature or involves less than 10,000 square feet of additional space per building;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, acting as lead agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act considers the work to have no significant environmental impact and requires no further review under SEQR. Thus, the work is classified a Type II Action. The Board of Education further directs the Superintendent to cause the Negative Declaration to be filed and noticed in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

APPROVAL OF AFTER SCHOOL GUITAR CLUB – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the creation of an After School Guitar Club, per the proposal submitted.

APPROVE CAPITAL PROJECT REFERENDUM – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

A special meeting of the qualified voters of the AuSable Valley Central School District, Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties, State of New York, shall be held in the auditorium of the Middle School - High School, 1490 Route 9N, Clintonville, New York in said District, on the 14th day of November 2007, at 12:00 o'clock p.m. with polls to be open between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting upon the proposition described in the notice of special meeting hereinafter set forth.

Said special meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties, Clintonville, New York:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Education of AuSable Valley Central School District, Counties of Clinton, Essex and Franklin, New York, has scheduled a special meeting of the qualified voters of said District to be held in the auditorium of the Middle School - High School, 1490 Route 9N, Clintonville, New York in said District, on the 14th day of November, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. on that day, with polls to be open between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of AuSable Valley Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake a capital improvement program consisting of: (i) the construction of additions, alterations, renovations and improvements to the Keeseville Elementary School, the AuSable Forks Elementary School, the Middle School - High School, the AuSable Forks Bus Garage, the Keeseville Bus Garage and the District Office, and other site improvements for various school purposes and other appurtenant and related improvements, and (ii) the acquisition and installation in and around such buildings of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus and other services incidental thereto, all at a total cost not to exceed \$29,850,000, 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition will appear on the ballot label of the voting machines used at such special District meeting in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

“Shall the Board of Education undertake a capital improvement program consisting of the construction, equipping and furnishing of additions, alterations, renovations and improvements to the Keeseville Elementary School, the AuSable Forks Elementary School, the Middle School - High School, the AuSable Forks Bus Garage, the Keeseville Bus Garage and the District Office, and other site improvements for various school purposes and other appurtenant and related improvements, at a total cost not to exceed \$29,850,000, with such cost being raised by a tax levy upon the taxable property of the District, to be 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 District obligations?”

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

David Whitford – Abstained

REVISION TO 2007-2008 ATTENDANCE POLICY – On motion by, Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the revised Attendance Policy as presented.

PERSONNEL – President Whitford asked if there were any items in the Personnel Section that Board members wished to be considered separately.

On motion by Tonia Finnegan seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section except Item A. Appointment of Substitute Personnel

RESIGNATION OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/JAMIE SPAULDING

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Jamie Spaulding, permanent substitute teacher, effective with the start of the 2007-2008 school year.

RESIGNATION OF COACH/JAMIE SPAULDING

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Jamie Spaulding, Modified “B” Basketball Coach, effective with the start of the 2007-2008 school year.

RESIGNATION OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/PATRICK GIBLIN

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Patrick Giblin as a permanent building substitute teacher September 4, 2007, per his letter dated August 17, 2007.

REQUEST OF AN UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE/CRYSTAL RHINO

RESOLVED, to grant Crystal Rhino an unpaid Leave of Absence for the month of September 2007, per her request dated August 31, 2007.

APPOINTMENT OF A PARENT COORDINATOR FOR VOLUNTEERS/MARY ELLEN BAUGHMAN

RESOLVED, to appoint Mary Ellen Baughman as a Parent Coordinator for Volunteers at the Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year at a stipend of \$2,000.

APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR/MARC KRESGE

Resolved, that Marc Kresge be appointed as a permanent substitute for the 2007-2008 school year at the Middle School-High School, effective September 24, 2007, and ending June 13, 2008. Mr. Kresge has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

Per Board Resolution dated March 20, 2002, the following resolution was offered:

Resolved, to offer health insurance to long-term and permanent substitute teachers, at their (employee) expense, after they have worked in the position for a period of ten weeks.

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME SCHOOL MONITOR

RESOLVED, to approve a 26-week probationary appointment to Melissa Manning as a part-time School Monitor, 3 ½ hours per day, effective September 24, 2007; salary to be step 1, \$8.85 per hour tentative, based on the 2005-2007 CSEA Agreement. Mrs. Manning’s appointment is contingent upon fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Robert Douglas and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

PERSONNEL (CONT'D.) –**APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL (CONT'D.) –**

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance through OSPRA, effective September 19, 2007: Jodie Williams

RESOLVED, to appoint the following persons as substitute personnel who have fingerprint clearance from OSPRA. Lindsey Bombard and Stacey Maggy

Scott Bombard – Abstained

AMEND RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BUS MONITORAmended Resolution 11/16/06:

Resolved, to approve a 26-week probationary appointment to Theresa Winslow as a School Bus Monitor (5 hours per day), effective October 23, 2006; salary to be step 1/hourly, \$8.85 based on the 2005-2007 Agreement Between AuSable Valley Central School and the C.S.E.A. Ms. Winslow's appointment is pending fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

Amended Resolution 09/19/07:

Resolved, to amend the appointment of Theresa Winslow to read as a School Bus Monitor, *4 hours per day*, effective September 1, 2007; salary to be step 2/hourly, *\$9.02 per hour tentative*, based on the 2005-2007 Agreement Between AuSable Valley Central School and the C.S.E.A. Ms. Winslow has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

VISITORS – None

ADJOURNED – On motion by Mary B. Bailey seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Douglas, Clerk
Board of Education