

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL  
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007,  
PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – David Whitford, President

Mary B. Bailey, Vice President

MEMBERS – Scott Bombard, Barbara Davidson, Robert Douglas, Tonia Finnegan

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

FACULTY & STAFF – Scott Brow, Sue Bjornstad, Jennifer Knapp

CALL TO ORDER – President David Whitford called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

APPOINT CLERK PRO-TEM – On motion by Barbara Davidson, seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried unanimously, Paul D. Savage II was appointed Clerk Pro Tem for this meeting.

ADD AGENDA ITEM - On motion by Barbara Davidson, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, Item 14.I Appointment of coaches was added to the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Superintendent Savage reminded the public about the EXCEL vote from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Middle School-High School auditorium. He also informed the Board that the State Comptrollers audit meeting has been changed to November 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office.

VISITORS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Robert Douglas and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President David Whitford called the meeting back to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the October 17, 2007, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPLICATIONS – President Whitford acknowledged the following non-instructional employment application: Dennis Bushey

AUSABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Jennifer Knapp, Co-President of the AVTA, reported that the teaching staff is looking forward to meeting with parents and guardians on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> for Parent Teacher Conferences. She also expressed the Association's appreciation of the Veteran's Day Assembly saying it was a pleasure to see our veterans (including former members of the staff) honored.

TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Barbara Davidson, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Barbara Davidson and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated October 10, 2007, through October 17, 2007, and the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated September 17, 2007, through October 18, 2007, as presented.

DONATION FOR KEESEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS – On motion by

Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept a generous donation in support of Science in the amount of \$5,000 from Keith and Nancy Johnson.

SPECIAL BUS VOTE – On motion by Barbara Davidson, seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON, ESSEX AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 13, 2008, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING A PROPOSITION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, the AuSable Valley Central School District (the "School District") is considering undertaking the purchase of one Caravan at an estimated maximum cost of \$23,500 and three 65-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$91,500 each for an aggregate maximum total sum not to exceed \$298,000 (collectively, the "Buses"); 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"), no review under the SEQRA Act is required and the purchase of the buses does not require a permit from the Adirondack Park Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to seek the authorization of the duly qualified voters of the School District to acquire the buses;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the School District as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby calls a Special District Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at the AuSable Valley Middle School – High School Cafeteria, at which time the polls shall be open between the hours of noon and 9:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot on the following proposition:

Proposition No. 1

"Shall the Board of Education of the AuSable Valley Central School District (the "School District") be authorized to purchase one Caravan at an estimate maximum cost of \$23,500 and three 65-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$91,500 each, for an aggregate maximum total sum not to exceed \$298,000, and obtain the necessary funds therefore by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax shall the School District be authorized to issue up to \$298,000 of obligations of the School District?"

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of a Special Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law.

HEALTH SERVICES WITH PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the contract for health-related services for District parochial school participants who are served by health officials employed by the Plattsburgh City School District.

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

On motion by Robert Douglas, seconded by Barbara Davidson and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section.

PERSONNEL (CONT'D.) –

## APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following persons as substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance through OSPRA, effective November 14, 2007: Jean Mayo, Grace Potthast, Catherine Sample, Jessica Sellevold, Geoffrey Allen, Dennis Bushey,

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as substitute personnel who has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA: Erin Dessureault.

## RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Anthony Deyoe as Board of Education Member, which was submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Education on October 26, 2007, be accepted, October 26, 2007.

## RESIGNATION OF PERMANENT BUILDING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/MARY ANNE TROMBLEY

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Mary Anne Trombley, Permanent Building Substitute Teacher, effective November 5, 2007.

## APPOINTMENT OF LPN/ASHLEY SMART

RESOLVED, to appoint Ashley Smart as LPN (7 hours per day) at Keeseville Elementary School, effective November 19, 2007 and ending June 27, 2008; salary to be step 1, \$14,802 prorated (tentative based on the 2005-2007 Agreement Between AuSable Valley Central School and the CSEA). Ms. Smart's appointment is pending fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

## RESIGNATION OF PART TIME SCHOOL MONITOR/TAMMY SHEFFER

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Tammy Sheffer, Part-time School Monitor, effective November 19, 2007.

## APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, to appoint Catherine Sample as a permanent substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the Middle School-High School, effective November 26, 2007, and ending June 13, 2008. Ms. Sample's appointment is pending 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.

RESOLVED, to appoint Jean Mayo as a permanent substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the Keeseville Elementary School. Ms. Mayo's appointment is retroactive to October 29, 2007, and will end June 13, 2008. Ms. Mayo's appointment is pending 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 GIFTED AND TALENTED INSTRUCTOR/LAURIE ESTES

RESOLVED, to appoint Laurie Estes as Gifted and Talented Instructor at the AuSable Forks Elementary School for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, effective immediately, and ending June 13, 2008. The stipend for this position is \$1,210.00. Mrs. Estes has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME TEACHER AIDE/TAMMY SHEFFER

RESOLVED, to approve an appointment to Tammy Sheffer, Part-time Teacher Aide (3 hours per day), effective November 19, 2007; salary to be step 1/hourly (\$9.19 tentative) based on the 2005-2007 Agreement Between the AuSable Valley Central School and the CSEA. Ms. Sheffer has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA.

APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

RESOLVED, to appoint the following persons as coaches for the 2007-2008 school year who have OSPRA fingerprint clearance.

William Pafford – Boys JV Baseball Coach  
Philippe Laperle – Girls Modified B Basketball Coach  
Jay Hamilton – Boys Modified Swimming Coach

VISITORS – None

ADJOURNED – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Savage II, Clerk Pro-tem  
Board of Education