

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

**ROLL** – David Whitford, President

Mary B. Bailey, Vice President

**MEMBERS** – Scott Bombard, Robert Douglas

**ABSENT** - Barbara Davidson, Tonia Finnegan

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

**FACULTY & STAFF** – Scott Brow, Donna Douglas, Sue Bjornstad, Jennifer Knapp, Denise Comins, Steve Fulton

**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.

President Whitford thanked Laura Marlow and Phil Mero for the walk around tour of the building.

**GERMAN EXCHANGE PRESENTATION** – Steve Fulton, Social Studies teacher, presented the Board with information on a proposal for a German Exchange Program with Tellkampfschule in Hanover, Germany. He explained the process and highlights of the program and answered questions from the Board. He was asked to obtain more information for a possible recommendation in January.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Superintendent Savage called on Kurt Munson, Athletic Director who gave a report on Athletic and Scholastic awards that District students had received. He also shared a letter received from Ticonderoga Central School commending the District and staff for their excellent hospitality and support during the Regional Football Playoff game.

Superintendent Savage shared with the Board budget news stating that the Governor’s budget would be received at the end of January and early projections do not look as optimistic as in years past.

Superintendent Savage met with the architects and distributed information on the Excel Capital Project schedule and design process and reviewed both with the Board.

**VISITORS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

**REGULAR SESSION** – President David Whitford called the meeting back to order at 7:22 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the November 14, 2007, Regular Board Meeting, and the Minutes of the November 14, 2007, Special Board Meeting/Capital Project as presented.

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPLICATIONS** – President Whitford acknowledged the following non-instructional employment application: Henriette Bourdeau, Rita Christian, Lynne Coolidge, Jessica Garrow, and Heather Schubert.

**AUSABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT** – Jennifer Knapp, Co-President of the AVTA, reported the results of the Association’s vote on 9 sets versus 10 sets with 60 in favor of 9 sets and 14 in favor of 10 sets, therefore, continuing with the 9 set day.

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

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

**DONATION FROM STAMBONI LIVING TRUST** – On motion by Robert Douglas, seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to establish a \$10,000 "Anthony and Helen Stamboni Scholarship Fund" from the Stamboni Living Trust and accept the \$10,000 donation as presented.

**RENEWAL OF TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CLINTON-ESSEX-WARREN-WASHINGTON BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES** - On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Robert Douglas and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the terms and conditions of the renewal Transportation Agreement with the Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the additional period of September 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

**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 Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section except item B. Consider Resignation for Retirement Purposes, Custodial Worker and F. Appointment of Gifted and Talented Instructor.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL**

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as a substitute on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance through OSPRA, effective December 19, 2007: Kirk Baughman

RESOLVED, to appoint the following persons as substitute personnel who have fingerprint clearance from OSPRA: Paul Fenton, Karen Manning, Amanda Oliver, Manon Prevost-Mullane, and James Wood.

#### **RESCIND APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE/CATHERINE SAMPLE –**

RESOLVED, to rescind the appointment of Catherine Sample, permanent substitute teacher, effective immediately.

#### **REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE/STEWART MITCHELL –**

RESOLVED, to approve the request for a paid leave of absence as per the terms and conditions of the AVTA contract for Stewart Mitchell for the period January 3, 2008, through and including Friday, February 15, 2008, per his letter dated November 13, 2007.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Erin Dessureault as a permanent substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the Middle School-High School, effective December 17, 2007, and ending June 13, 2008. Ms. Dessurault 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.

**PERSONNEL (CONT'D.) –****APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR (CONT'D.) –**

RESOLVED, to appoint Andrea Nelson as a permanent substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the Middle School-High School, effective December 17, 2007, and ending June 13, 2008. Ms. Nelson'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 Virginia Burke as a permanent substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the Middle School-High School effective January 3, 2008, and ending June 13, 2008. Ms. Burke 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/CAROL BLAISE -**

RESOLVED, to approve an appointment to Carol Blaise, Part-time School Monitor (3 hours per day), effective January 3, 2008; salary to be step 1/hourly (\$8.85 tentative) based on the 2005-2007 Agreement Between the AuSable Valley Central School and the CSEA. Mrs. Blaise has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA.

**RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES/ARTHUR SHEFFIELD, CUSTODIAL WORKER** – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Arthur V. Sheffield, Custodial Worker, effective January 20, 2008.

**APPOINTMENT OF GIFTED AND TALENTED INSTRUCTOR/AMY WOOD**

On motion by Robert Douglas, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, this item was tabled indefinitely.

**VISITORS** – None

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington School Boards Association Meeting, January 10, 2008, at Cricket's Restaurant, Peru, NY. The Presentation is on Dropout Prevention Positive Youth Development and presenters are Dr. Lawrence Kiley, Ph.D. and Dennis Sweeney, Ed.D.

**ADJOURNED** – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Robert Douglas and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Douglas, Clerk  
Board of Education