

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – David Whitford, President

MEMBERS – Scott Bombard, Robert Douglas, Tonia Finnegan

ABSENT - Mary B. Bailey, Barbara Davidson

ADMINISTRATION – Paul D. Savage II, Suzanne Miller, Phil Mero, Kurt Munson

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

CALL TO ORDER – President David Whitford called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

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

ADD AGENDA ITEM – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, agenda item 13.I Reclassification of School Monitors to Teacher Aides was added to the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Superintendent Savage said he had received notice of the Annual Clinton County School Boards Recognition Dinner on May 8, at the Rainbow Wedding Room. He reminded everyone of the school bus vote and said the early notification system had been used a couple of times this winter with everything going very well. He said he received good feedback on the new system and feels that the system is a definite asset to the District.

VISITORS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Robert Douglas, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President David Whitford called the meeting back to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the January 16, 2008, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPLICATIONS – None

AUSABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT – Jennifer Knapp and Denise Comins, Co-Presidents of the AVTA, reported the High School faculty is happy to receive the results of the January Regents exams which were 100% passing on Math with 80% achieving mastery.

TREASURER’S REPORT – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2007 as presented.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated November 27, 2007, through February 5, 2008, and the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated December 11, 2007, through January 14, 2008, as presented.

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the German Exchange Program with Tellkampfschule, located in Hanover, Germany, as presented by Steve Fulton, Social Studies Teacher.

APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE PLAN OF ACTION FOR COMPTROLLER'S AUDIT –

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Corrective Plan of Action for Comptroller's Audit as presented.

FIRST READING OF POLICY #5250.1 EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUND – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Robert Douglas and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the First Reading of Policy #5250.1, Extraclassroom Activity Fund, as presented.

FIRST READING OF POLICY #8320.1, TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS – On motion by Robert Douglas, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the First Reading of Policy #8320.1, Technology Controls, 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 Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

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

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as a substitute on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance through OSPRA, effective February 13, 2008: David Garner

RESIGNATION OF CO-YEARBOOK ADVISOR

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Kelly L. Murphy, Co-Yearbook Advisor, effective January 15, 2008, per her letter dated January 15, 2008.

ACCEPT LETTER OF INTENT FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES/SHIRLEY EVANS

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of intent for retirement purposes from Shirley Evans, Language Teacher, effective June 30, 2008, per her letter dated January 31, 2008.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/KRISTI HATHAWAY

RESOLVED, to grant a request for a leave of absence to Kristi Hathaway, Mathematics teacher, according to the terms and conditions of the AVTA Agreement 2006-2009, effective with the birth of her child through her period of disability, per her letter dated January 18, 2008.

ACCEPT LETTER OF INTENT FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES/RUSSELL KELLEY

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of intent for retirement purposes from Russell Kelley, Head Custodian, effective January 16, 2009, per his letter dated January 18, 2008.

REQUEST FOR FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE/KATHERINE JEWELL

RESOLVED, to grant a leave of absence to Katherine Jewell, Health teacher, according to the terms and conditions of the AVTA Agreement 2006-2009 through her period of disability, per her letter dated January 28, 2008.

APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAL WORKER/JODI WILLIAMS

RESOLVED, to approve a 26-week probationary appointment for Jodie Williams, Custodial Worker, effective February 25, 2008; salary to be step 1 tentative (\$19,994 pro-rated), based on the 2005-2007 Agreement Between AuSable Valley Central School and the CSEA. Mr. Williams has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPOINTMENT OF FACULTY AUDITOR FOR THE EXTRACURRICULAR CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

RESOLVED, to appoint Internal Claims Auditor, Ronald Wilkins as Faculty Auditor for the Extracurricular Activity Funds and include the duties of Faculty Auditor in the Internal Claims Auditor's job description.

RECLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL MONITORS TO TEACHER AIDES

RESOLVED, to reclassify the following school monitors: Mary Coolidge, Jeanne Lavallee, Patricia VonDell, Pamela Rushia and Sherry Stickles to Teacher Aides, effective February 11, 2008.

VISITORS – Bill Lacalio, Jay

OTHER BUSINESS – Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington School Boards Meeting, March 6, 2008, Crickets Restaurant, Peru, NY. Topic will be Focusing on Challenges Facing Rural Schools.

BUDGET WORK SESSION – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the Board entered into a Budget Work Session at 7:45 p.m.

Superintendent Savage started the budget discussion by mentioning that the Governor's budget proposal is still intact for schools despite the Governor removing \$261 million dollars in funding in his 21 day amendments. Superintendent Savage stated that the District is still in the process of reviewing the budget figures with the Administrators and are looking forward to receiving more information from the Governor and Legislators over the next few weeks. Mr. Savage stated that he will continue to meet with and lobby the Legislators on securing a fair budget for the school District.

Scott Brow, School Business Executive, referred to budget sheets in Board folders and reviewed the 2008-2009 Budget Summary of Account Codes 1010-1964, 5510-5530. He reviewed by line item, Budget Code 1620, Operations of Plant, and Budget Code 5530, Transportation. He answered questions from Board members.

ADJOURNED – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Robert Douglas and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Douglas, Clerk
Board of Education