

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

**ROLL** – David Whitford, President                      Mary B. Bailey, Vice President

**MEMBERS** – Scott Bombard, Barbara Davidson, Tonia Finnegan

**ABSENT** - Robert Douglas

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

**FACULTY & STAFF** – Scott Brow, Donna Douglas, Denise Comins, Jeff Kelley

**CALL TO ORDER** – President David Whitford called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Superintendent Savage congratulated the entire cast and crew of the High School Musical performance Grease. He stated that it was a wonderful show and once again displayed the wonderful talents of our students and staff.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS** – Laura Marlow, High School Principal, recognized Rick Rondeau, Technology teacher, and said he had been selected as The Champlain Valley Technology Educators Association Teacher of the Year for 2008. She said he had been recognized by his peers for his accomplishments and contributions to technology. Superintendent Savage presented him with a certificate of recognition and congratulated him. Mr. Rondeau thanked his colleagues throughout the region for their acknowledgement and support.

Laura Marlow also recognized Dustin Frederick, a senior, for becoming the first ever Section VII wrestler to win two state titles at the NYSPHSAA Championships, which were held at the Blue Cross Arena. She said it also marked back-to-back state championships for the Patriot’s standout and he will move on to National competition and the Olympic trials. Superintendent Savage presented him with a certificate of recognition and congratulated him. Dustin thanked everyone for their support.

**UPDATE ON EXCEL PROJECT** – Superintendent Savage reported the significant progress of the EXCEL project. He reported there was a meeting earlier in the day with SEI Design and the Building Principals to review the scope and progress of the building plans. He stated that the project plans were going quite smoothly and that the schematic design phase is nearing completion. He also stated he will have a Board presentation in collaboration with SEI Design at the May 20, 2008, Board meeting.

**ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS AND HONORS** – Rescheduled for April meeting.

**VISITORS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

**REGULAR SESSION** – President David Whitford called the meeting back to order at 7:43 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 February 13, 2008, Regular Board Meeting and the February 13, 2008, Special Meeting/Bus Vote, as presented.

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPLICATIONS** – None

**AUSABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT** – Denise Comins, Co-President of the AuSable Valley Teachers’ Association, congratulated the faculty and students on a wonderful musical and thanked them for all the hard work and effort and said it really showed. She said how they are always “wowed” by the commitment and talent found in our District and look forward to next year’s show.

**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 January 2008 as presented.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated February 29, 2008, and the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated February 12, 2008, through February 27, 2008, as presented.

**ADOPTION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2008-2009** – On motion by Barbara Davidson, seconded by Mary B. Bailey and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to adopt the 2008-2009 school calendar as presented.

**SECOND READING OF POLICY #5250.1 EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUND** – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Barbara Davidson and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

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

**SECOND READING OF POLICY #8320.1, TECHNOLOGY CONTROLS** – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the Second Reading of Policy #8320.1, Technology Controls, and adopt with the following modifications to include a sentence that reads: The Technology Coordinator shall not access financial records without the Superintendent or School Business Executive:

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DATE** – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to hold a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 7:30 a.m. for the purpose of voting on the CVES (BOCES) Administrative Budget and CVES Board Candidates. The meeting will be held in the AVCS Administrative Offices.

**BOND RESOLUTION** – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

#### BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 19, 2008

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON, ESSEX AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$29,850,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the AuSable Valley Central School District, Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties, New York (the "District") on November 14, 2007 approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District to undertake a capital improvement project 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 (collectively, the "Project"), all at a total estimated cost of \$29,850,000, such cost to be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid

**BOND RESOLUTION (CONT'D.)**

available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax, the District shall be authorized to issue obligations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation adopted there under (collectively, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted September 19, 2007, determined that the Project constitutes a "Type II" action within the meaning of SEQRA, and that it will not have a significant impact on the environment, and that no further actions or proceedings are required to be taken under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the District's serial bonds or bond anticipation notes to finance said appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Board), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The District is hereby authorized to undertake the Project, and to issue up to \$29,850,000 principal amount of serial bonds (the "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 the Bonds.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum aggregate cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$29,850,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefore and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of the issuance of up to \$29,850,000 in serial bonds of the District authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision a.97. 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 the Bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and the said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the 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 the 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 all matters incidental thereto, 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 the Bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated

**BOND RESOLUTION (CONT'D.)**

to the President of the Board, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the District. The delegation of authority to the President of the Board contained in this Section 6 shall include the authority to determine whether to issue and sell the Bonds in a private sale to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York in accordance with Section 57.00(a) of the Law. In connection with, and in order to effectuate any such private sale of the Bonds to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York pursuant to Section 57.00(a) of the Law, the President of the Board is hereby further authorized to execute one or more loan agreements, financing agreements and/or any other agreements with or for the benefit of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, including any amendments thereto and any instruments, certificates or other documents in connection therewith. Further, pursuant to subdivision b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for one or more of the objects or purposes authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to subdivision c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes authorized by other resolutions of the Board of Education of the District, then the power of the Board to determine the "weighted average period of probable usefulness" (within the meaning of subdivision a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the President of the Board, as 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 the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation 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 bond anticipation 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 Bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of the 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 the 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.

SECTION 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The following vote was taken and recorded in the public or open session of said meeting, which resulted as follows:

This item is on the table for discussion.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Scott Bombard	X	
Barbara Davidson	X	
Robert Douglas	Absent	

**BOND RESOLUTION (CONT'D.)**

Tonia Finnegan	X
Mary B. Bailey	X
David Whitford	X

The resolution is passed.

**SAFE SCHOOL GRANT** – On motion by Tonia Finnegan, seconded by Barbara Davidson and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the AVCS Board of Education fully support the Town of Jay's Safe Routes to School grant application. This application will provide additional support for our Health and Wellness Program by providing safe pedestrian and bike routes to and from school and athletic facilities. It is further resolved, to authorize Paul D. Savage II, Superintendent, to write a letter of support for the Town of Jay's Safe Routes to School grant application.

**BOYS AND GIRLS ICE HOCKEY MERGER WITH LAKE PLACID CENTRAL SCHOOL** – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, to approve a Boys and Girls Ice Hockey merger with the Lake Placid Central School District beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.

And, it is Further resolved, that the terms and conditions of this merger are:

- A. There is no cost to the AuSable Valley Central School District.
- B. Parents of children who are enrolled in the AuSable Valley Central School District are responsible for providing supplies, materials and equipment and to pay any costs associated with their children's participation in the sport.
- C. All students who are enrolled in the AuSable Valley Central School District and participate in the sport relevant to this merger are fully responsible to comply with the terms and conditions of any existing AuSable Valley Central School Academic Eligibility sports contract.

**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 Barbara Davidson and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section except R., Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Reading Teacher.

**APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL**

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance through OSPRA, effective March 19, 2008: Samuel Hall

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as substitute personnel who has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA: Heather Ryan

**CONSIDER LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE – SENIOR TYPIST**

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of intent for retirement purposes from Ellen Giroux, Senior typist, effective June 30, 2009, per her letter dated January 31, 2008.

**CONSIDER LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE - COOK**

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of intent for retirement purposes from Kay E. Coolidge, Cook, during the 2007-2008 school year, per her letter dated February 14, 2008.

**PERSONNEL (CONT'D.) –****APPOINTMENT OF CO-YEARBOOK ADVISOR**

RESOLVED, to appoint Wendy Jennings as Co-Yearbook Advisor effective February 27, 2008, at a salary of \$1,210. This appointment is for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MATH TEACHER**

RESOLVED, to grant a request for a leave of absence to Michelle Forkey, 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 February 8, 2008.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE – SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

Resolved, to grant a request for a leave of absence to Karen Yeager, Special Education 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 February 15, 2008.

**EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – ELEMENTARY TEACHER**

RESOLVED, to grant an extended leave of absence to Rebecca Bassett, Elementary teacher, according to the terms and conditions of the AVTA agreement 2006-2009, for the 2008-2009 school year, per her letter dated February 19, 2008.

**TENURE APPOINTMENT – SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Kaylene Lunan in the School Counselor tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

**TENURE APPOINTMENT – TEACHING ASSISTANT**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Kerry Ormsby in the Teaching Assistant tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

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RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Jacqueline Boshart in the Teaching Assistant tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

**TENURE APPOINT – SPEECH AND LANGUAGE TEACHER**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Alyssa Atchinson in the Speech and Language tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

**TENURE APPOINTMENT – EARTH SCIENCE TEACHER**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Scott Carter in the Earth Science tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

**TENURE APPOINTMENT – PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Jonathan Curry in the Physical Education tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

**TENURE APPOINTMENT – MATHEMATICS TEACHER**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Michael Mark in the Mathematics tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

**TENURE APPOINTMENT – SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Fabienne Rossi in the School Psychologist tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

**PERSONNEL (CONT'D.) –****RESIGNATION – SCHOOL BUS MONITOR**

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Deborah Cassevah, School Bus Monitor, effective February 3, 2008.

**TENURE APPOINTMENT – EARTH SCIENCE TEACHER**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Christopher Fey in the Earth Science tenure area effective September 1, 2008.

**APPOINTMENT – PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES**

Resolved, that Karen Manning be appointed as a permanent substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the AuSable Forks Elementary School, retro-active to March 3, 2008, and ending June 13, 2008. Ms. Manning 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.

Resolved, that Elizabeth Bonfante be appointed as a permanent substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the Middle School-High School, retro-active to March 3, 2008, and ending June 13, 2008. Ms. Bonfante'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, that Drew Belois be appointed as a permanent substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the Middle School-High School, retro-active to March 3, 2008, and ending June 13, 2008. Mr. Belois'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.

**COACHING RECOMMENDATION**

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as a coach for the 2007-2008 school year who has OSPRA fingerprint clearance:

Katelyn Parrow – Boy's Assistant Track Coach

**RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES – READING TEACHER** – On motion by Barbara Davidson, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Patricia N. Ritter, Reading Teacher, effective July 1, 2008, per her letter dated February 25, 2008.

**VISITORS** – None

**OTHER BUSINESS** – None

**BUDGET WORK SESSION** – On motion by Barbara Davidson, seconded by Tonia Finnegan and carried unanimously, the Board entered into a Budget Work Session at 7:58 p.m.

Superintendent Savage reported working very hard on the budget and his concerns with the change over in Governor's. He reported that it did not look as if education would be losing.

Scott Brow, School Business Executive, using overheads, reviewed the Budget Summary codes 2010-9950. He discussed areas of Curriculum Development and Supervision, In-Service Training, Regular School Instruction and Special Education. He reviewed the Summary of Appropriations, the Summary of Expenses, the 2008-2009 Budget Revenue Projections – Governor's Run, the Fund Balance projections for 2008-2009 and a Budget & Tax Summary showing comparisons of years 1992-1993 through 2008-2009.

**ADJOURNED** – On motion by Mary B. Bailey, seconded by Barbara Davidson and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Douglas, Clerk  
Board of Education