

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2010
Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly
Place of Meeting: High School Media Center
Members Present: President, Wendy Perry; Vice President, Kim Hentnik; Paul Chizek; John Pecora; Joe Renaud; Sari Stewart (7:00); Ed Szumowski
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Stephen Tomlinson, Superintendent; Marco Zumbolo, Assistant Superintendent; Georgia Baldwin, Clerk; Christine Foglia, Director of Special Programs; Robin Blowers, H.S. Principal; Wayne Bell, MS Principal; Daniel Casey, IS Principal; Terry LaFountain, TLC Principal; Adam Barnhart, Director of Athletics/HS Asst. Principal; staff, community members.

CALL TO ORDER At 6:45 p.m. President Perry called the meeting to order.

FLAG SALUTE

WELCOME President Perry welcomed the audience and spoke on behalf of the Board of Education. She then introduced Mr. Tomlinson.

SUPERINTENDENT Mr. Tomlinson addressed the audience. He also apologized as to the misunderstanding regarding the forwarding of an email.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Robert Townsend – Mr. Townsend is running for re-election on the HFM BOCES Board. He is asking for the board's consideration in nominating him.
- James Maier – Sees another side to the problem. He spoke about what is best for the children. Mr. Maier is looking for a unified voice from the board and transparency. He spoke about the parent meeting. He would like to see increased functioning and constructive outcomes. He would also like to see more open communication. His impression is that questions are an uncomfortable thing.
- Mike Plunkett – Appreciates the fact that the board volunteers. Core values – the board should be one voice on all. He expressed concern over Mr. Szumowski's email and specifically the You Tube video. He felt it was libertarianism and anarchism. Different ideologies need to be presented in conjunction with each other as points of view. Maintain transparency, do not let individual ideologies take over. Mr. Plunkett also spoke of the tax liability of the HRBRRD and the current fiscal crisis that the school district is in.
- Kristin Wilcox – Fearful what is happening behind the scenes. The state is held accountable for meeting standards. Unfortunately this is refocusing our teachers away from standards. Core values is not a core process. It is not the role of the board to micromanage. Where did this come from and why are we doing it?
- Jennie Rogers – At TLC (The Learning Community) we work to enhance learning of core values according to standards. We teach in terms young children can understand. We teach fairness, justice, liberty and equality. She is concerned about some hostility among board members.
- Keith Buchanan – The Broadalbin Youth Commission just held a successful home show. Thank you to the school and the custodial staff. Teachers, thank you for the job that you do.
- Joseph Malachowski – Mr. Tomlinson had no need to apologize for forwarding the email. The school and teachers do a good job. Ms. Simonson does a great job with Odyssey of the Mind. I hope the board sees fit to keep OM in the budget.
- Charla Simonson – We had 1000 people here for the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition. We received

so many compliments. The custodial staff is fantastic. We had four first place teams. This is a great community that we live in.

- Laurie Tambasco – This school brings out the excellence in each student regardless of what that level is. Thank you to Mr. Tomlinson for his involvement.
- Christine Maier – I spent Saturday here all day with OM. It was great. In another matter, statements were made as to nice vs. smart. We can't survive alone. We need each other. All are valued in the community. Because we shared our hearts, do we get a response?
- Joe Renaud – wanted to give an explanation and to answer the question. We set three Board of Education main goals, communication, enhancing our core values, enhancing curriculum. Mr. Renaud attended the Veteran's Day celebration. How do we make the school like that throughout the year? The board held six budget forums. There was also enhancement of the web site. Policy – we are on our fourth revision of curriculum review. B-P does excellent work, where we fall short, we want to improve.
- Robert Townsend – no one on the board should be answering but the board president. The Board of Education needs a single voice in the community. Once a decision is made, the Board of Education must present its support.
- Jim Maier – When you use a term like enhanced, you have to define it. If something is discussed, why isn't it in the minutes? I feel like it is a secret.
- Kim Hentnik – (Vice President) The board is in unity. I was ready to stand up also. The end result is one answer. We don't meet in secret. I have taken down everything you've said. I don't think we can come up with one answer though. There was a new board member training last week. I, personally, do not answer emails. It leaves it to interpretation. I'm grateful to the teachers. Our intent was not to make the teachers feel we are telling them what to teach. As Vice President, I apologize to any teacher if they felt we are telling them what to teach.

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- **EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHT** – The Physical Education Department presented on The Fitness Center and how it incorporates with physical education classes. Mr. Barnhart, Ms. Martin, Mr. Gifford and Mr. Klug participated.
- Capital Project – Very brief. There is no warrant this month, so no financial report. The windows are ordered for the west side of the Perth Campus. We had to go to SED for the roofing project approval at the Intermediate/Middle School. There will be some re-pointing of the Kindergarten wing. I went to Syracuse recently and we are in the process of wrapping both projects up.
- Building Condition Survey – this is done every five years and has to be done by November 2010. Ashley McGraw will go through every foot of building that we have. This is mandated and is 81.3% aided.
- BOCES Annual Meeting will be held on April 8th. Wendy and Stephen will attend.
- SED Graduation Report – Mr. Tomlinson presented a four quadrant grid that showed where Broadalbin-Perth placed as far as high graduation rate with a low per pupil spending. State Ed is holding school districts accountable for graduation rates. Broadalbin-Perth has the 9th highest graduation rates in the Capital District region.
- Education and Politics – An interesting article by the District Superintendent of Questar BOCES titled “Money Can't Fix Our Schools.” Another documentation was an analysis of the 2010-11 state budget.

- Communications Plan – a timeline that will take us through the budget vote.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

MINUTES

Mr. Pecora moved, seconded by Mrs. Stewart to approve the February 22nd minutes.
Ayes 7 Nays 0

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received by OM coach and parent Melissa Jennings. Please do not cut the OM program. She listed the virtues of the program.

ALBANY

Stephen and I went to Albany today. It was the NYSSBA annual conference to lobby legislators. This years' initiative is Be The Change For Kids.

REPORT FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

- Food Service Report – I commend Mr. Hanstein. Through his efforts, the food service program has bounced back ten-fold. There were less lunches sold than this time last year. We are in pretty good financial shape.
- Budget Draft #4 – We are looking at a 3.96% spending increase. We are going to start paying back the excel project bond. Our revenue is hard to predict. It all depends on the governor's spending plan.

REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

- A couple of weeks ago the National Honor Society held its 2nd and last blood drive of the year. We received 81 units. We will be able to give a NHS member a scholarship this year.
- Some high school students attended a Mental Health Matters Legislative Day in Albany.
- The Jazz Ensemble and Guitar Club performed at TLC.
- Spring sports have started. The first games are less than a month away.
- On the 21st, the National Honor Society held a fundraiser pancake breakfast.
- Annie will be coming up. The tickets are \$7.00 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for adults.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- Policy – We met and discussed a multitude of policies.
- Buildings & Grounds – We toured the Perth site. One junction box without a cover was all we found. The school looks great.
- Finance – We met this morning and went over the treasurer's report. Everything looked good.
- Health and Safety – We will be holding a meeting in late April. There will be a meeting later this week with an engineering firm regarding the flashing lights by the Perth Campus.
- Legislative Liaison – Went to Albany today. Waiting to hear on any money coming from HRBRRD. It is up to Albany to decide the situation. We hope it is resolved quickly.

REMARKS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Chizek – Thanks to everyone for coming out. It is good to hear about OM and the Home Show. Great job.
- Mr. Pecora – It is good to see all of the teachers. It shows support. Thanks to the PE instructors. I commend the presentation. Thank you to everyone who helped with the March Madness Basketball Tournament. They raised

\$5,000. The third quarter has come to an end. We're getting ready for spring sports.

- Mrs. Hentnik – Thank you to everyone in the community for coming here tonight. We will re-instill your faith in the board.
- Mr. Renaud – Thanks to the community for coming out. It shows involvement. Good luck to spring sports. Another plug to the sports program, reaching out to the Broadalbin Youth Commission. It is a fantastic way of building community programs.
- Mr. Szumowski – I would like to congratulate Mary Sniezyk for giving up her portion of the 50/50 in order to donate it to the family. Also a thank you to Broadalbin Manufacturing for matching the 50/50 amount.
- Mrs. Stewart – I would like to reiterate the thank you to everyone who attended tonight. Thanks to DOT for making us work for our lights. Good luck to spring sports. I'm happy to hear about the blood drive. Work towards a good budget.
- Ms. Perry – I would like to remind everyone about the Senior Citizen Prom. It is really cool. It is a nice thing we do as a district. If you know a senior, call them. There are a lot of music concerts. Please check them out. Thank you for the Educational Highlight. I appreciate seeing any part of our district highlighted. I'm glad everyone came out to see that. I appreciated the community coming out. It is good to have a crowd.
- Mr. Renaud – I just wanted to remind everyone that the goals are received on a monthly basis for review.

NEW BUSINESS REPORT

FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Pecora moved, seconded by Mrs. Stewart, to approve the February Treasurer's Report.

Whereas, the District Treasurer is charged with reporting the status of all funds in her care;

Whereas, she has submitted this report for the month of February 2010 and on a form prescribed by the District, and

Whereas, the Board of Education's Finance Committee has reviewed said report and recommends its approval;

Now Be It Resolved That, the February 2010 Treasurer's report is hereby approved.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried.

ASSESSMENT CHANGE

Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mrs. Hentnik, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the district has received documentation from the Fulton County Real Property Tax Service, authorizing assessment changes resulting in tax adjustments or refunds and,

WHEREAS, the district business office staff have reviewed the stipulated changes and recommend their approval,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ordered assessment changes, tax adjustments, and refunds are hereby approved and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is ordered to make the stipulated adjustments, refunds, and notifications.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried.

NOMINATION TO HFM BOCES BOARD

Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Szumowski, to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the election of members to the HFM BOCES Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at a meeting of each component Board of Education, and

Whereas, the law does not permit more than one HFM BOCES board member from any one school district to serve on the BOCES Board, and

Whereas, on June 30, 2010, the term of Robert Townsend, from the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District, will expire, and

Whereas, Robert Townsend meets the requirement of candidacy for local board of education membership and as a result, is eligible for nomination of election to the BOCES Board, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Broadalbin-Perth Board of Education nominates Robert Townsend, residing at 805 CoHwy 126, Amsterdam, New York 12010, to serve as a member of the HFM BOCES Board of Education.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried.

POLICIES

Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Chizek to table all policy readings until the community has the opportunity to sit in on a Policy Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:51 p.m. Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Szumowski, to go into executive session to discuss a particular person and CSE/CPSE placements. The motion was unanimously carried.

RECONVENE

At 10:48 p.m., Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Szumowski to reconvene. The motion was unanimously carried.

CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS

Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Szumowski, to approve the following CSE/CPSE placements as recommended by the CSE/CPSE Committee: CSE Cases 4307, 1805, 807, 5707, 4108, 4807, 5807, 4505, 1207, 4605, 4705, 3109, 2295, 3908, 2808 and CPSE Case 3909.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Szumowski, to approve the following Personnel Action items. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Porcello, Stephen	as substitute bus driver, pending CDL licensing and Article 19A clearance	\$15.75 per hour
Romano, Michelangelo	as substitute bus driver, pending Article 19A clearance	\$15.75 per hour
Zabielski, Pamela	as substitute food service worker, effective March 16, 2010	\$8.25 per hour
Palombo, Carrie	term appointment as teacher assistant, effective March 29, 2010 through the end of the school year, replacing Sara Korona	\$11.18 per hour
Slezak-Nelson, Amy-Lin	substitute appointment as music teacher, effective April 23 - June 9, 2010 to cover a maternity leave for Emily Davis	\$75.00 per day
Rich, Anthony	as Assistant Technical Director, Assistant Music Director, and Assistant Production Director for the play, Annie	\$3,855.00
Miltenberg, Kristin	as tutor for a middle school student, 2 hours per day, 5 days per week, effective March 2, 2010 until the student returns to school (Taking over for a previously appointed tutor)	\$27.82 per hour
Baia, Joe	as JV Softball Coach for the 2010 season	Step 1, \$2,110
Nasner, Michele	as Girls Basketball Assistant Modified Coach for the 2009-10 season, retroactive	Step 4, \$3,038
Calvello, Mike	as Girls Basketball Assistant Modified Coach for the 2009-10 season, retroactive	Step 5, \$3,123
Higgins, Jim	as Wrestling Assistant Modified Coach for the 2009-10 season, retroactive	Step 4, \$2,363
Schulz, Kelsie	as Basketball Scorekeeper for the 2009-10 season, retroactive	\$1,185.00
Hayes, Stephanie	as Basketball Scorekeeper for the 2009-10 season, retroactive	\$1,185.00
Willey, David	as the District Adult Education Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year	\$3,000.00
Samek, David	as the District Adult Education Asst. Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year	\$1,000.00

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Orlowski, Mark	an unpaid leave of absence for March 22-26, 2010 for personal reasons
Finch, Michele	an unpaid leave of absence for March 31, 2010 for personal reasons
Killian, Kimberly	an unpaid leave of absence for April 12-13, 2010 for personal reasons
Burden, Becky	an unpaid leave of absence for 6-8 weeks for medical reasons
Potts, Jane	an unpaid leave of absence from March 3, 2010 until she returns to work for medical reasons

RESIGNATIONS

Zoller, Kyle	as baseball assistant coach for the 2010 season
Korona, Sara	as Teaching Assistant at the Intermediate School, effective March 26, 2010

RESCIND APPOINTMENT

Smrtic, Mary	rescind appointment as a substitute bus aide
Ostrander, Sandra	rescind appointment as a substitute cleaner
Tyrrell, Kimberly	rescind appointment as a substitute bus aide
Tyrrell, Kimberly	rescind appointment as a substitute bus driver

ADJOURN

At 11:15 p.m., Mrs. Hentnik moved, seconded by Mr. Chizek to Adjourn. The motion was unanimously carried.

Georgia L. Baldwin, District Clerk