

Date of Meeting: December 19, 2011  
Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly  
Place of Meeting: High School Media Center  
Members Present: President, Edward Szumowski; Vice President, Paul Chizek; Bill Boswell; Keith Buchanan; Charlie DeZolt  
Members Absent: Brandt Minkler; Sari Stewart  
Others Present: Stephen Tomlinson, Superintendent; Marco Zumbolo, Assistant Superintendent; Georgia Baldwin, Clerk; Michael Carney, Director of Operations and Safety; 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; Mayur Patel, Student Representative; Michele Kelley, Communications Specialist; Laurie Tambasco; Emily Boswell; Carla Kolbe; Jon Aery; Corey Rymer; Meghan Clemente; Haddie Maier; Casey Simonson; Morgan Pitman; Jacob Rounds; Kelsey Moore; James Vainauskas; Cameren Anastasia; Chance Steele; Conor Floyd.

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

FLAG SALUTE

MINUTES Mr. Buchanan moved, seconded by Mr. Chizek to approve the November 21<sup>st</sup> minutes.  
Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

#### REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHT – Intermediate School Goals. Mr. Casey presented a power point on the goals of the Intermediate School. This focused on the state assessments in ELA, Math and Reading.
- Arts and Education COSER participation is an agreement with all participating school districts. We will realize an amount of aid for reimbursement. There is a cost to the district plus we would have to pay for the programs. Three building administrators are working with the PTO to implement the program. The Board of Education needs to decide if this should remain in the budget.
- Workforce Expectations/Apprenticeship Programs – Right now we are brainstorming whether to do full day or half day. Our students need to have employable skills. The businesses that do participate consider offering jobs to the participants whether it is summer employment or something more permanent. We learn what businesses are looking for in an employee. The state and labor board have to approve of the program.
- Race To Nowhere – There is an independent film that surfaced in 2010. We showed this for any of the faculty and staff that were interested in seeing it. We will be showing it again on March 9<sup>th</sup> when we have a Superintendent’s Conference Day.
- School Quality Review Update – Because we were identified, you will be getting a monthly report. Mr. Bell has met regularly with the HFM BOCES staff. In December and January there are three huge reports due, in addition to all of the everyday things that need to be taken care of. It is a very time consuming process.
- Alternative Energy – Stephen, Marco and Mike met with the architects. Wind energy, solar energy and geothermal energy was discussed. Geothermal is the biggest bang for the buck. It uses the earth’s temperature to heat and cool. Wind is not the best option for Broadalbin-Perth. Thinking of solar energy, we are in need of replacing our roofing. This could be done at the same time of roof replacement. The cost to district for this would be minimal. We would also get funding from NYSERDA. Geothermal energy is

the most intriguing and the most expensive. It will also run air conditioning.

- Fundraising – Most of our sports programs focus on year-round practice. There is not enough funding for the outside activities of a sport. Indoor track fund raised to save a program. Saving or enhancing a program are two different things. We will see a major change next year in how sports are funded. There will be more saving of programs. There is a concern about the oversight of the money raised. It's not as tight. It is not held under the auditing umbrella of the BPCSD.
- Education and Politics – Included is a document for your review from the Rural Schools Association. Basically, politicians need to remove the wealth index. They need to change the way they choose to fund education.
- Negotiations – Jeff Honeywell will meet with the Board of Education in a closed session on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the District Office. This will be a special meeting discussing the upcoming negotiations for the teachers, administrators and some of the confidential management personnel.
- Public Information – Michele Kelley provided a comprehensive list of the communications projects being conducted over the past month. Many questions from board members were asked of Michele.

#### REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- Fiduciary Changes – We were informed approximately one month ago that Citizens Bank was eliminating its' government banking division in this area and that we would not receive any support. We interviewed two other banks and would like to switch to First Niagara Bank.
- Board of Education Website – NERIC offers a free service – the Board of Education Website. This will be a secure site for Board of Education members, Stephen, Marco and Georgia only. It will house all Board of Education documents such as board packets and any confidential information that has to be shared with Board of Education members. The goal is to eventually get the entire board packet on this site and eliminate all of the paper that we are currently using.
- Budget Draft #1 – what you have before you is the first draft of the Operations side of the budget.

#### REPORT FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

- Winter sports are under way.
- The wrestling program is off to a successful start.
- The boys basketball team played Johnstown tonight.
- The National Honor Society Blood mobile collected 69 units of blood.
- The local food pantry received 824 items courtesy of the Key Club.

#### REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND SAFETY

- We received a grant from NYSERDA to install heaters in our buses so that we don't have to plug them in during the winter months. These heaters will use one gallon of coolant per bus which translates to \$126 outside of the grant per bus.
- We are also looking at computerizing the paper system so that the custodial staff can log on to a computer to see what events are taking place as opposed to multiple pieces of paper being handed out. We will have to train the staff.

#### REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

- We already covered the budget development process during Marco's budget presentation.
- Mr. Szumowski reviewed the Board of Education goals.
- Also, our second coffee is coming up on January 18<sup>th</sup> on the tax cap. It will be held in the Perth area.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- Policy – We have policies! We are reconstructing some policies and will have them out in the near future for review. Revised policies and Table of Contents are ready for your policy notebooks.
- Buildings & Grounds – We toured the transportation/administration building. The surprise is all of the clutter. Mike will be working with the staff to rectify the situation. There were no deficiencies.
- Finance – Paul and Marco met this morning. There is really nothing to report only that we are changing banks. We will also be going from 14 accounts down to 8.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Corey Rymer asked about the transportation that the district is providing. His daughter is not getting dropped off at the right spot.
- Bill Belanger gave an update on the Indoor Track Team. There are no less than 33 athletes at practice. 36 athletes are signed up. There are 15 seniors, 6 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade and 15 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade. We won our first meet against some larger schools. Mr. McConnell said that they are fundraising and their goal is \$2000. They are a third of the way there. They are considering a bottle drive and a barrel drive.

#### REMARKS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. DeZolt – Fundraising – Alex's lemonade stand made \$900 in two hours and standing by the gate at the track gets \$900 in two hours.
- Mr. Chizek – Merry Christmas
- Mr. Boswell – I would like to commend Mr. Bellanger for his hard work with the Indoor Track team. Hopefully, maybe we can help them out.
- Mr. Buchanan – Have a good holiday. Enjoy the time with your family.
- Mr. Szumowski – Merry Christmas. And take a deep breath as we move into contract negotiations and budget.

#### NEW BUSINESS REPORT

##### NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Boswell moved, seconded by Mr. DeZolt, to approve the November Treasurer's Report.

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

**Whereas**, he has submitted this report for the month of November, 2011 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 November, 2011 Treasurer's report is hereby approved.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      Motion carried.

##### DESIGNATE DEPOSITORY OF DISTRICT FUNDS

Mr. Chizek moved, seconded by Mr. Buchanan, to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that First Niagara Bank, and any commercial bank doing business in Fulton County be, and they are hereby designated, official depositories of all funds of the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District until June 30, 2012, and

**RESOLVED**, that the First Niagara Bank be designated receiver of taxes.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

HS BAND & CHOIR TRIP

Mr. Chizek moved, seconded by Mr. DeZolt, to approve the following resolution:

**Whereas**, the Broadalbin-Perth High School Band and Chorus has requested permission for an authorized trip to Hershey Park, PA leaving on May 10, 2012 and returning on May 13, 2012, and

**Whereas**, the Band and Chorus advisors submitted the appropriate forms supporting their request, and

**Whereas**, since the request is for an overnight trip, with transportation provided in other than district owned buses, the request is forwarded to the Board of Education for approval, and

**Whereas**, the High School Principal and Superintendent of Schools endorse the trip and will ensure compliance with all regulations, and

**Whereas**, the trip approval may be reconsidered if conditions for safety of the students warrant,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the High School Band and Chorus trip to Hershey Park, PA is hereby approved.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRAVEL CLUB TRIP

Mr. Chizek moved, seconded by Mr. Boswell, to approve the following resolution:

**Whereas**, the Broadalbin-Perth Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel Club has requested permission for an authorized trip to Washington, DC leaving on April 27, 2012 and returning on April 29, 2012, and

**Whereas**, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel Club and advisor submitted the appropriate forms supporting their request, and

**Whereas**, since the request is for an overnight trip, with transportation provided in other than district owned buses, the request is forwarded to the Board of Education for approval, and

**Whereas**, the Middle School Principal and Superintendent of Schools endorse the trip and will ensure compliance with all regulations, and

**Whereas**, the trip approval may be reconsidered if conditions for safety of the students warrant,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel Club trip to Washington, DC is hereby approved.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried.

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRAVEL CLUB TRIP

Mr. Chizek moved, seconded by Mr. Boswell, to approve the following resolution:

**Whereas**, the Broadalbin-Perth Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel Club has requested permission for an authorized trip to Philadelphia, PA leaving on June 1, 2012 and returning on June 2, 2012, and

**Whereas**, the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel Club and advisor submitted the appropriate forms supporting their request, and

**Whereas**, since the request is for an overnight trip, with transportation provided in other than district owned buses, the request is forwarded to the Board of Education for approval, and

**Whereas**, the Middle School Principal and Superintendent of Schools endorse the trip and will ensure compliance with all regulations, and

**Whereas**, the trip approval may be reconsidered if conditions for safety of the students warrant,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel Club trip to Philadelphia, PA is hereby approved.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      Motion carried

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING POLICIES**

The first reading of policy 6.3.3 Participation of Students in Graduation Exercises, Administrative Regulation 6.4A Summer School Promotional Practices, Policy 2.10 Driver Alcohol and Drug Testing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:14 p.m. Mr. Buchanan moved, seconded by Mr. Boswell, to go into executive session to discuss a particular person and CSE/CPSE placements. The motion was unanimously carried.

**RECONVENE**

At 10:53 p.m., Mr. Chizek moved, seconded by Mr. DeZolt to reconvene. The motion was unanimously carried.

**CSE/CPSE PLACEMENTS**

Mr. DeZolt moved, seconded by Mr. Boswell, to approve the following CSE/CPSE placements as recommended by the CSE/CPSE Committee: CSE Cases 2811, 0609, 5606, 1710, 5108, 6008, 1610, 4504, 5205, 3605, 6302, 1905, 0103, 1105 and CPSE Cases 2511, 2411, 2211.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL ACTION**

Mr. Chizek moved, seconded by Mr. Buchanan, to approve the following Personnel Action items.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      Recuse 1 (Mr. Szumowski)

**APPOINTMENTS**

Swatt, Raquel	six month probationary appointment retro-active to September 1, 2011 as Account Clerk	\$26,000.00
Hawkins, Rebecca	as tutor for a middle school student for two hours per day, five days per week beginning December 6, 2011 until the student returns to school	\$29.64 per hour
Gregory, Becky	as tutor for an intermediate school student for one hour per day, five days per week beginning December 6, 2011 until the student returns to school	\$29.64 per hour

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Szumowski, Jennifer	an unpaid leave of absence on January 3-4, 2012 for personal reasons
Davis, Emily	a leave of absence from March 17 - April 30, 2012 for the purpose of maternity leave
Swartz, Peter	an unpaid leave of absence from December 15-23, 2011 for personal reasons

**RETIREMENTS**

Schery, Carol	resignation for the purpose of retirement after 29 years of service, effective January 26, 2012
Willey, David	resignation for the purpose of retirement after 22 years of service, effective June 30, 2012

**ADJOURN**

At 10:54 p.m., Mr. DeZolt moved, seconded by Mr. Buchanan to Adjourn. The motion was unanimously carried.