

MINUTES

Date of Meeting : April 1, 2009  
Location of Meeting : Doyle Middle School  
Time of Meeting : 7:00 p.m.  
Type of Meeting : Regular Board of Education

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Schofield, President, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Members Absent

Mrs. Adams  
Mrs. Clinton  
Mrs. Harvin (arrived approx 6:04 pm)  
Mr. Mayo  
Mr. Pollack  
Mr. Schofield  
Mrs. Scully  
Mrs. Wager-Rounds

None

Also Present

Mr. Atiba-Weza - Superintendent  
Dr. Rivers - Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Hopke - Director of Management Services  
Mrs. O'Neill - School Business Administrator  
Mrs. DeFiglio - Clerk of the Board  
Mr. McCarthy - School Attorney

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 6:01 p.m., Mr. Schofield made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a personnel/contractual matter. This was seconded by Mr. Mayo and the vote carried: 6-0.

IV. MOVE TO PUBLIC SESSION

At approximately 7:15 p.m., the members of the Board of Education reconvened back into public session.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report (Oral)

Mr. Atiba-Weza mentioned that he's received word regarding the stimulus education money and that we received all that the Governor said we would. He also mentioned that we will be receiving monies from the legislative branch in the amount of \$200,000.

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Committee Meeting (Mr. Pollack)

Mr. Pollack gave a report on the Finance meeting.

2. Policy and Planning Committee Meeting (Mrs. Adams)

Mrs. Adams gave a report on the Policy and Planning meeting.

VII. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

**Marge Davey – Tibbits Avenue**

She addressed the non-instructional retirements that were on the March 18 agenda.

**Janet Fallor – Parent**

She addressed one of our teachers and she was cautioned by the Superintendent not to mention names. She read a letter she had prepared.

**Bonnie Fallor – Student**

She is a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student and spoke about her favorite teacher and how he has helped her a lot and other students as well.

Another student who was a senior also spoke about a teacher she had as a freshman who helped her out a lot and felt it would be a tragedy to lose him.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following minutes:

- a. March 4, 2009 Board of Education Meeting

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo  
VOTE : Carried: 7-0-1 (Abstained: Mrs. Adams)

- b. March 18, 2009 Board of Education Meeting
- c. March 24, 2009 Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Staff Matters – CLASSIFIED (Reviewed by Dr. Rivers)

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following instructional personnel actions:

Items 1 through 9 were through a Consent Agenda.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

- 1. Unclassified Employee – Leave of Absence

| <u>NAME</u>   | <u>POSITION</u>    | <u>% SERVICE</u> | <u>ASSGNMT</u> | <u>EFFECT DATE</u> | <u>REASON</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Michelle Emma | Teaching Assistant | 100%             | CHS            | 9/1/09 – 12/31/09  | w/o pay       |

- 2. Unclassified Employee – Tenure Appointments

| <u>NAME</u>           | <u>TENURE AREA</u> | <u>% SERVICE</u> | <u>TENURE</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <u>CERTIFICATION</u>  | <u>STATUS</u>      |                  |               |
| <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |                    |                  |               |

- a. Darwin Carr                      Elementary Principal Asst    100%            4/27/09  
    Teaching Assistant, Level 1
- b. Lakime Meadows                Elementary Principal Asst    100%            4/27/09  
    Teaching Assistant, Level 1

3. Unclassified Employee – Designation of Tenure Area

| <u>NAME</u>     | <u>POSITION</u><br><u>CERTIFICATION STATUS</u>     | <u>TENURE AREA</u> | <u>% SERVICE</u> | <u>PROBATION</u><br><u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|------------------|---|
| Heather Scarano | Transition Coordinator<br>Special Education, Perm. | Special Education  | 100%             | 6/23/08 – 6/22/11                         |

4. Unclassified Employee(s) - Temporary Appointments

| <u>NAME</u><br><u>CERTIFICATION</u> | <u>POSITION</u><br><u>SALARY RATE</u>                                  | <u>% SERVICE</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> | <u>DATES</u>      | <u>EFFECTIVE</u><br><u>STATUS</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. Jennifer Burns<br>Permanent      | Coordinator,<br>\$2,520.00 (stipend)<br>Mentoring & Prevention Program | 100%             | School 12         | 4/2/09 – 6/30/09  | PreK-6,                           |
| b. Kristy Sawyer<br>Initial         | Elementary<br>\$38,000.00 (Step 1, Col A)<br>(LOA S. Dinardo)          | 100%             | School 14         | 3/30/09 – 4/30/09 | Childhood Ed,                     |
| c. Robert Augstell<br>Initial       | Art<br>\$40,000 (Step 1, Col E)<br>(D. Poutre)                         | 100%             | THS               | 4/6/09 – 6/30/09  | Visual Arts,                      |

5. Appointments – 2008-09 Spring Sports

SOFTBALL      Volunteer                      David Halloran

6. Appointments – 2008-09 Parent Outreach Activities

| <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u>      | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>SALARY</u>             |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 12            | 3/31/09     | Jennifer Epstein | Teacher         | \$28.00 per hour @2 hours |
|               |             | Karen Roche      | Teacher         | \$28.00 per hour @2 hours |
|               |             | Lynn Rouleau     | Teaching Asst   | \$24.00 per hour @2 hours |
| 12            | 4/21/09     | Jennifer Epstein | Teacher         | \$28.00 per hour @3 hours |
|               |             | Karen Roche      | Teacher         | \$28.00 per hour @3 hours |
|               |             | Ann Apicella     | Teaching Asst   | \$24.00 per hour @3 hours |
|               |             | Lynn Rouleau     | Teaching Asst   | \$24.00 per hour @3 hours |
| 12            | 5/13/09     | Jennifer Epstein | Teacher         | \$28.00 per hour @3 hours |
|               |             | Julianne Giacone | Teacher         | \$28.00 per hour @3 hours |
|               |             | Ann Apicella     | Teaching Asst   | \$24.00 per hour @3 hours |
|               |             | Lynn Rouleau     | Teaching Asst   | \$24.00 per hour @3 hours |

7. Appointments – 2008-09 Extended School Day

| <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>DATE</u>      | <u>NAME</u>  | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>SALARY</u>               |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 12            | 4/2/09 – 6/11/09 | Jason Boemio | Teacher         | \$28.00 per hour @1.5 hours |

8. Appointments – 2008-09 Odyssey of the Mind

| <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>NAME</u>     | <u>POSITION</u>               | <u>SALARY</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 16            | AnnMarie Kahler | Substitute Teaching Assistant | \$24.00/hour  |

9. DMS Book Study Groups (Special Education Quality Improvement Grant)

Participants

|                |                  |                 |                    |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Sherry Fleming | Kathleen Balint  | Kiante Jones    | Sylvia Morton      |
| Katie Neville  | Hope DeBevoise   | Jamie Bowen     | Sheryl Schoonmaker |
| Cindy Dybas    | Kellee Bonenfant | Bonnie Linscott |                    |

Book Study 1 – “Teaching Reading in Social Studies, Science and Math”

|                    |                 |                 |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| April 22 – 2 hours | May 5 – 2 hours | May 20 – 1 hour | June 9 – 1 hour |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|

Book Study 2 – “But I’m Not a Reading Teacher”

|                    |                  |                 |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| April 29 – 2 hours | May 13 – 2 hours | May 27 – 1 hour | June 10 – 1 hour |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
 Second: Mrs. Harvin  
 VOTE : Carried: 7-0

Mr. Pollack left the table at 7:27 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m.

B. Staff Matters – CLASSIFIED (Reviewed by P. Hopke)

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following non-instructional personnel actions:

Items 1 through 3 were through a consent agenda.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
 Second: Mr. Mayo  
 VOTE : Carried: 8-0

1. Appointments – 2008-09 Parent Outreach Activities

| <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u>      | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>SALARY</u>            |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 12            | 3/31/09     | Scott Sankey     | School Monitor  | Per hourly rate @2 hr    |
|               | 4/21/09     | Patricia Brennan | School Monitor  | Per hourly rate @3 hr    |
|               | 5/13/09     | Scott Sankey     | School Monitor  | Per hourly rate @3 hours |
| 14            | 4/2/09      | Pamela Alicea    | School Monitor  | Per hourly rate @2 hours |

2. Appointments – 2008-09 Substitutes

TEACHER AIDE/MONITOR (\$10.00 per hour)

Corey Anderson

MAINTENANCE HELPER (\$11.00 per hour)

Corey Anderson

3. Election Inspectors

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Clerk, hereby approves the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the May 2009 School Board Election and Budget Vote. Remuneration shall be \$10 for the Orientation Meeting and \$100 for Election Day.

|                    |                |                |                 |                 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| James Grimes       | Lorraine Fitch | Eric Waite     | Caroline Martin | Bill Martin     |
| Mary McKeever      | Ruth Goerold   | Mary Parella   | Pat Minehan     | Theresa Simonds |
| Julia Dimura       | Cindy Treece   | Louise Liberty | Cindy Bassett   | Sandy Krogh     |
| Pat Cunningham     | Nancy Rich     | Cindy Treece   | Richard Boland  |                 |
| Rhonda VanHeuvelin | Joyce Fornier  | Mildred Sloane | Larry Novack    | Estelle Novack  |
| Phyllis Carroll    | Pat Allen      | Mary Glover    |                 |                 |

Motion: Mr. Schofield

Second: Mrs. Harvin  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

C. Superintendent's Recommendations – PROGRAMS (reviewed by K. Handy)

Items 1 through 4 were through a Consent Agenda.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

1. Committee on Special Education Placements

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Special Education has submitted to the Board of Education thirty-one (31) students having the registration numbers as listed below in classes for students with special needs, and be it

Initial Eligibility Determination

111016      111007      992052      993055      993485

Reevaluation Transfer Student

380200      995392

Program Review

001622      613731      987855      990197      993246      993805

Annual Review

990573      991129      991560      991640      991773      992097      992891  
992986      993050      993236      993346      993361      993916      994229  
994299      994510      994671      995470

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these placements be approved.

2. Committee on Pre-School Special Education Placements

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Pre-School Special Education has submitted to the Board of Education thirty-four (34) students having the registration numbers as listed below in classes for students with special needs, and be it

Initial Eligibility Determination

994141      995218      995224      885227      995445      995664      995709  
995748      995739      995782

Review Transfer Student

556378      994498

Annual Review

994345      994351      994357      994358      994361      994455      994462  
994486      994496      994504      994505      994940      994956      995025  
995026      995067      995146      995667

Early Intervention Transition

994352      556377      995752      995814

FURTHER RESOLVED, that these placements be approved.

3. New York State External High School Diploma Program

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the students with the registration numbers 4847 and 7584 to receive the New York State External High School Diploma from the Troy School District, effective April 2, 2009.

4. Student Attendance Calendar – 2009-2010 (Addendum I)

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby adopts the Student Attendance Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year as per Addendum I.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

D. Superintendent's Recommendations – BUSINESS FINANCE (reviewed by M. O'Neill)

Items 1 through 7 were through a consent agenda.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Pollack  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

1. Financial Reports

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the following financial reports:

- a. Budget Transfers (Addendum II)
- b. Cash Flow Projection for General Fund (Addendum III)
- c. Treasurer's Report (Addendum IV)
- d. Budget Status Report (Addendum V)
- e. Student Activity Fund (Addendum VI)
- f. Internal Claims Auditor Report (Addendum VII)

2. Final Payment – the Thomas Group

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Final Payment to The Thomas Group in the amount of \$600.00 for the Troy High School Server Room HVAC.

3. Health Service Contract – South Colonie School District

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Health Services Contract for the Troy School District students attending private and parochial schools in the South Colonie School District in the amount of \$19,210.88.

4. Donation – School #14 PTA

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept donation from the School #14 PTA in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the District Arts in Education fund.

5. Donation – Target

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept donation from Target to Troy High School in the amount of \$343.75.

6. Surplus Custodial Supplies

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, declare the items for building maintenance, custodial supplies and

office supplies surplus and no longer necessary for the daily operations of the District.

Maintenance - 25 cases of various size air filters

Custodial - 46 cases of air deodorizer

Office - 35 boxes of various colors and sizes of computer labels

7. Health Services Rate

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, set the rate for Health Services for students attending private and parochial schools in the Troy School District at \$649.15 per student.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

8. Adoption of the 2009-2010 School Budget

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby adopts the 2009-2010 budget in the amount of \$95,117,278.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo

Discussion: Mr. Schofield thanked the Board for their attendance and input at the budget meetings and for the hard work everyone put in.

VOTE : Carried: 8-0

PART II

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTIONS

1. Polls for the 2009 Election

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following sites as a polling location for the 2009 Annual School Board Election:

|           |                     |           |           |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| School 2  | School 12           | School 14 | School 16 |
| School 18 | Carroll Hill School |           |           |

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mrs. Harvin  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

2. Election Machine Administrators

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Kevin O'Malley and Tom Casey as the election machine administrators for the May 19, 2009 School Board Election and Annual Budget Vote. Both individuals shall be remunerated \$600.00 each.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

3. Re-adoption/Revision of Policies (Addendum VIII)

**RESOLUTION:** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy Committee, hereby approves the following policies:

No. 0000 Educational Philosophy  
No. 0210 Goals for Instructional Program  
No. 0330 Evaluation of Professional Staff  
No. 0350 Evaluation of Instructional Program

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mrs. Adams  
VOTE : Carried: 8-0

4. Voting Delegate for the National School Boards Convention

**RESOLUTION:** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges Board Member Carol Harvin to be the voting delegate at the April 4-7, 2009 National School Board's Annual Conference, which will be held in San Diego, California. Mrs. Harvin is attending this conference as the district's representative and she is our voting delegate at the business meeting. Her attendance at this conference is at a "no cost" to the district and she will be paying all expenses personally.

Motion: Mr. Schofield  
Second: Mr. Mayo

Discussion: Mr. Schofield thanked Mrs. Harvin for going to the national conference. She mentioned that the cost is over \$2,000 and that she is paying it herself.

VOTE : Carried: 8-0

XI. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

March 30, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting for the Budget Workshop  
Doyle Middle School Media Center  
6:00 p.m.

April 1, 2009 Board of Education Meeting  
Doyle Middle School Media Center  
6:00 p.m. Executive Session – if needed  
7:00 p.m. Public Meeting

Education Committee Meeting  
Doyle Middle School Media Center  
Following the Board Meeting

April 6, 2009 Town Hall Meeting  
School 18  
7:00 p.m.

April 8, 2009 Facilities Committee Meeting  
Doyle Middle School Media Center  
7:00 p.m.

April 21, 2009 Special Board Meeting to vote on BOCES Budget  
Doyle Middle School Media Center  
7:00 p.m.

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Doyle Middle School Media Center  
Following the Special Meeting

April 22, 2009

Finance Committee Meeting  
Doyle Middle School Media Center  
7:00 p.m.

April 29, 2009

Candidate's Petitions Due  
2920 Fifth Avenue  
5:00 p.m.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

At approximately 7:40 p.m., Mr. Schofield made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Mayo and the vote carried: 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva DeFiglio  
Clerk of the Board