

BOARD OF EDUCATION

04/27/11

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 in the Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Funck, Agnes Laub, Robbie Martin, Randy Moore and Joe Moskowitz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tony Albanese (Superintendent), Karen Dietrich (Treasurer) and Teresa Goodchild (Clerk).

At 7:00PM, President Moore called the Regular Meeting to order.

From the Superintendent, Mr. Albanese commented on the following: Attended a Positive Youth Workshop in Delhi whose goal is to strengthen a county wide approach to support the youth; Attended Wellness Meeting and continued interest in creating additional mental health services in the area; Safety Team hosted a meeting and district will be conducting a comprehensive test of the safety plan this spring; Attended ONC BOCES annual budget presentation with Mr. Moore and Mrs. Funck; and the Recognition breakfast for highway workers and bus drivers on April 14th.

From the Public, Madeline Minervini expressed a concern regarding a note she received from the district two weeks after an incident that was addressed to the wrong son, it was addressed to her son that attends Roxbury.

Warwick McKeon asked the Board to make every effort to not increase the budget, expressing a concern for himself and others on fixed incomes.

Kevin Beutel asked if the school carries unemployment insurance. Ms. Dietrich explained that the district is not required to carry it and pays actual claims. He asked if the district would look into it as a possible cost savings.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz to accept the Minutes of 3/16/11 and 3/30/11. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Activity Fund Report for March 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board audited the Warrants and the Internal Claims Auditor Reports for Warrants #22, #23 and #24.

In communications, the Board received the Minutes from the Goal & Vision Forum Meeting held with faculty and staff on April 7. The also received communication regarding an amendment to Special Education Regulations, changing the classification of mental retardation to intellectual disability. Additional language also changed to replace the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) to the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

Kathleen Anderson reviewed the Special Education Services Plan for 2011-2013 that she prepared on the role, process and responsibility of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and the Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE). The district is required by regulations to have a plan in place.

Pattie Kelder, Amy Smith and Kate Horn reviewed the 2010-11 Literacy/Reading Program. 102 students are receiving reading intervention services. Pattie Kelder expressed her support for the Reading Recovery Program that is being eliminated with her retirement, feeling that it is a prevention rather than a reaction and that there are studies supporting her opinion. Amy Smith thanked the BOE for their support of Fast ForWord. The district currently uses 2 of the programs and you can go online daily to track children's progress, children can check as well. The program started in November, students are placed through RTI recommendation. She hopes to have some statistical data next year on the results. Katie Horn is working with students in 7-12 and holds a Readers and Writers Workshop for all 7th graders. Students are recommended by English teachers and through state test results. She also highlighted what would be different for the 2011-12 reading intervention services.

Reports from the following Forums:

Goal and Vision Oversight - Minutes received from April 7 meeting.

Innovations and Outcomes - No report.

Facilities - No report.

Policy - The Committee met and have sent forth policies for reading. The next meeting is scheduled for 5/5 from 2:45-4:00PM in Tony's office.

Finance - No report.

Communications and Celebrations - No report.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mr. Moskowitz to approve Kathleen Anderson as the Per Diem Psychologist/CSE Chairperson for the 2011-12 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL**CALL TO ORDER****COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT****COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****TREASURER'S REPORT****WARRANTS****COMMUNICATIONS**
Goal & Vision Forum
Special Ed Regulations**PRESENTATIONS**
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**LITERACY/READING PROGRAM****REPORTS - FORUMS****PERSONNEL**
PSYCHOLOGIST/CSE

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moskowitz, seconded by Ms. Martin

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Stacey Johnson to the position of Receptionist Typist for a probationary period of six months to commence on 4/1/11 and expire on 9/30/11."

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received the Quarterly Budget Status Reports to review.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Mrs. Funck to approve the request for services with Broome Tioga BOCES for the 2011-12 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2011-12 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moskowitz, seconded by Ms. Martin

"RESOLVED, that the Margaretville Central School Board of Education hereby adopts the 2011-12 Budget in the amount of \$10,352,986, which represents a decrease of \$381,092 (or 3.55%) and a 0% tax levy increase, and the Property Tax Report Card, which estimates the 2011-12 fund balance to be \$1,952,933, with an appropriated fund balance of \$797,591 for the 2011-12 school year, leaving a balance of approximately \$1,305,942 or 12.61%." Motion carried unanimously.

The decision to establish a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund was tabled until next month.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Funck, seconded by Mrs. Laub to elect the following three candidates to the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education: James Gray, Theresa Hait and Gerry Loucks. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a copy of the form used for loaning electronic devices to students. Mrs. Laub recommended adding that the devices be loaned with new batteries and should be returned with new batteries.

A discussion took place regarding the request from Cub Scout Pack 80 for the use of bus transportation to and from Massachusetts. The group is willing to pay all costs; however it would require a bus driver to stay over night. Mrs. Funck recommended giving the group the possible cost of such a trip to see if they would still be interested. The Board tabled the matter until the May Board Meeting.

The Board received the following policies for reading: Policy #7120-Age of Entrance, #7121-Diagnostic Screening, #7210-Student Evaluation, #7211-Interpreter Services, #7222-Credential Options, #7230-Dual Credit for College Courses, #7240-Student Record Access, #7241-Student Directory Info, #7250-Student Privacy, #7260-Parental Relation, #7311-Loss or Destruction of District Property, #7312-Student Dress Code, #8360-Religious Expression, #8420-Opening Exercises, #8430-Independent Study, #8450-Home Tutoring, #8460-Field Trips and #8470-Home Schooling.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Funck to move into Executive Session at 8:38PM to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:45PM.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Laub, seconded by Ms. Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT
Receptionist Typist
Johnson**

FINANCIAL

**BROOME-TIOGA BOCES
SERVICES 2011-12**

**ONC BOCES BUDGET
2011-12**

**2011-12 BUDGET &
PROPERTY TAX
REPORT CARD**

**OTHER
ONC BOCES BOARD
MEMBERS**

**REVIEW ELECTRONIC
DEVICE LOAN FORM**

**TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST *Tabled*
Cub Scout Pack 80**

**POLICY READING
7120, 7121, 7210, 7211,
7222, 7230, 7240, 7241,
7250, 7260, 7311, 7312,
8360, 8420, 8430, 8450,
8460, 8470**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Approved: _____

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Clerk: _____

Theresa K. Soodhied