

Date March 29, 2004 Special VA Board Room Terry Weiner
Kind of meeting *Where held* *Presiding Officer*

Members present: Baker, Bertalan., Glendinning,
Hudson, Mathews, Mauro, Weiner

Members absent: _____

Adm: Baughman, Laplante, Macan

- I. Mr. Weiner called the Special Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. The Board of Education was represented by one or more members at the following: Frank Mauro presentation, "The Black Box," on the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) at Schenectady High School; the forensics banquet; the First Annual Schenectady County Career Day, at which 1,200 students from all over the county met at Schenectady County Community College; tour of Ballston Spa High School; a seminar sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority on high performance schools; and "Why Alligators Eat Their Young" sponsored by N-CAP and held at Iroquois Middle School.
- III. Superintendent Kevin Baughman reported on a study from the Commission on Education Reform recommending an office of accountability, mandatory school board training, replacing administrators' tenure with 3-5 year contracts, a two-year budget, and save harmless clause.

Call to Order

Board Report

Superintendent Report

He announced the following upcoming activities:

- CAPSBA dinner at Schenectady County Community College on Media Relations - April 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- PTO Council meeting - March 30
- Site visit by Assistant Superintendent Lynn Lisy-Macan, Assistant Superintendent for Business Matt Bourgeois, and Dr. Baughman to view an elementary principal candidate's school - Wednesday, March 31.
- Rosendale Learning Fair - April 2
- Niska-Day - May 22; parade theme is the 50th anniversary of the district.
- 50th Anniversary Music Gala - "An Evening with Beethoven" - June 5, at 7 p.m. with an Afterglow Reception at the Mohawk Club.

Future Board meetings:

- April 19 - update on school lunch, healthy snacks and regulations. It was suggested that the district look into America's Promise.
- May 4, Tuesday - public hearing followed by a regular board meeting. Executive Session will be held from 6-7 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.
- May 17 - Safety Committee presentation
- June 7 - program review of social studies
- July 12 - organizational meeting

Dr. Baughman reported that health teacher Lonnie Wilson received the Annual Capital District YMCA Outstanding Educator Award. Five students were recognized as Outstanding Youth award nominees: Matthew Eisenstein, Evan Fenaroli, James Kelley, Matthew Larkin, and Aaron Mednick.

- IV. Mr. Hudson moved that the Board of Education cancel the Board meeting of April 5, 2004. Mr. Baker seconded. Carried 7-0.

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V. Mrs. Mauro moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the actions recommended in the consent agenda as follows:

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 22, 2004

B. . . . that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following personnel actions:

*denotes emergency conditional appointment

1. Instructional Leave of Absence

Instructional Leave of Absence Mllett-Wilson

The leave of absence of Kelly Millett-Wilson, English teacher, effective 9/1/04-1/3/05.

2. Part-time Instructional Appointment

Part-time Instructional Appointment Wolfort

Shannon Wolfort as a part-time (.05) home & careers teacher at VanAntwerp Middle School, effective 4/5/04-6/30/04, at an annual salary based on Step M-4.42-9 of the teachers' salary schedule.

3. Noninstructional Appointment

Noninstructional Appointment

Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary
Brooks, Traci	School Bus Driver (sub)	3/22/04	Step 1, Appendix E NCSDEA
Buckley, John	School Bus Driver (sub)	3/22/04	Step 1, Appendix E NCSDEA
Bush, Virginia	Supv./Clerical Assistant	3/29/04	Step S/CA-4, NESPA
Mullin, John	School Bus Driver (sub)	3/18/04	Step 1, Appendix E NCSDEA

Brooks
Buckley
Bush
Mullin

4. Emergency Conditional Appointments to Substitute ESP List, effective 3/30/04

Emerg. Cond. Appointment

Feeney, Sarah
Jackson, Tami

Feeney
Jackson

Mrs. Bertalan seconded. Carried 7-0.

VI. Mrs. Bertalan moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, place the following proposition on the May District Meeting ballot:

Adopt Resolution For 2004-2005 Budget Proposition

RESOLVED that the budget submitted by the Board of Education of Niskayuna Central School District No. 1 for the school year 2004-2005 in the amount of \$52,876,569 is hereby approved and adopted, and that the monies needed thereof be raised by tax or taxes for the purposes set forth in such budget, in accordance with law. Per ASM VI, A (Attachment #1). Mrs. Glendinning seconded. Carried 7-0.

During discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Mathews to amend the original motion to exclude the additional budgetary items not included in the original preliminary budget. There was no second.

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VII. Mrs. Mauro moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, place the following proposition on the May District Meeting ballot per ASM VI, B:

Adopt
Resolution
For 2004-2005
Bus Purchase
Proposition

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Niskayuna Central School District No. 1 is hereby authorized and directed to purchase six (6) school buses and expend therefor a sum not to exceed \$380,000 as follows:

- 4 - 66 Passenger School Buses
- 1 - 18 Passenger School Bus
- 1 - 6 Passenger School Van

which said total sum of \$380,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by tax on the taxable property of the school district to be collected in annual installments, and to issue obligations of the district thereof in accordance with the Education Law and Local Finance Law. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 7-0.

VIII. Mr. Baker moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hold a Public Hearing on the annual budget on May 4, 2004, the Budget Vote and Board of Education election on May 18, 2004 as per ASM VI, C (Attachment #2). Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 7-0.

Public Hearing
Public Vote
Board Election

IX. Mrs. Glendinning moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopt the homeowner income eligibility schedule for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. (ASM VI, D) (Attachment #3) Mr. Baker seconded. Carried 7-0.

Homeowner
Income
Eligibility
Schedule

X. Mrs. Bertalan moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopt the following services agreement to be entered into with any Third Party Administrator in order to comply with confidentiality requirements imposed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) per ASM VI E. (Attachment #4) Mr. Baker seconded. Carried 7-0.

Adopt Services
Agreement

XI. At 8:02 p.m. Mr. Baker moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Mrs. Glendinning seconded. Carried 7-0.

Executive
Session

XII. At 8:49 p.m. the Board reconvened to Public Session.

Public Session

XIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Adjourn