

Members present: Gordon, Hudson, Mauro, Oriola, Members absent: _____
Sosnow, Weiner, Winchester

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea Admin Absent:: _____

I. President Hudson called the Regular Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. He asked the Board members and the public to please pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of Van Antwerp Middle School social studies teacher, Sue Burke, who passed away unexpectedly on January 11, 2008.

Call to Order

II. Reports

Reports

A. Superintendent Baughman reported that there will be an N-Cap Health Initiative Workshop on January 31 from 6-8pm at Rosendale; CAPSBA Dinner is scheduled for January 24; Alumni Visitation Day was January 4 which was also attended by a representative from Siena College; Elementary Class Size information sessions were held at Glencliff and Birchwood Schools. Liaisons were asked to attend the upcoming information sessions at Hillside and Craig on January 15 and Rosendale on January 17. Additional information that is being provided to parents was provided to the Board members in their packets; BOE nomination petitions will be available February 18 that require a minimum of 50 signatures and need to be returned to the Clerk of the Board by April 21; Dr. Shea and Judy Frost are working on updates to the District Academics website pages; updates to the Construction project were provided to the Board. February 11 will be the last BOE Meeting to be held in the Boardroom until September 2008 where in the interim, the meetings will be held predominantly at the Van Antwerp auditorium; provided the Board with Governor Spitzer's State-of-the-State Address.

Superintendent Report

B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: Glencliff, NHS and Birchwood PTO Meetings; Michele Fox's retirement party at NHS; Alumni Day; Middle School Retired Teacher's luncheon; Science Night at Glencliff; BOCES Superintendent Search Interview process; DARE Meeting; NHS basketball game and Craig Diversity Night.

Board Report

III. Community Comments:

Nothing to report.

Community Comments

IV. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the actions recommended in the consent agenda of the item(s) listed below:

Consent Agenda

A. ...minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2007.

Approve Minutes

B. ...that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following personnel actions, per ASM IV,

Routine Personnel

*= emergency conditional appointment pending State Education fingerprint clearance

A. Instructional – Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elementary Academic/ Special Tenure Area</u>	<u>Probation Period</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
*Krawczyk, Valerie	TA/Craig	1/2/08-1/2/11	Pending	TA-6
Limani, Christina	TA/Birchwood	1/15/08 – 1/15/11	Pending	TA-5

Krawczyk
Limani

B. Instructional – Appointment – Part-Time

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary Step</u>
Tambasco, Jennifer	English/HS	1/2/08	B-1

Tambasco

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary Step</u>
Travis, Colleen	Spec. Ed/HS	1/2/08-6/30/08	M-5
Rogers, Catherine	English/HS	1/28/08-6/30/08	M-1
Bailey, Krystin	Ext. Kind/Hillside	1/7/08-6/30/08	M-1

Travis
Rogers
Bailey**D. Instructional-Adjustments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Marcellino, Paul	Art/HS	9/5/07	Additional .01 FTE
Wells, Christine	TA/Glencliff	9/5/07	From 5.5 to 6 hrs/wk
TenEyck, Jennifer	Speech/District	1/15/08	Additional .02 FTE

Marcellino
Wells
TenEyck**E. Instructional – Leave of Absence**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Reader, Joanna	Business/High school	1/28/08-6/30/08

Reader

F. Coach

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary Step</u>
Trela, Karoline	Diving/Boys	12/3/07	As per contract
Stone, Michael	Swim Coach/Modified	Winter Coach	As per contract

Trela
Stone**G. Non-Instructional – Appointment-Probationary**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary Step</u>
*Hungerschafer, Amanda	Typist/HS	1/22/08	As per contract
*Polsinelli, Holly	S/CA	12/18/07	NESPA S/CA-6
*Piskutz, William	Cleaner	1/15/08	NSDEA Level 4-Step 1

Hungerschafer
Polsinelli
Piskutz**H. Non-Instructional – Appointment – Permanent**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Woods, Donna	Executive Secretary I	12/24/07

Woods

I. Appointment of Approved Staff-These staff have received fingerprint clearance from SED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Bailey, Krystin	Ext. Kind/Hillside
Boehlke, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Bryda, Jamie	Substitute Teacher
Daly, Dorothy	Substitute Teacher
Dollard, Kaitlyn	Substitute Teacher
Drake, Robert	Substitute Teacher/SDA
Dubreuil, Sarah	Substitute Teacher
Longo, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Nagarag, Meera	Substitute Teacher/Library Science
Rogers, Catherine	English/HS
Sankowski, Edith	Substitute Teacher
Tambasco, Jennifer	English/HS
Travis, Colleen	Spec. Ed/HS

Staff Having
Received NYSED
Fingerprint
Clearance**J. Reappointment of Emergency Conditional Staff – These staff have not been cleared by SED**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Ahmed, Shireen	TA Sub
Andrzejczak, Kathleen	Substitute Teacher
Amodeo, Christine	Substitute Teacher
Andrews, Carol	Substitute Teacher
Arias, Roberto	Substitute Cleaner
Baldauf, Karin	Substitute Teacher
Barringer, Dawn	EA/CA
Bennett, Charles	Music/VA & Elem.
Berrin, Kimberly	Substitute Teacher
Barringer, Dawn	CA/TA
Beaver, Lauren	Substitute Teacher
Bennett, Charles	Music/VA & Elem
Bird, Thomas	Coach
Biros, Lisa	Substitute Teacher
Brown, Cassandra	Substitute TA
Burnez, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Bryan, Kathleen	Substitute TA
Califano, James	Substitute Teacher/Music

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Capra, Jr., Joseph	Cleaner
Carey-Ruona, Christen	Substitute TA
Cassella, Theresa	Substitute Nurse
Cogan, Kelly	Substitute Teacher
Crispino, Michelle	Substitute Food Service Helper
Cross, Anna	Coach
Davis, Kimberly	Substitute Teacher
Depot, Robert	Cook/Mgr.
De Vivo, Michele	Substitute Teacher
Diefendorf, Cynde	Substitute Teacher
Dring, Jeffrey	Substitute Teacher
Elgamel, Lisa	Substitute TA
Elliott, Marilyn	Crew Coach
Fisk, Carla	Substitute Music Teacher
Frisoni, Stacy	Substitute Teacher
Garrison, Albert	Cleaner
Ghani, Wazir	Cleaner
Ginsberg, Rebecca	Substitute TA
Gordon, Shelly	Substitute Secretary/CA/TA
Harris, Deborah	TA
Hayden, David	Substitute Teacher
Heubel, Janet	Clerical Assistant
Hudman, Jenny	Substitute FSH
Massie, Robert	Substitute Teacher
Mc Ginn, Jacqueline	Substitute Teacher/Administrator
McPherson, Sheila	Substitute Teacher
Murphy, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Murray, Lisa	Substitute Teacher
Nealon, Gia	Substitute TA
Ng, Bonnie	Substitute Teacher/Health\
Pahl, Michelle	Intern – Substitute Teacher
Pailley, Allen	Substitute PE
Paradise, Jennifer	Teacher
Perrone, Marcia	Typist/Spec. Ed.
Pezze, Meghan	Substitute Teacher
Phillips, Shelley	TA
Piszczek, Julie	Substitute TA
Polsinelli, Holly	S/CA
Prill, Kyle	Substitute Cleaner
Pudim, Sandra	Substitute TA
Purcell, Michael	Tutor
Recchio, Kelly	Substitute Nurse
Rider, Steven	Substitute Teacher
Romero, Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher
Rosch, Kevin	Substitute Teacher
Rosenthal, Michael	Substitute Teacher
Ruona, Christen Carey-	Substitute TA
Sail, Suzanne	Substitute Nurse
Santiago, Kimb	Substitute Teacher/Administrator
Sawyer, Kristy	Substitute Teacher
Sayers, Ruth	Substitute FSH
Saxe, Christine	Substitute Teacher
Shellard, Michele	Substitute Clerical Assistant
Simms, Alyssa	Substitute Teacher
Skotarczak, Sabrina	Substitute Teacher
Sleizer, Jeanette	Substitute Teacher
Spero, Jessica	Substitute Teacher
Steir, Cheryl	Substitute Nurse
Stiffler, Kevin	Educational Technologist
Tracy, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Terry, David	Substitute Teacher
Trainor, Kathleen	Substitute Teacher
Walsh, Wendy	S/CA Transportation
Williams, Craig	Substitute Teacher
Williams, Luanne	Substitute Teacher
Wilson, Pamela	Substitute TA
Winterton, Michael	Substitute Teacher
Wylie, Kathleen	Substitute Teacher

Staff Awaiting
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K. Resignation - Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Gray, Claudia Sprecher	Business/HS	1/25/08
Paradise, Jennifer	Special Ed/Glenclyff	1/25/08

Gray
Paradise

L. Resignation – Non-Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
August, Annetta	SCA/Transportation	12/15/07
Connell, Matthew	TA/Birchwood	1/11/08

August
Connell

C. ...that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Groceries Bid 2007-2008 per ASM IV, C in part to:

Award of Bid -
Groceries

Sysco	\$28,555.13
Ginsburg	19,904.15
Quandt's	14,508.53
Organic Vending	8,058.00
By-George	<u>3,482.35</u>
Grand Total	\$74,508.16

...that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Athletic Infield Clay Mix Bid to Partac Peat Corporation for an estimated total of \$10,200 as ASM IV, C.

Award of Bid –
Athletic Infield Clay
Mix

D. ...that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoint the following individual to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) as a member as per ASM IV, D:

Appoint CSE
Member

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>ROLE</u>
Cheryl Newcomb	Parent Member

Newcomb

* Each student's teacher will be invited to serve as a member when student is being discussed at the CSE meeting.

Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 7-0.

V. Instruction

Instruction

A. Mrs. Sosnow moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the student exchange trip to France in April 2008 as per ASM V, A. Mr. Winchester seconded. Carried 7-0.

Approval – Class
Trip

B. The Board discussed chapters 7 and 8 of Integrating Differentiated Instruction and Understanding by Design.

Book Discussion

C. The Board reviewed and discussed the 2008-2009 School Calendar.

Review – School
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VI.	Business		Business
A.	The Board discussed District considerations relating to the 2008-2009 Budget.		Budget Discussion
B.	The Board received 2008-2009 Baseline budget binders.		
C.	The Board discussed updates regarding the Capital Project Borrowing/Financing.		Capital Project Borrowing Update
D.	Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept and file the Treasurer's Report for October and November 2007 as per ASM VI, D. Mrs. Mauro seconded. Carried 7-0.		Treasurer's Report
E.	Mrs. Mauro moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the transfer of funds for the month of November 2007 as per ASM VI, E. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 7-0.		Transfer of Funds
VII.	Personnel		Personnel
A.	Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize a monthly stipend of \$450 along with a mileage reimbursement allowance of \$350 per month from January 1, 2008 through June 30, to the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds during the Capital Construction Project as per ASM VII, A. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.		Payment of Stipend – Travel & Mileage
VIII.	General		General
IX.	Other		Other
X.	Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to discuss items related to CSE, CPSE and 504 recommendations, specific personnel, contractual and legal matters. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.		Executive Session
	The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.		Adjourn
XI.	The Board reconvened to Public Session at 10:12 p.m.		Reconvene -
XII.	Mr. Weiner moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize the recommendations of the CSE, CPSE and 504 Committee and agreed-upon amendments. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.		Authorize Recommendations – CSE, CPSE, 504
XIII.	Mr. Weiner moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the NAA and NDA dated 12/14/07. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 7-0.		Memorandum of Agreement – NAA/NDA
XIV.	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.		Adjournment
XV.	Information		Information
A.	School Lunch Report – September, October and November 2007		
B.	Tenure Alert		

