

Date October 9, 2007 Regular VA Board Room David Hudson
Date *Kind of meeting* *Where held* *Presiding Officer*

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

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea Admin Absent: _____
Also present: E. Baker, R. Grastorf, S. Kostoss, J. Tamburello

I. President Hudson called the Regular Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 7:07 p.m.

Call to Order

II. A. Superintendent Baughman reported that we are responding to parental concerns about air quality in the schools under construction by employing Alpine Environmental to test the air quality using Birchwood school as a control. Findings will be reported to the Board and parents as soon as they are received. Dr. Patricia Schuler presented K-12 faculty on differentiated instruction; GLEAN committee met on October 2; Dr. Robinson will interview BOCES Alpha and administrators on October 15; District is sending 18 teachers (grades 4-12) to a November 29 conference re: meeting needs of highly academically talented students to be partially funded by \$25K GLEAN budget; Community forum on elementary class size will meet at Van Antwerp at 7pm Wednesday, October 10; Rosendale Elementary School was named "*Blue Ribbon School*" by the US Department of Education for 2007-2008, an award given to only 300 schools out of a possible 133,000 nationwide, having been recommended by NYS Education Department. A plaque will be presented to Rosendale School at a ceremony in November, to which the Board and public will be invited; Three Niskayuna High School seniors were named as National Merit Semi-Finalists – *Bailey Fitzgerald, Yifan Tang, Samuel Grondahl* – who will be officially honored at the November 19 BOE meeting; Edna Baker is present this evening and will periodically observe BOE meetings over the next several months as Dr. Baughman is her Site Coach through the Ph.D program at Sage College.

Superintendent Report

B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: art show (NiskArt Artists' Reception to be held October 16); Dr. Schuler's presentation; GLEAN meeting; Charlie McCambridge's retirement party; Welcome reception for new administrators; Policy Committee meeting; Audit Committee meeting; CAPSBA member list was given to Board members; Freshmen dinner has been rescheduled to October 11; New Teacher dinner (this evening); PTO Council meeting; Ad-hoc DARE Alternative Committee meeting; Community Forum is being held simultaneously to BOE this evening which is sponsored by NHS PTO.

Board Report

III. Community Comments

There were no community comments.

Community Comments

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- 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 items listed below:
- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 24
 - B. ...that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following personnel actions, per ASM IV, B

Consent Agenda
 Approve Minutes
 Routine Personnel

*= pending State Education fingerprint clearance

Recommended Motion: Move that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following personnel actions:

A. Instructional – Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elementary Academic/ Special Tenure Area</u>	<u>Probation Period</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
McPartlon, Robin	TA/Birchwood	10/10/07-10/10/10	permanent	NESPA-TA-Step 6
Reichelt, Erica	TA/Iroquois	9/25/07-9/25/10	pending	NESPA-TA-Step 5

McPartlon
 Reichelt

B. Instructional – Appointment – Part-Time

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elementary Academic/ Special Tenure Area</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Cert Status</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Zarelli, Mena	Foreign Language	HS	permanent	10/9/07	.20

Zarelli

C. Instructional-Additional Assignment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Samascot, Joseph	High School/Science	10/9/07	Additional .25
Carrico, Zachary	Iroquois/Technology	9/4/07	Additional .05
Blechinger, Thomas	Iroquois/Technology	9/4/07	Additional .05

Samascott
 Carrico
 Blechinger

D. Instructional – Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rizzo, Traci	Hillside/Reading	Approx. 5/8/08-3/2/09
Tuttle, Suzanne	Birchwood/TA	Approx. 9/28/07-11/29/07
McClenon, Stacey	District/Music	Approx. 3/17/08-6/30/08

Rizzo
 Tuttle
 McClenon

E. Instructional-Adjustments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Prendergast, Elizabeth	HS/Foreign Language	10/9/07	Decrease .20
Gifford, Jason	Phys.Ed/District-wide	9/10/07	Increase from .625 to .825

Prendergast
 Gifford

F. Non-Instructional - Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary Step</u>
Cline, Maryellen	Substitute Bus Driver	10/2/07	NSDEA Level 1-Step 1
Martin, Richard	Substitute Bus Driver	10/2/07	NSDEA Level 1-Step 1

Cline
 Martin

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G. Non-Instructional -Probationary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary Step</u>
Barker, Ernest	Craig	10/1/07	Level 4 – Step 3
Ghanie, Wazir	Van Antwerp	10/9/07	Level 4 – Step 1

Barker
Ghanie

H. Non-Instructional – Adjustments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Battaglia, Tina	Hillside	10/10/07	Additional 15 mins/day

Battaglia

I. Appointment of Staff to Serve As Liaisons to Media and Computer Services

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Cufari, Cheryl	Grades K-5	10/1/07-6/30/08	\$200/mo
Bergin, Melissa	Grades 6-12	10/1/07-6/30/08	\$200/mo
Greene, Michael	Coordinator of Purchasing, Leases & Liaison for Computer TA's	10/1/07-6/30/08	\$200/mo

Cufari
Bergin
Greene

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Allocco, Gary	Substitute Teacher
Alois, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Berger, Victoria	Substitute Teacher
Butler, Kelly	Substitute Teacher
Catalano, Maria	Substitute Teacher
Debes, Kelly	Substitute Teacher
DeCarr, Richard	Substitute Teacher
Faughnan, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Fennessy, Lauren	Substitute Teacher
Frament, Lindsay	Substitute Teacher
Fox, Thomas	Substitute Teacher/Music
Gleason, Eric	Substitute Teacher
Kelly, Kenneth	Substitute Teacher
Kinnally, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Kopke, Catherine	Substitute Teacher
Krakat, Andrew	Substitute Teacher
Lasher, Christopher	Substitute Teacher
MacDougall, Marguerite	Substitute Teacher/French
McKinney, Dawn	Substitute Teacher
Santabarbara, Ashleigh	Substitute Teacher
Serfilippi, Lynn	Substitute Teacher

Staff Having
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K. Reappointment of Emergency Conditional Staff – These staff have not been cleared by SED

Staff Awaiting
NYSED
Fingerprint
Clearance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Amodeo, Christine	Substitute Teacher
Andrews, Carol	Substitute Teacher
Arias, Roberto	Substitute Cleaner
Ayscue, Matthew	Substitute Teacher
Califano, James	Substitute Teacher/Music
Chalmers, Anne	Substitute Teacher
Davis, Jennifer	Teaching Assistant
Diefendorf, Cynde	Substitute Teaching Assistant/CA
Dring, Jeffrey	Substitute Teacher
Elliott, Marylin	Crew Coach
Gordon, Shelly	Substitute Secretary/CA/TA
Hagan, Lori	Substitute Food Service Helper
Hamm, Cora	Substitute Teacher
Heidelmark, Sara	Substitute Teacher
LaMora, Scott	Substitute Teacher
Mayer, Alison	Substitute Teacher
Morsy, Nesrin	Substitute TA/CA
Mullaney, Rosemarie	Substitute TA/CA/Food Service
Murray, Lisa	Substitute Teacher
Nath, Shrilata	Substitute Teaching Assistant/CA
Ng, Bonnie	Substitute Teacher/Health
Pandillo, Kristin	Substitute Teacher
Purcell, Michael	Tutor
Ragule, Patricia	Substitute Teacher
Rider, Steven	Substitute Teacher
Romero, Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher
Rosch, Kevin	Substitute Teacher
Sail, Suzanne	Substitute Nurse
Saxe, Christine	Substitute Teacher
Scrivens, Robert	Substitute Teacher
Shellard, Michele	Substitute Clerical Assistant
Sleizer, Jeanette	Substitute Teacher
Tambasco, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Terry, David	Substitute Teacher
Weaver, Caryn	Substitute Clerical Assistant
Welcome, Kimberly	Substitute Teacher
Williams, Luanne	Substitute Teacher

L. Retirement – Non-Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Fox, Michele	High School/Cook	12/30/07

Fox

M. Resignation-Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cutler, Grace	Craig/TA	10/17/07

Cutler

N. Resignation-Non-Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kenneally, James	Transportation/Sub Bus Driver	10/1/07

Kenneally

Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 7-0.

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V.	Instruction	Instruction
VI.	Business	Business
A.	Mrs. Mauro moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the creation of the position of Accounting Supervisor as per ASM VI, A. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.	Create Position- Accounting Supervisor
B.	Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the contract for internal audit services to Questar III BOCES through June 30, 2008, in accordance with the attached agreement at a rate of \$595 per day, as per ASM VI, B (<i>Attachment #1</i>). Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 7-0.	Award of Contract – Internal Audit
C.	Mrs. Sosnow moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, acknowledge receipt of the independent auditor's report for 2006-2007, per ASM VI, C. Mr. Weiner seconded. Carried 7-0 (<i>Attachment #2-Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting</i>).	Independent Audit Report
D.	Mrs. Sosnow moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2007 per ASM VI, D. Mr. Weiner seconded. Carried 7-0	Treasurer's Report
VII.	Personnel	Personnel
A.	Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the creation of the position of Administrator for Technology and Information and the job description effective October 9, 2007 per ASM VII, A. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0-1 (Abstained: Winchester).	Creation of Position
B.	Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve retaining Gary Connor for the delivery of Substance Abuse Prevention Education Program for 5 th graders for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$10,170 per ASM VII, B. Mr. Winchester seconded. Carried 7-0.	Retain Services – Gary Connor
VIII.	General	General
A.	The Board reviewed their instructions to their voting delegate regarding the resolutions to be considered by the New York State School Boards Association at the convention in late October.	NYSSBA Resolutions
B.	The Board discussed NYSSBA travel plans to the conference in NYC from October 25 through October 27, 2007.	NYSSBA Travel Plans
IX.	Other	Other
X.	Mr. Weiner moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to discuss items related to CSE, CPSE, 504 recommendations and specific personnel matters and negotiations. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.	Executive Session

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XI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Adjourn

XII. Information

Information

Future Board Meeting Dates

*October 22, 2007	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting
November 5, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
November 19, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
December 3, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
December 17, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
January 24, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting
January 28, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting

* please note change in BOE Meeting time