

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

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea Admin Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Also Present: R. Grastorf, V. Holley, T O'Donnell, J. Rickert

**I. Welcome**

- A. President Hudson called the Special Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

**II. Reports**

- A. Superintendent Baughman welcomed the public and reminded everyone that the next BOE meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17 at 7pm to further discuss the recommended 2008-09 budget as well as first draft of fund raising administrative legislation; teacher and administrative tenure information will be available at the District Office for review. The Board will begin discussions on the respective information beginning March 17; he shared with the Board issues that are considered unfunded or under-funded that school districts are currently facing; Your Schools (pre-budget issue) is due out within the next two weeks. The Budget issue will be mailed out around May 1; he shared with the Board an article that was published in the Craig student newsletter regarding snow day determination based on an interview the author had with Dr. Baughman; lastly, he shared with the Board and congratulated Physical Education teacher Jo-Ann Sabourin as the recipient of the Professional of the Year award, presented by NYS AHPERD.

Reports

Superintendent Report

- B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: Middle School Retired Teacher's luncheon; FLES meeting which will be attended Thursday, March 13; band festival at NHS; Policy Committee meeting with John Connolly; junior class basketball fundraiser; meeting with Senator Farley; Van Antwerp PTO meeting where a presentation was also given by Adirondack Pictures; Van Antwerp visitation day; elementary art show; Glenclyff PTO was canceled; Birchwood Family Fun night; Hillside Spaghetti Dinner; CAPSBA will be attended Thursday, March 13 by three Board members.

Board Report

**III. Community Comments**

Nothing to report.

Community Comments

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the action recommended in the consent agenda of the item listed below:

Consent Agenda

- A. ...minutes of the *Regular* Board Meeting of March 3, 2008 per ASM IV, A.

Approve Minutes

Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.

Routine Personnel

Date: March 10, 2008  
*Date*

Special & Budget  
*Kind of meeting*

**V. Instruction**

Instruction

A. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approved a reduction of the Elementary Class Size Guideline by one student as follows: Grade kindergarten and first-23 students; grade two and three-25 students; grade 4 and five-27 students effective with all classes beginning school on or after September 1, 2008 as per ASM V, A. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 7-0.

Approval of Class Size Guideline

B. Mr. Weiner moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve an amendment to ASM V, A to read as follows: *...move that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following elementary school maximum class size guidelines, effective September 1, 2008: 23 students in kindergarten and first grade, 25 students in second and third grades, and 27 students in fourth and fifth grades.* Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.

Amendment of ASM V, A

**VI. Business**

Business

A. The Board discussed the recommended 2008-09 Budget.

Budget Discussion-Recommended

**VII. Personnel**

Personnel

**VIII. General**

General

**IX. Other**

Other

**X. Executive Session**

Executive Session

Mr. Weiner moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

Adjourn

**XI. Reconvene**

Reconvene -

The Board reconvened to Public Session at 9:39 p.m.

**XII. Authorize Recommendations**

Approve ES Minutes

Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve Executive Session minutes of March 3, 2008. Mr. Weiner seconded. Carried 7-0.

**XIII. Adjourn**

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

