

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

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

Also: R. Fisher, R. Grastorf, G. Hamlin, A. Lindman, J. Rickert, A. Van Debogart, N. Van Debogart,

**I. Welcome**

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

**II. Reports**

A. Superintendent Baughman: publicly acknowledged the passing of the 2009-2010 School Budget on May 19 and congratulated the two Board successful incumbent Board members, Mrs. Barbara Mauro and Mr. Robert Winchester; Town Police awards ceremony was recently held in the Little Theatre; National Honor Society induction was held Wednesday, May 27; plans are emerging for the opening of school in September; NHS Awards Ceremony will be held on June 4; ribbon-cutting ceremonies will be held on June 5 at Rosendale, Birchwood and Hillside Schools; groundbreaking ceremonies at NHS will be held after the opening of school in September; the 2009-2010 BOE Reorganization meeting will be held July 13 at 5 p.m.; back-to-school meeting is scheduled for August 24 from 4-7 p.m. followed by BOE meeting at 7 p.m. in the NHS Media Center; Audit Committee meeting will be held June 16 at 8:30 a.m.; Niskayuna's own Andre Davis and others will hold a football camp located at Iroquois (6/19) and NHS (6/20) at a cost of \$20 per student to benefit the Sports Boosters; Athletic Award night will be held June 10 at 7 p.m.; The NYSSBA Conference will again be held in NYC in October. Reservations will be accepted after June 1.

B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: School Budget vote; CAPSBA dinner; middle school retirement dinner; Passport at Craig; middle school, high school concerts and orchestra gala; Social Studies Senior Awards; Memorial Day observance ceremonies at NHS; Health Advisory Committee meeting; Fifth-Grade Evaluation of the Drug Abuse Awareness programs; "Reality Check" presentation; three modified games; "Joke Day" at Hillside; Foreign Language Department Awards; middle school Jazz Band.

C. Garrett Hamlin, Lead Architect of the Thomas Group provided the Board with additional renderings of the sign to be placed at the entrance to the high school off Balltown Road.

**III. Community Comments**

Amanda Van DeBogart of Troy Road addressed the Board regarding student issues at the high school.

Nancy Strang Van DeBogart of Troy Road addressed the Board regarding policies at the high school.

Alec Lindman of Rosendale Road addressed the Board regarding the purchase of new lights for the high school auditorium.

Welcome

Reports

Superintendent Report

Board Reports

Capital Project Update

Community Comments

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

\*= emergency conditional appointment pending State Education fingerprint clearance

Consent Agenda

**IV. Consent Agenda**

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:

- A. ...minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2009 per ASM IV, A...
- B. ...the following personnel actions per ASM IV, B...

**A. Appointment –Instructional – Permanent Status**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elementary Academic Special Tenure Area</u>	<u>Probation Period</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kouzan, Alyssa	Math 7-12	9/1/09-9/1/12	initial	B-3

Kouzan

**B. Appointment – Instructional – Replacement**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Canjura, Ximena	Spanish/HS	9/1/09 – 1/29/10	M-1

Canjura

**C. Appointment of Summer School Staff/Literacy Program and Special Education Program**

Summer School Coordinator	Amy Dufort	3 sections
Special Ed. Teacher K-2	Theresa Featherstone	4 sections
Special Ed. Teacher 3-5	Lisa Thomas	4 sections
Special Ed. Kindergarten	Jaime Belles	3 sections
Special Ed. Kindergarten	Donna Baumgartner	3 sections
Kindergarten Teacher Regular Ed.	Jessica Jefts	3 sections
Kindergarten Teacher Regular Ed.	Diane Buanno	3 sections
Grade 1 Special Ed.	Chris Cipriano	3 sections
Grade 1 Regular Ed.	Mary Burke	3 sections
Grade 1 Regular Ed.	Julie Hallenbeck	3 sections
Grade 1 Regular Ed.	Doris Monfils	3 sections
Grade 2 Special Ed.	Shayna Usher	3 sections
Grade 2 Regular Ed.	Sarah Conboy	3 sections
Grade 2 Regular Ed.	Cynthia Castren	3 sections
Grade 3 Regular Ed.	Barbara Cooper	3 sections
Grade 3 Special Ed.	David Hughes	3 sections
Grade 4-5 Special Ed.	Nicole Menge	3 sections
Grade 4-5 Regular Ed.	Beth Montrello	3 sections
Grade 4-5 Regular Ed.	Wade Fisher	3 sections
ELA	Debbie Fennelly	3 sections
Wilson Tutoring	Valerie Maxwell	1.09 sections
Wilson Tutoring	Christine Mein	4 sections
Occupational Therapy	Donna Tessitore	1.23 sections
Physical Therapy	Marion Kouzan	1.50 sections
Speech Therapy	Kitty Kelly	4 sections
Speech Therapy	Deb Abba	4 sections
Clerical	Debbie Popolizio	3.5 hrs/day-hourly

**Summer School**

Dufort  
Featherstone  
Thomas  
Belles  
Baumgartner  
Jefts  
Buanno  
Cirpiano  
Burke  
Hallenbeck  
Monfils  
Usher  
Conboy  
Castren  
Cooper  
Hughes  
Menge  
Montrello  
Fisher  
Fennelly  
Maxwell  
Mein  
Tessitore  
Kouzan  
Kelly  
Abba  
Popolizio

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**Teaching Assistants for Center-Based Program Five (5) hours/day:**

Katie McKinney  
 Mary Baggetta  
 Anne Bergami  
 Susan Beth Olsen  
 Kathryn White  
 Denise Palatsky

McKinney  
 Baggetta  
 Bergami  
 Olsen  
 White  
 Palatsky

**Teaching Assistants for Center-Based and Literacy Program Floaters Five (5) hours/day**

Allison Palmer  
 Catherine Rotondi

Palmer  
 Rotondi

**Teaching Assistants for the Literacy Program Three (3) hours/day**

Shelley Phillips  
 Carol Terwilliger  
 Abby Sapp  
 Janet Young  
 Karyn Picker  
 Mark Werblin  
 Kathleen Mancuso  
 Lauren Hovey  
 Margaret Knickerbocker  
 Lauren Matarazzo

Phillips  
 Terwilliger  
 Sapp  
 Young  
 Picker  
 Werblin  
 Mancuso  
 Hovey  
 Knickerbocker  
 Matarazzo

**Appointment of Summer School Staff/High School Special Education Program**

High School Special Ed. Teacher	Jodi Hogsberg	4 sections
High School Special Ed. Teacher	Caroline Mineau	4 sections
High School Special Ed. Resource Teacher	Adria Marra	1.5 sections
High School Special Ed. Resource Teacher	Cindy Marsche	1.5 sections
TA SWEPE	Dorothy Quaintance	5 hrs/day

Hogsberg  
 Mineau  
 Marra  
 Marsche  
 Quaintance

**Appointment of Summer School Staff/Middle School Program**

English (Gr. 6-8)	Christopher Pierson
Math (Gr. 6-8)	Jacqueline Giaccone

Pierson  
 Giaccone

**D. Appointment – Coaches**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Bellinger, Blake	8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Girls Lacrosse	3/23/09	as per contract
Fries, Ryan	8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Baseball	3/23/09	as per contract

Bellinger  
 Fries

**E. Appointment of Approved Staff – These staff have received fingerprint clearance from SED**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Borofsky, Heidi	Substitute Teacher
Cardinal, Jennifer	Tutor
Clark, Matthew	Substitute Teacher
Corliss, Kristen	Substitute Teacher
Cuchelo, Michelle	Substitute Teacher
DeLucia, Harold	Substitute Teacher
Eldeen, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Glanzrock, Scott	Substitute Teacher
Haddad, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Hall, Ashley	Substitute Teacher
Hunt, Sarah	Substitute Teacher
Kalas, Vedrana	Substitute Teacher
LaBombard, Skyler	Substitute Teacher
McAndrews-Pipa, Donna	Substitute Teacher
Normandin, Kaylan	Substitute Teacher
O'Brien, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Petrick, Lauren	Substitute Teacher
Wagner, Daniel	Substitute Teacher
Xie, Sherry (Zhimin)	Substitute Teacher

Staff Having  
 Received NYSED  
 Fingerprint  
 Clearance (1/28/08-  
 6/01/09)

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**F. Reappointment of Emergency Conditional Staff – 9/1/08 – 6/1/09 These staff have not been cleared by SED**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Calicchia, Carl	Substitute Teacher
Davies, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Foster, Galen	Substitute Teacher
Fruscione, Kate	Substitute Teacher
Fusco, Nicole	Substitute Teacher
Gill, Patrick	Substitute Teacher
Holden, Matthew	Substitute Teacher
Johnson, Gerald	Substitute Teacher
Nakhla, Adly	Substitute Teacher
Rappold, Amanda	Substitute Teacher
Sayward, Kelly	Substitute Teacher
Young, Daniel	Substitute Teacher

Staff Awaiting  
NYSED Fingerprint  
Clearance (1/28/08-  
6/1/09)

**G. Resignation – Instructional**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mineau, Caroline	TA/HS	8/11/09

Mineau

- C. ...award the 2009-2010 Bus Body Repair Services bid to Chuck’s Reconditioning Service for an estimated annual total of \$21,000 as per ASM IV, C.

Award of Bid – Bus  
Body Repairs

Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 7-0.

**V. Instruction**

Instruction

- A. The Board discussed the 2009-2010 half-day conference calendar.

Calendar – 2009-  
2010

**VI. Business**

Business

- A. Mrs. Gordon 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 April, 2009 as per ASM VI, A. Mr. Winchester seconded. Carried 6-0.
- B. Mrs. Sosnow moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Transfer of Funds for the month of April, 2009 as per ASM VI, B. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0.
- c. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize payment in the amount of \$17,865 to reimburse NYSERDA for an energy analysis to be conducted at the high school through the New York Energy Smart New Construction Program in accordance with their proposal as per ASM VI, C. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.
- d. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$701,500 for the purchase of buses as adopted by the voters on May 19, 2009 in accordance with the Attached (*Attachment #1*) Resolution as per ASM VI, D. Mr. Winchester seconded. Carried 6-0.

Treasurer’s Report

Transfer of Funds

Approve Payment  
– NYSERDA

Authorize Issuance  
of Bonds - Buses

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- E. The Board discussed the written response to the NYS Controller's Performance Audit of the Child Nutrition Program.

Written Response  
– Controller's Audit

**VII. Personnel**

Personnel

- A. Ron Grastorf, Administrator for Human Resources, and the Board discussed the Selection Process for Teaching Positions draft.

Selection Process –  
Teachers

**VIII. General**

General

- A. Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the dates of the Board of Education meetings for the 2009-2010 School Year as per ASM VIII, A (*as amended*). Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0.

Approve BOE  
Meeting Calendar  
for 2009-2010

**IX. Other**

Other

**X. Executive Session**

Executive Session

Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to discuss items related to CSE, CPSE and 504 Recommendations, specific personnel, contracts and legal matters. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 6-0.

- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting reconvened at 11:25 p.m.

Reconvene

- XII. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize the recommendations of the CSE, CPSE and 504 Committee and agreed-upon amendments and approve Executive Session minutes of *May 18, 2009*. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.

Authorize  
Recommendations–  
CSE, CPSE, 504 &  
Approve ES Minutes

- XIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Adjourn



*Attachment #1*

Niskayuna Central Schools

ASM VI D  
June 1, 2009

To: Board of Education  
From: Matt Bourgeois, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Via: Kevin Baughman, Superintendent  
RE: Resolution for Issuance of Bus Bonds

Recommendation: Move that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$701,500 for the purchase of buses as adopted by the voters on May 19, 2009 in accordance with the attached resolution per ASM VI D.

**Information:**

Bond counsel, Douglas Goodfriend of Orrick Herrington and Sutcliffe, has indicated that the board must approve this bond resolution prior to the issuance of bonds for the purpose of financing buses. These bus purchases were authorized by the voters of the Niskayuna Central School District as outlined in proposition number two on May 19, 2009.

The bus bond proceeds allow the district to pay the vendor(s) in full for the buses at the time of delivery. The bus bond proceeds are then repaid over a five year period. These bond payments of principal and interest are largely offset by transportation aid (65%) the district will receive in equal installments over the next five years for those bus purchases.

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 1, 2009.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$701,500 BONDS OF NISKAYUNA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHENECTADY COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, at the Annual Election of the qualified voters of Niskayuna Central School District, Schenectady County, New York, held on May 19, 2009, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to purchase school buses, for a maximum estimated cost of not exceeding \$701,500, and providing for the levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for such purchase of said school buses and the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of **not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength** of the Board of Education of Niskayuna Central School District, Schenectady County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of school buses for Niskayuna Central School District, Schenectady County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$701,500.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost shall consist of the issuance of not exceeding \$701,500 bonds of said School District, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. Such bonds are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, and the faith and credit of said



Niskayuna Central School District, Schenectady County, New York, are hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five years, pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- b) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper(s) of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.