Date December 15, 2008 (Date) | Regular (Kind of meeting) | Van Antwerp Board Room (Where held) | David Hudson (Presiding Officer)

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

Members absent:

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea

Admin Absent: all present

Also: R. Grastorf, J. Rickert

I. Welcome

Welcome

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

Reports

II. Reports

Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Baughman: thanked National Grid as well as maintenance and transportation staff for their hard work in getting the school buildings ready for children after the recent ice storm. All buildings were open today with the exception of Birchwood – absenteeism is up slightly from the average; the area around Birchwood School was the hardest hit by the recent storm and as authorities are unable to commit to a date where all customers will be back online, the District has secured a 235k watt generator from which to run Birchwood School. Birchwood will re-open tomorrow as a result of Sano Rubin's creative and resourceful efforts; the District mourns the sudden loss of Ralph Fazio, long-time bus driver and dispatcher in the transportation department; the District mourns the loss of Tom Newkirk, a Niskayuna parent, in a tragic motor vehicle accident this past week; Annual Alumni Day will be held January 9, 2009; the next BOE meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2009 where discussion will include information regarding the Governor's budget proposal; the District will be acknowledging the retirement of two District employees – Rosalie Lauber, School Nurse at Glencliff School and Gloria Jean, Director of K-12 Guidance and Counseling.

Board Reports

B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: FLES meeting was cancelled due to the weather; Drug & Alcohol Prevention Committee meeting; parents provided positive feedback of the recent early dismissal process that was implemented on December 11; NYSSBA conference where the topic of discussion was Financial Management in Difficult Times; Staff-Development Day was successful; two middle school concerts; Chamber strings concert at NHS; the second NHS concert has been rescheduled for December 22 where new teacher, Christina Pizzono, will perform a solo.

Students First - Iroquois

C. Student presentation from Iroquois Middle School was postponed due to the weather.

III. Community Comments

Community Comments

Darlene Shafran of Viewmont Drive addressed the Board with comments on the volume of homework assigned to middle-school students.

IV. Consent Agenda

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 Meetings of December 1, 2008 per ASM IV, A…

B. …the following personnel actions per ASM IV, B…

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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

A. Instructional – Appointment –Adjustment

Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary Step	Adjustment
Diefendorf, Cynthia	Elem/Glencliff	10/14/08	M-1	Long term sub to replacement

Diefendorf

B. Non-Instructional – Appointment-Permanent Status

Name	Assignment	Effective Date
Flynn, Donna	Executive Secretary I/Transp.	12/16/08
McDermott, Margaret	Confidential Executive Secretary II	12/16/08

Flynn
McDermott

C. Non-Instructional – Appointment - Probationary

Name	Assignment	Effective Date	Salary
Shoemaker, Ann	FSH/Glencliff	11/17/08	$9.70/hr.

Shoemaker

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

Armstrong, Emily	Substitute Teacher
Ashe, Sarah	Substitute Teacher
Backes, Jolynn	Substitute Teacher
Bailey, Sara	Substitute Teacher
Becker, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Becher, Alexander	Substitute Teacher
Brooker, Gail	Substitute Teacher
Campbell, Adrienne	Substitute Teacher
Cosmo, Jessica	Substitute Teacher
DelGiacco, Meghan	Substitute Teacher
Diller, Sarah	Substitute Teacher
Dingwall, Beth	Substitute Teacher
Haynes, Jessie	Substitute Teacher
Hungerschafer, David	Substitute Cleaner
Indilicato, Ann	Substitute Teacher
Johnson, Damian	Substitute Teacher
Kokernak, Schuyler	Substitute Teacher
Levendosky, John	Substitute Teacher
Marshall, Kristin	Substitute Teacher
Miller, Nicole	Substitute Teacher
Ohrin, William	Substitute Teacher
*Pramenko, Tracy	TA replacement
Randle, Tracy	Substitute Teacher
Rocco, Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher
Scott, Danielle	Substitute Teacher
Selway, Maryann	Substitute TA/Secretary
Sloman, Michael	Substitute Teacher
Smith, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Thomas, Amy	Substitute Teacher

Staff Having Received NYSED Fingerprint Clearance (1/28/08-12/15/08)

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E. Reappointment of Emergency Conditional Staff – 1/28/08 – 12/15/08 These staff have not been cleared by SED

Staff Awaiting NYSED Fingerprint Clearance (1/28/08-12/15/08)

Name	*Assignment*
Aniolek, Sharon	Substitute Teacher
Benghanem, Nassiba	Substitute Teacher
Benton, Thomas	Substitute Teacher
Brocci, Denise	Substitute Teacher
Burnett, Shari	Substitute Teacher
Doan, Kimberly	Substitute Teacher
Dudley, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Flynn, Sharon	Substitute Teacher
Foster, Galen	Substitute Teacher
Fusco, Nicole	Substitute Teacher
Gilbert, Scott	Substitute Teacher
Gill, Patrick	Substitute Teacher
Goebel, Matthew	Substitute Teacer
Henry, Elisabeth	Substitute Teacher
Holden, Matthew	Substitute Teacher
McDonald, Stacey	Substitute Teacher
McLoughlin, Molly	Substitute Teacher
Mone, Leanne	Substitute Teacher
Pagay, Sue	Substitute Teacher
Patterson, Margaret	Substitute Teacher
Pelcher, Andrew	Substitute Teacher
Person, George	Substitute Teacher
Repicky, Catherine	Substitute Teacher
Roberts, Ryan	Substitute Teacher
Rufer, Julie	Substitute Teacher
Saeed, Namra	Substitute Teacher
Schwartz, Nancy	Substitute Teacher
Sayward, Kelly	Substitute Teacher
Serson, Stacy	Substitute Teacher
Shepard, Amy	Substitute Teacher
Shine, Lisa	Substitute Teacher
Smith, Brian	Substitute Teacher
Stern, Susan	Substitute RN
Thomas, Ainsley	Substitute Teacher
Van Strander, Shannon	Substitute Teacher
Warnock, McKenzi	Substitute Teacher
Young, Daniel	Substitute Teacher

F. Retirement –Instructional

Name	*Assignment*	*Effective Date*	*Years of Service*
Jean, Gloria	Counseling/District	6/30/09	

Jean

G. Retirement – Non-Instructional

Name	*Assignment*	*Effective Date*
Lauber, Rosalie	Nurse/Glencliff	3/2/09

Lauber

Mrs. Mauro seconded. Carried 7-0.

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V. Instruction

Instruction

A. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar as per ASM V, A. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.

Approve 2009-2010 Calendar

VI. Business

Business

A. Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept and file the Treasurer's Reports for the months of September and October 2008 as per ASM VI, A. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 7-0.

Accept/File Treasurer's Reports

B. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Transfer of Funds for the month of November 2008 as per ASM VI, B. Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 7-0.

Approve Transfer of Funds - November

C. The Board discussed Budget Assumptions for 2009-2010.

Budget Assumptions

D. The Board discussed the impact of the Capital Project on the 2009-2010 budget.

Capital Project Impact on 2009-2010 Budget

E. The Board discussed fund balance estimates.

Fund Balance Estimates

F. Judy Frost, Communications Officer, shared with the Board and the Public the results of the 2008 Budget Vote Exit Poll.

Exit Poll Results

G. Baseline Budget binders for 2009-2010 were distributed to Board Members.

Budget Binder Distribution

VII. Personnel

Personnel

VIII. General

General

A. Mrs. Sosnow moved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopt Policy 6145 Budget Implementation and Transfers, and repeal Policies 6140 Budget Implementation and 6150 Budget Transfers as per ASM VIII, A. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 7-0.

Adopt Policy

B. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopt the following policies as amended as per ASM VIII, B. Mr. Winchester seconded. Carried 7-0.

Adoption of Policies

Policy 6110	**Budget Planning**
Policy 6113	**Dissemination of Budget Information**
Policy 6135	**Contingency Budget**

IX. Other

Other

Mrs. Sosnow stated that the next Audit Committee Meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 13, 2009.

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X. Executive Session

Executive Session

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 and 504 Recommendations, specific personnel, contracts and legal matters. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 7-0.

CSE, CPSE, 504 & Approve ES Minutes

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting reconvened at 9:39 p.m.

Reconvene

XII. Mr. Weiner 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 *December 1, 2008*. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 7-0.

Authorize Recommendations–

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

Adjourn