

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

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea Admin Absent: all present

Also: R. Grastorf, V. Holley, J. Rickert, G. Hamlin, R. Gardner, MJ Pierpont, G. Weingartner

I. Welcome

Welcome

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

II. Reports

Reports

A. Superintendent Baughman: Welcomed the public and shared with all that this coming Wednesday, March 25 will be the Strings Gala at the NHS gymnasium; The Supt. reminded the board members regarding Attorney General Cuomo's Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at SCCC at 7 p.m.; April 1 is the BOCES Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m.; April 2 is "The Conversation Continues..." forum on substance abuse at 6:30 p.m.; NHS Special Education teacher Fred Ebert will be appearing on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. Film crews will be on site this week (with parents' permission) to document student/teacher life at NHS in preparation for the show's airing which is expected to be during spring break; shared that at a recent YMCA Breakfast, our own Dr. Shelley Baldwin-Nye received the honor of "Educator of the Year."

Superintendent Report

B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: Art Show; Glencliff and Van Antwerp PTO meetings; Hillside Learning Fair; Band-Aid concert at NHS.

Board Reports

C. Both Garrett Hamlin, Lead Architect of the Thomas Group, and George Weingartner, Construction Manager of Sano Rubin, provided the Board reviews and recommendations of the District-wide Technology bids.

District-Wide Technology Bids

III. Community Comments

Community Comments

Maureen Russo, a Hillside Elementary School parent, addressed the Board regarding the Hillside Learning Fair.

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Consent Agenda

IV. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Gordon 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 March 16, 2009 per ASM IV, A...
- B. ...approve the donation from Metro Ford of a 2002 Ford Taurus for use in the District Driver Education Program as per ASM IV, B...
- C. ...award the 2008-2009 Rollaway Gooseneck Football Goalpost bid to Gilman Gear for a total of \$6,150 as per ASM IV, C (*Attachment #1*)...

...Mrs. Sosnow seconded. Carried 6-0.

V. Instruction

Instruction

VI. Business

Business

- A. Mrs. Sosnow moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the following construction contracts outlined as per ASM VI,A (*Attachment #2*). Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0.
- B. The Board discussed the 2009-2010 recommended budget.
- C. Mrs. Mauro moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, place the following proposition on the ballot of the May 19, 2009 annual election as per ASM VI, C. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0.

Award Construction Contracts

Recommended Budget

Budget Proposition

*Be it **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Niskayuna Central School District, Schenectady County New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$701,500 and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said school district and collect in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District should be issued.*

- D. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hold the Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 annual budget on May 5, 2009 and the budget vote and board of education election on May 19, 2009 as per ASM VI, D (*Attachment #3*). Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.
- E. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the District Wireless LAN Equipment and Installation to Annese & Associates, Inc. for a total of \$435,316 in accordance with the pricing set forth in the New York State Contract as per ASM VI, E (*Attachment #4*). Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0.

Notice of Public Hearing

Award of District Wireless LAN Equipment

VII. Personnel

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VIII. General

General

The high school will be moving into its newly-constructed space approximately April 23, 2009.

IX. Other

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X. Executive Session

Executive Session

Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to personnel matters. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Adjourn

