

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

Members absent: Weiner

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea

Admin Absent:

Also: R. Grastorf, J. Rickert, T. Ward

Welcome

I. Welcome

The Board of Education held a retirement recognition ceremony at the Van Antwerp Auditorium. Dr. Terry Weiner provided farewell comments regarding his 20 years of service as a Board member on the Niskayuna Board of Education and thanked all present and former Board members, administrators and staff for their cooperation and collaboration in support of children. The ceremony was followed by the convening of the Regular Board of Education meeting.

President Sosnow called the Regular Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 7:42 p.m.

- A. Mr. Hudson moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopt the proposed resolution honoring the following list of employees:

Whereas, the Niskayuna Central School District fully recognizes the contributions of its employees to the future of its students, the community and the nation, the Niskayuna Board of Education resolves that its retiring personnel have played a vital part in these futures and shall receive full appreciation for their dedicated commitment and service.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
Stephen Baker	14 years
Margaret Bucci	15 years
John Clark	6 years
Christopher Monahan	13 years
Clara Montero	8 years
Christopher Neubert	12 years
Michael Pilczuk	26 years
Thomas Quinlan	16 years
Henry Ramnes	21 years
Margaret Ravalli	16 years
Phyllis Sadow	29 years
Jean Scharphorn	18 years
Andrew Shave	11 years
Nancy Theissen	25 years
Carol Warasta	34 years

Mrs. Mauro seconded the motion. Carried 6-0.

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I. Reports

- A. Superintendent Baughman: was delighted to share that the annual Murray Award was awarded to Jill Paquette, science teacher, and Charisse Steinberg, school counselor; stated that the search for a Music Department director are nearly complete; NYSERDA project feasibility will be discussed at the 6/21/10 Board meeting during which, the Board will also discuss revisions to the Student Codes of Conduct document and math acceleration and grouping in K-5, and also will have a NHS Students First presentation.
- B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: Music Seniors Banquet; CAPSBA Dinner; Niska-Day; PRISM; Orchestra Gala; Van Antwerp PTO; middle school band and choral concert; baseball banquet; Senior Awards Dinner; freshman softball and baseball game; "Food for Thought" CAPSBA seminar.

Reports
Superintendent Report

Board Reports

II. Comments from the Community

There were no community comments.

Community Comments

III. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following actions ... Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.

Consent Agenda

A. ...minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting per ASM IV, A...

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

*= emergency conditional appointment pending State Education fingerprint clearance

A. Instructional – Appointment – Permanent Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Academic/Special Probation Tenure Area</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>	
Prall, Timothy	Math 7-12	9/1/10-9/1/12	initial	M-5	Prall

B. Instructional – Part-Time – Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Salary</u>	
Youngs, Shawna	Business/HS	9/1/10-6/30/11	.4	MA-2.95-67	Youngs

C. Instructional – Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>			
Gokey, Kara	Counselor/Craig	9/1/10 – 10/4/10			Gokey

D. Non-Instructional – Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	
Gage, Joseph	School Bus Driver/Sub	5/26/10	\$15.80/hr.	Gage

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Agnello, Mark	Substitute Teacher
Arik, Hacer	Substitute Teacher
Barcomb, Megan	Substitute Teacher
Bellinger, Brianne	Substitute Teacher
Bonk, Sarah	Substitute Teacher
Branca, Veronica	Substitute Teacher
Bryngelson, Tamara	Substitute Teacher
Canjura, Ximena	Substitute Teacher
Cary, Jason	Substitute Teacher
Carr, Kimberley	Substitute Teacher
Clough, Kaitlyn	Substitute Teacher
Dooley, Jessica	Substitute Teacher
Dostis Joanne	Substitute Teacher
Dumary, Audrey	Substitute Teacher
Eaton, Andrew	Substitute Teacher
Flex-Alexander, Theresa	Substitute Teacher
Geddes, Thomas	Substitute Teacher
Hanft, Seth	Substitute Teacher
Keparutis, Heidi	Substitute Teacher
Kusaywa, Kaitlyn	Substitute Teacher
Lonczak, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Moore, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Natale, Shelby	Substitute Teacher
O'Brien, Caitlin	Substitute Teacher
Odutayo, Olukemi	Substitute Teacher
O'Shea, Benjamin	Substitute Teacher
Pabis, Jillian	Substitute Teacher
Palmer, Allison	Substitute Teacher
Pazienza, Kristina	Substitute Teacher
Philpson, Barbara	Substitute Teacher
Purpura, Santina	Substitute Teacher
Rossetini, Katie	Substitute Teacher
Rozmierski, Heather	Substitute Teacher
Shea, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Siegel, Sharon	Substitute Teacher
Trowbridge, Brittany	Substitute Teacher
Usher, Kristen	Substitute Teacher
Vacca, Meghan	Substitute Teacher
Vaccaro, Taiane	Substitute Teacher
Vachula, Emily	Substitute Teacher
Valcourt, Valerie	Substitute Teacher
Venter, Britta	Substitute Teacher
Vinzo, Christina	Substitute Teacher
Whittam, Julianne	Substitute Teacher

Those staff having received NYSED Fingerprint Clearance through 6/7/10

**F. Reappointment of Emergency Conditional Staff – 9/1/09– 6/7/10
These staff have not been cleared by SED**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Berger, Erica	Substitute Teacher
Lynch, Sharon	Substitute Teacher
Piwawarski, Stephen	Substitute Teacher
Snyder, Danielle	Substitute Teaching

Those staff not having received NYSED Fingerprint Clearance through 6/7/10

H. Resignation – Non-Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jackson, Kathleen	School Nurse/Iroquois	6/16/10

Jackson

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- C. ...award the 2010-2011 Electrical Supplies Bid to American Electric Supply for an estimated annual total of \$40,000 per ASM IV, C...

Award of Bids:
Electrical Supplies

...award the 2010-2011 Paint Supplies Bid in part to the following as per ASM IV, C:

Paint Supplies

Latham Paint	\$8,543.00
Sherwin Williams	\$3,843.25
Marty's True Value	\$ 864.00

...award the 2010-2011 Custodial Supplies Bid as per ASM IV, C in part to:

Custodial Supplies

Central Poly	\$13,782.60
Leland Paper	11,095.45
EA Morse	8,726.30
Swish	7,114.08
Foley	6,991.78
Pyramid	6,520.65
Horwitz Supply	5,412.60
American Chemical	4,731.07
RH Crown	4,561.93
Momar	3,993.00
Marty's Hardware	3,678.00
Hill & Markes	2,906.68
Unipak	2,429.45
CCP	2,227.50
Perkins	1,260.55
Chemsearch	860.56
IBNYS	570.00
Interboro	151.44
Sam Tell	66.92
TOTAL	\$87,080.56

...award the 2010-2011 Periodicals and Subscription Bid to Galaxy Magazine Service in the amount of \$7,989.31 as per ASM IV, C.

Periodical & Sub-
scriptions

IV. Instruction

Instruction

- A. Lynne Rutnik, Administrator for Student Support Services, facilitated a round-table discussion to update the Board on Co-Teaching.
- B. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the adoption of *The Breadwinner* for use in Middle Level (Grades 7-8 AIS and/or self-contained English as per ASM V, B. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 5-0-1 (*Winchester*))
- C. Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the adoption of *Biology* for use in the Honors Biology course at the High School as per ASM V, C. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 5-0-1 (*Winchester*))
- D. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the adoption of A Graphical Approach to Precalculus with Limits – A Unit Circle Approach for use in the Precalculus course at the High School as per ASM V, D. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 5-0-1 (*Winchester*))

Co-Teaching
Discussion

Approval of
Textbooks (3)

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V. Business

- A. Mrs. Mauro 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 2010, as per ASM VI, A. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0.
- B. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the transfer of funds for the month of April 2010, as per ASM VI, B. Mrs. Mauro seconded. Carried 6-0.
- C. Mr. Hudson moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$950,000 for the purchase of buses and a maintenance vehicle as authorized by the voters on May 18, 2010 in accordance with the attached resolution (*Attachment #1*), as per ASM VI, C. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.

VI. Personnel

VII. General

- A. Mrs. Mauro moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, repeal the current Policy 4343 and adopt the new Policy 4343 "Education of Homeless Children and Youth", as per ASM VII, A. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0.

VIII. Other

The Board discussed how it plans to fill its current vacancy. It decided it will appoint and will seek candidates to fill the seat by September 1, 2010. Letters of interest should be submitted to the Board of Education President, Jeanne Sosnow, by July 7, 2010.

IX. 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. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.

X. Adjourn & Reconvene

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:06 p.m.

XI. Authorize Recommendations

Mr. Hudson 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. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 p.m.

Business

Treasurer's Report

Transfer of Funds

Issuance of Bus Bonds

Personnel

General

Repeal/Adopt Policy - #4343

Other

Fill Board Vacancy

Executive Session

Adjourn

Reconvene

Authorize Recommendations

Adjourn

Attachment #1

Niskayuna Central Schools

ASM VI C
June 7, 2010

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 \$950,000 for the purchase of buses and a maintenance vehicle as authorized by the voters on May 18, 2010 in accordance with the attached resolution per ASM VI C.

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 the buses and maintenance vehicle. The vehicle purchases were authorized by the voters of the Niskayuna Central School District as outlined in proposition number two on May 18, 2010.

The bond proceeds allow the district to pay the vendor(s) in full for the vehicles at the time of delivery. The expenditures for bond payments of principal and interest for the bus purchases over the next 5 years will be largely offset by the transportation aid (63%) that the district will receive in equal installments over the same five year period. The maintenance vehicle does not qualify for transportation aid.

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 7, 2010.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$950,000 BONDS OF NISKAYUNA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHENECTADY COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES AND A MAINTENANCE VEHICLE 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 18, 2010, 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 \$950,000 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 a maintenance vehicle 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 and a maintenance vehicle for Niskayuna Central School District, Schenectady County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$950,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost shall consist of the issuance of not exceeding \$950,000 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.