

Members present: Gordon, Hudson, Mauro (arr. 8:08 p.m.)
Oriola, Sosnow, Weiner, Winchester

Members absent: _____

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea

Admin Absent:

Also: K. Azer, J. Frost, R. Grastorf, B. Peek, C. Querbes, J. Rickert, S. Walroth

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

Welcome

II. Reports

Reports

- A. Superintendent Baughman: reminded the public that the district offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, and Friday, January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays; Imran Abbasi and Maureen Trefethen are coordinating the first Van Antwerp Community Day to expose students to a variety of constructive ways to spend their free time. Teachers will share sessions and sharing their own personal interests with students; wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season; shared with the public concerns over the effects of expected state aid delays; ad-hoc committee summary will be available to the public/BOE in late January.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, grant the Board President, Jeanne Sosnow, the authority to act on behalf of the Board of Education and direct the Superintendent to sign once a decision is made whether to move forward with the "Race to the Top" grant proposal understanding that the Board wishes to have the right to withdraw. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 6-0.

Race to the Top

- B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: Ad-hoc budget reduction committee meetings; middle school concert; boys and girls modified basketball games; NHS alumni art show; high school concert; winter law conference sponsored by NYSSBA on December 9; Audit Committee meeting (minutes provided to BOE recorder); CAPSBA meeting coming up on January 13, 2010; BOCES board meeting.
- C. Art Director, Scott Walroth, presented the Board with information regarding his 2010 Sculptor in Residence recommendation.
- D. Birchwood Elementary School students presented "*Gingerbread Village*" to the Board which demonstrated the students' cooperative and collaborative social studies, ELA, and art skills acquired throughout the year.

Board Reports

Sculptor in Residence

Students First - Birchwood

III. Comments from the Community

Community Comments

There were no community comments.

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IV. Consent Agenda

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

A. ...minutes of the Regular meeting of December 7, 2009 per ASM VI, A...

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

*= emergency conditional appointment pending State Education fingerprint clearance

A. Instructional – Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Hughes, Meagan	Science/HS	Approx. 4/2/10-6/25/10

Consent Agenda

Hughes

B. Instructional – Adjustment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Mullin-Phalen, Kathleen	English/HS	12/9/09-12/17/09	From .6 to 1.2 FTE

Mullin-Phelan

C. Non-Paid Coach – Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sweet, Victor	Assist. Bowling Coach	Winter 2009

Sweet

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Auzi, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Bisceglia, Jesse	Substitute Teacher
Bohan, Shannon	Substitute Teacher
Burkey, Patricia	Substitute Teacher
Calabrese, Matthew	Substitute Teacher
DeCicco, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Eddy, Nanette	Substitute Teacher
Foley, Mike	Substitute Teacher
Forbes, Katherine	Substitute Teacher
Frame, Heather	Substitute Teacher
Gibbs, Melissa	Substitute Teacher
Giordano, Wanda	Substitute Teacher
Goldstein, Jessica	Substitute Teacher
Grastorf, Brian	Substitute Teacher
Haskins, Amy	Substitute Teacher
Hatt, Carl	Substitute Teacher
Hilko, Breanna	Substitute Teacher
Kennedy, Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher
Kircher, Jessica	Substitute Teacher
Kupinski, Justin	Substitute Teacher
Lansing, Albert	Substitute Teacher
McGovern, Conor	Substitute Teacher
McDermott, Amy	Substitute Teacher
Miller, Joshua	Substitute Teacher
Mink, Andrew	Tutor
Napper, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Nelson, Samuel	Substitute Teacher
Nevich, Megan	Substitute Teacher
Nova, Zoila	Substitute Teacher
Pappis, Christopher	Substitute Teacher
Penn, Rebecca	Substitute Teacher

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Petrik, Irina	Substitute Teacher
Pittman, Lillian	Substitute Teacher
Ploetz, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Podgorski, Christine	Substitute Teacher
Quirk, Jennifer	Substitute Teacher
Roberts, Nicole	Substitute Teacher
Rogers, Catherine	Substitute Teacher
Sail, Allison	Substitute Teacher
Scannell, Brendan	Substitute Teacher
Shellard, Matthew	Substitute Teacher
Sindoni, Matthew	Substitute Teacher
Spadarao, Gary	Substitute Teacher
Spelman, Angela	Substitute Teacher
Stanton, Stephanie	Substitute Teacher
Sutton, Katherine	Substitute Teacher
Sweet, Victor	Volunteer Coach
Szczerba, Raymond	Substitute Teacher
Teal, Holly	Substitute Teacher
Tedsen, Friedrich	Substitute S/CA
Thompson, Shihchia	Substitute Teacher
Tourge, Jason	Substitute Teacher
Tresselt, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Turner, Natalie	Substitute Teacher
Villanovan, Frank	Substitute Teacher
Vottis, Peter	Substitute Teacher
Weissman, Micah	Substitute Teacher

Those staff having received NYSED Fingerprint Clearance through 12/21/09 (cont'd)

E. Reappointment of Emergency Conditional Staff – 9/1/09 – 12/21/09 These staff have not been cleared by SED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Cass, Renata	Substitute Teacher
Gigante, Gretchen	Substitute Teacher

Those staff not having received NYSED Fingerprint Clearance through 12/21/09

F. Resignation –Non-Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Winer, Sylvia	Medicaid Reports Specialist	12/8/09

Winer

C. ...approve the sale of Surplus Vehicles in accordance with ASM IV, C dated November 16, 2009 in part to the following bidders as per ASM IV, C...

MR Parillo	\$544.44
R. Halgas Construction & Equipment Co.	432.09
Tim Woods	150.00

Approve Sale – Surplus Vehicles

D. ...award the 2009-2010 Niskayuna High School Technology Classroom Cabinets bid to Beaton Industrial, Inc. for a total of \$40,967.22 as per ASM IV, D...

Award of Bid – NHS Tech. Classroom Cabinets

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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 Mexican Foreign Exchange trip to Boston, MA on Monday, April 5, 2010 as per ASM V, A. Mr. Winchester seconded. Carried 6-0.

Approval - School Sponsored Trip

B. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the foreign exchange trip to Hamm, Germany from April 1 through April 18, 2010 as per ASM V, B. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.

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VI. Business

Business

A. The Board received 2010-2011 budget binders that include baseline budget and prior-year budget information and discussed the modified budget review calendar and NYS state aid delay.

Budget Binder Distribution

B. Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve transitioning the finding arrangement with Blue Cross from fully insured to self-insured effective January 1, 2010 and authorize the establishment of a claims funding account with Chase Manhattan Bank as per ASM VI, B. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 7-0.

Approve Self-Insured Funding Arrangement – Health Insurance

VII. Personnel

Personnel

VIII. General

General

IX. Other

Other

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 discuss items related to CSE, CPSE, specific personnel, contracts and legal matters. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 7-0.

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XI. Adjourn & Reconvene

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:26 p.m.

Adjourn

Reconvene

XII. Authorize Recommendations

- A. 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 7, 2009*. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 7-0.

Authorize
Recommendations

XIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Adjourn

