

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

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea Admin Absent: _____

Also: C. Baldwin, S. Baldwin-Nye, R. Grastorf, E. Jones, D. Nappi, J. Rickert, R. Winkler

- I. President Sosnow called the Regular Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m.

Welcome

President Sosnow shared with the Board and the Public that former Niskayuna School Board member and retired Niskayuna teacher of 30 years, Markley Opdyke, passed away suddenly; a moment of silence was observed in honor of his memory.

Reports

II. **Reports**

Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Baughman: reported that Phase 4 has been submitted to NYSED, which may require Board action on April 12 or could necessitate a special meeting prior to the April 26 BOE meeting; Van Antwerp Middle School's Connie Soron led our students to a victory for the sixth year in a row in the GE Science Bowl; stated that the District is undergoing a Title I review which will require the adoption of a policy on Homeless Children and Families. A policy committee will be required to review a sample draft we currently have; David Opdyke, son of Markley Opdyke, will continue with his original schedule of working with art students at the west entrance of the high school during the week of March 15-19, 2010.

B. The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: girls' basketball banquet; provided comment regarding the condition of the Glencliff driveway; formal review of the Superintendent evaluation; Iroquois ziti dinner; Niskayuna art show at Van Antwerp; "Nisky Cares" meeting.

Board Reports

C. Eva Jones, English Department Director, provided the Board and the public on program updates related to the Community Coalition Program.

Community Coalition Program Presentation

III. **Comments from the Community**

There were no community comments.

Community Comments

Date: March 8, 2010
Date

 Regular
Kind of meeting

IV. Consent Agenda

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

A. ...minutes of the *Regular* meeting of March 1, 2010 per ASM VI, A...

Consent Agenda

V. Instruction

Instruction

VI. Business

Business

- A. The Board reviewed adjustments to Tiers I and II proposed reductions.
- B. The Board discussed the contingent budget and hypothetical examples resulting from Tier III reductions.
- C. The Board summarized staffing reductions resulting from Tiers I & II reductions.
- D. The Board further discussed the budget timeline.
- E. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize Niskayuna Central School District to participate in the CanaRxMeds program through the CanaRx Group for the purposes of offering a voluntary mail-order prescription program to employees and retirees enrolled in the District's health insurance plan, as per ASM VI, E. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0.

Tier I & II Review

Tier III/
Contingency
Examples

Staffing
Reductions

Budget Timeline

CanaRx

VII. Personnel

Personnel

VIII. General

General

A. Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the 2010-2011 school calendar as per ASM VIII, A (*Attachment #1*). Mr. Winchester seconded. Carried 6-0.

Approve School
Calendar

IX. 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 specific personnel, contracts and legal matters. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 6-0.

X. Adjourn & Reconvene

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:54 p.m.

Reconvene

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Adjourn

