Date November 16, 2010 — Regular — NHS Media Center — Jeanne Sosnow
Date — *Kind of meeting* — *Where held* — *Presiding Officer*

Members present: Gordon, Hudson, Mauro, Oriola, Sosnow, Winchester (*arr. 7:13*)

Members absent: Buhrmaster

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea

Admin Absent:

Also: S. Baldwin-Nye, R. Grastorf, T. King, S. Kostoss, T. O'Donnell, J. Rickert, S. Walroth

I. Welcome

Welcome

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

II. Reports

Reports

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Baughman: shared that it was School-Related Professionals Day and thanked all those who support the education of our students with the work they do; attended a NYSSBA meeting to discuss Chinese education relative to standards, curriculum and supervision and monitoring; will be making the Community Budget Survey available online from November 18-December 6, 2010; toured several schools to observe the Writer's Workshop; has invited the Middle School consultants from November 18-20 to meet with faculty and principals.

Board Reports

The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: NHS re-dedication; field hockey sectional games; propane school bus demonstration; Van Antwerp pasta dinner; Craig, Glencliff, NHS, PTO meetings; Nisky Cares; BOCES Board meeting; Academic Advisory Council meeting; Race to the Top; CAPSBA meeting coming up 12/2; Comptroller's Budget Workshop; Superintendent Search.

Art Program Review

Scott Walroth, Director of Art Education, along with Art Department faculty, presented the Board with a K-12 Program review.

III. Comments from the Community

Community Comments

The following community members spoke to the Board regarding full-day kindergarten:

- Laura Smith of Meadow Lane
- Steve Markham of Webster Drive
- Jed Pack of Valleywood Drive
- Michelle Ostrelich of Pheasant Ridge
- Becky davenport of Fox Hill Drive
- Mary Beth Aldous of Primrose Lane

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IV. Consent Agenda

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Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following actions. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 7-0.

A. …minutes of the Board Meetings of *November 2, 2010* per ASM IV, A… Approve Minutes

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

A. Non-Instructional – Permanent

Name	*Assignment*	*Effective Date*
Newell, Sylvia	Cook/Craig	7/4/10

Newell

B. Non-Instructional – Adjustment

Name	*Assignment*	*Adjustment*
Scott, Diana	School Bus Driver	From $16.30 to 16.08/hr.

Scott

C. Appointment of Approved Staff - Staff have received fingerprint clearance from SED

Those staff having received NYS Fingerprint Clearance through 11/16/10

Name	*Assignment*
Ayers, Allison	Substitute Teacher
Baechle, Kelly	Substitute Teacher
Boston, Ernest	Substitute Teacher
Clough, Kaitlyn	Substitute Teacher
Coffey, Sara	Substitute Teacher
Dwyer, Ryan	Substitute Music Teacher
Foley, Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher
Howard, Jason	Substitute Teacher
Kisseloff, Paul	Substitute Teacher
Kleinberger, Alexander	Substitute Teacher
Lajoie, Danielle	Substitute Teacher
Laski, Linda	Substitute Teacher
Leo, Katelyn	Substitute Teacher
Lewinter, Loida	Substitute Teacher
Logue, Catherine	Substitute Teacher
Mazzei, Marissa	Substitute Music Teacher
O'Brien, Courtney	Substitute Teacher
Patterson, Amber	Substitute Teacher
Prockup, Daniel	Substitute PE Teacher
Ralston, Amanda	Substitute Teacher
Ramos, Randi	Substitute Teacher
Razewski, David	Substitute Technology Teacher
Scoons, Patricia	Substitute Teacher
Tardiff, Paul	Substitute Teacher
TenEyck, Tara	Substitute Teacher
Valentine, Janelle	Substitute Teacher Assistant

D. Resignation – Instructional

Name	*Assignment*	*Effective Date*
Pahl, Tracy	FSH/Rosendale	11/15/10
Buono, Tabitha	Transp./PT Bus Driver	9/28/10

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V. Instruction

A. The Board continued its discussion on full-day kindergarten. (Full-day K Discussion)

B. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve new NHS courses as follows: Introduction to Pre-calculus, Analytic Geometry, Independent Study, Digital Photography, Economics and Law and Government "Ecoment" as per ASM V, B. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 6-0. (Approval of New Courses)

C. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the French student trip to Quebec, Canada from April 8-April 10, 2011 as per ASM V, C. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0. (Approval of Foreign Trip)

VI. Business

A. The Board continued the Budget Workshop: Part II – Expenditures. (Budget Discussion)

B. Mr. Hudson moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the list of uncollected taxes for Albany, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties for re-levy as per ASM VI, B. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 6-0. (Uncollected Taxes Re-Levy)

VII. Personnel (Personnel)

VIII. General (General)

A. The Board reviewed Board of Education Policy Numbers 1150, 1900, 4324 and 5620 for repeal on a first-read basis.

IX. Other (Other)

X. Executive Session (Executive Session)

Mrs. Mauro moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to discuss student matters made confidential by federal law, a specific personnel issue which could result in dismissal and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the civil service law. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 6-0.

XI. Adjourn & Reconvene (Adjourn)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:49 p.m.

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Authorize Recommendations

XII. Authorize Recommendations

A. Mrs. Oriola moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize the recommendations of the CPSE, CSE and 504 Committee and agreed-upon amendments pertaining to student matters made confidential by federal law and approve Executive Session minutes of *November 2,* 2010 as per ASM XI, A. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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