

Members present: Buhrmaster (left at 7:45) Gordon, Hudson, Oriola, Mauro, Sosnow, Winchester
Members absent _____

Administrators Present: Salvaggio, Bourgeois, Shea, Grastorf
Administrators Absent: _____
Also Attending M. Leon, Faculty and Community Members

I. Welcome -

President Oriola called the Regular Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 6:07 p.m.

Welcome

II. Reports

There were no reports.

III. Comments from the Community

Sonny Lee wanted to follow up on her questions from yesterday regarding the \$100,000 in revenue that is listed as coming from a lease of the bus garage. She asked the Board for more information such as the terms of the lease and who the other party to the lease is. Regarding the potential reduction in Foreign Language, she cited opposition from both the Board and the community. She asked if there has been discussion about the salaries of the superintendent and assistant superintendents. If the top five salaries took a 10% reduction, it would result in a savings of 73,000 dollars.

Joe Skumursky told the Board that we need to look at things in a different light. How can we get creative? Sports are a valuable place to learn. Don't minimize the value of extracurricular activities and sports.

Comments from the Community

IV. Instruction

V. Business

At the meeting on May 28, the Board considered a list of potential reductions that totaled \$636,200 and new revenues of \$300,000. The Board reached consensus on \$830,600 of those. The reductions included outsourcing transportation and 3 FTE computer techs, eliminating 1 administrative FTE. .9 ESL FTE, 1 FTE Clerical Support at District Office totaling \$530, 699. Revenues included legislative funding of \$200,000, and building rental of the bus garage for \$100,000. The reason that the district is accounting for only \$200,000 in legislative funding is so that the additional \$175,000 may be assigned to fund balance. When we place a portion of that money in fund balance, this one time fund availability will not greatly alter our revenue going forward to the next year. There is potential for additional rental for the space at the bus garage as well.

The mentioned adjustments lower the tax levy to 4.13%. The goal tonight is to agree on 90k in further reductions which would be needed to get to a 3.95% tax levy. These potential reductions would replace the \$90,000 in reductions that had represented the 6th grade foreign language program.

Business

Potential Reductions from May 28

See **attached** for additional reduction and revenue items for consideration by the Board for 5/29/13 totaling \$122,000.

Line item for consideration, Mr. Winchester moved to adopt the other reduction items for consideration minus 1 day of late buses, total of \$105,000

Additional Comments from the Community –

Rosemarie Perez Jaquith spoke expressing concern about the breakdown of savings from outsourcing transportation. Wondering if litigation costs were factored into the figure, she stated that even assuming that good faith efforts have been made does not prevent the district from getting sued. Regarding the common core, she would encourage the Board to look at additional cost savings from music program.

President Oriola said that we are at an opportune time to look at how we are doing business. Mr. Winchester expressed sadness. In 43 years, he has seen budgets defeated, but even when budgets have been defeated in the past, the emphasis was on quality education. That seems to have changed. "I have never known this district to put cost over quality." Mrs. Gordon expressed the same sadness but was not unhappy that we went out over the cap. It gave the community an opportunity to speak and they did. Mr. Winchester expressed great respect for all who voted.

The Board discussed fund balance and what would be available after the 2013-14 school year.

Mr. Winchester moved that that the Board of Education adopt the budget with a spending plan for 2013-14 school year in the amount of \$75,693,201 with a budget to budget increase of .47% and a tax levy increase of 3.95%. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Personnel

VIII. General

Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education approve the **(attached)** meeting schedule for 2013-14. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

IX. Other

It was noted that the third grade classrooms at Glenclyff are both at 25.

X. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

XI. There being no further business, Mr. Winchester moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Mrs. Gordon seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Potential Reduction
Items for
Consideration

Additional Comments
from the Community

General

Board Meeting
Schedule for 2013-14

Other

Enrollment Update

Adjourn

Niskayuna CSD
Other
Reductions/Revenues

For Consideration - June 18 Budget Vote			
#	Description of Reduction	Sum of Current Reduction Amount	Implications
	Agreed Upon Reductions		
1	Outsource Transportation	\$200,000	Continue negotiations, potential liability risk
2	Eliminate 1.0 FTE Administrator	\$105,000	Absorb work with Spec Ed Dept and staff
3	Outsource 3.0 FTE Computer Techs to BOCES	\$75,000	Better positions the district for the future
4	Reduce .9 FTE ESL	\$49,500	Adjust schedules to reflect enrollment
5	Eliminate 1.0 FTE Clerical Support District Office	\$46,000	Absorb work in DO and BOCES
6	Fringe Benefit Cost Reductions - 20% (Items 2 thru 5)	\$55,100	
	Total Reductions	\$530,600	
	Agreed Upon Revenues		
7	Legislative Funding - Farley \$275K/Steck \$100K	\$200,000	One-time funding, \$175K to Fund Balance
8	Building Rental at Bus Garage	\$100,000	Provides revenue by renting vacant space
	Total New Revenues	\$300,000	
	Total Agreed Upon Reductions/Revenues	\$830,600	
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	Other Reduction Items for Consideration		
9	Reduce Tech Replacement Plan Spending	\$10,000	Lengthens replacement cycle for some computers
10	Reduce Late Buses from 3 to 1 per week	\$34,000	Provides transportation for afterschool activities such as clubs
11	Reduce Athletics Team Sports	\$10,000	Reduces competition opportunities for students
12	Reduce (6) Tier 3 Clubs	\$5,000	Clubs to be identified and reduced based on lack of participation
13	Eliminate .5 Driver Trainer	\$20,000	Outsourcing eliminates need for position
14	Reduce .3 FTE Elem Music Lessons	\$16,500	Possible by limiting students to one instrument
15	Reduce .2 FTE Career Exploration Internship Program from .4 to .2	\$11,000	Staffing change, other internship/work options for students
16	Fringe Benefit Cost Reductions - 20% (Items 13 thru 15)	\$9,500	
	Total Other Reductions	\$116,000	
	Other New Revenues for Consideration		
17	Increase Pool Rental Fees (passes and pool rental)	\$6,000	Increase 10% over current rates
	Total Other Revenues	\$6,000	
	Total Other Reductions/ Revenues	\$122,000	
	Total Possible Reductions to Tax Levy	\$952,600	

2013-14 Board of Education Meeting Schedule (5.28.13)

	<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
*Monday	July 15, 2013 *	Reorganization Meeting
	August 13, 2013	Regular Meeting/Tax Warrant
* Wednesday	September 11, 2013 *	Regular Meeting
	September 24, 2013	Regular Meeting
	October 8, 2013	Regular Meeting
	October 22, 2013	Regular Meeting
* Wednesday	November 6, 2013 *	Regular Meeting
	November 19, 2013	Regular Meeting
	December 3, 2013	Regular Meeting
	December 17, 2013	Regular Meeting
	January 7, 2014	Regular Meeting
	January 21, 2014	Regular Meeting
	February 4, 2014	Regular Meeting
	February 25, 2014	Regular Meeting
	March 4, 2014	Regular Meeting plus Budget
	March 11, 2014	Budget Work Session
	March 18, 2014	Regular Meeting plus Budget
	March 25, 2014	Budget Work Session (Target Budget Approval)
	April 1, 2014	Regular Meeting
	April 8, 2014	(if necessary)
	April 22, 2014	Regular Meeting
	May 6, 2014	Regular Meeting & Public Budget Hearing
	May 20, 2014	Budget Vote
	May 27, 2014	Regular Meeting
	June 10, 2014	Regular Meeting
	June 24, 2014	Regular Meeting
	July 8, 2014	Reorganization Meeting

*All meetings are on Tuesday evenings except as noted

Any changes and/or up to date information is available on the website

NISKAYUNA CENTRAL SCHOOLS

**ASM III A
May 29, 2013**

To: Board of Education

From: Susan Salvaggio, Superintendent

Re: Approve 2013-14 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Motion: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the attached Board of Education meeting schedule for 2013-14 (R 5.28.13).

Information: The Board meeting schedule includes one (1) meeting per month in July and August. Special meetings may be scheduled during these months for personnel items, setting tax rates and other items as determined by the Board. Additional meetings may be scheduled during the year for matters as determined by the Board. An attempt is made to schedule meetings during the school year on Tuesday evenings. However, vacation dates and other considerations sometimes require alternate schedule times. These alternate days are noted. Changes and updates will be made available on the website.