

Present:	Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mr. G. Brown, Dr. D. Evans, Mrs. D. Fox, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, High School Principal S. Poreda, Business Manager, G. Lott, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Mrs. T. Hammond
Also Present:	Mrs. P. Graham, Mr. J. Lawrence, Mr. M. Myriantopoulos, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. L. Porter, Mr. K. Springer, Mr. W. Tammaro

CALL TO ORDER President Cruikshank called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag

AGENDA The agenda was approved on a motion by Dr. Evans and seconded by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS Mrs. Fox moved the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting be approved, second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you from Joan Klahs was received for the use of a podium.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Porter questioned Mr. Gorman's leave of absence.
- Mrs. Graham asked if the Board has revisited the policy of groups leaving the country for trips.
- At this time, Mr. Thomas introduced Joshua Lawrence, network specialist, William Tammaro, BOCES District Superintendent, and Mike Shuman, custodial worker. Each spoke briefly about their new jobs.

Executive Session Motion by Dr. Evans to enter executive session at 7:42 PM for the purpose of a particular personnel matter and a particular student issue. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Mr. Poreda was asked to join the Board.

Open Session Motion by Dr. Evans to resume open session at 8:06 PM, second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

REPORTS

Superintendent's Mr. Thomas reported on the following items to the Board:

- Announced that he is the finalist for the Sullivan BOCES Superintendent position. Board members from Sullivan BOCES are coming on November 19, 2009 to interview various staff members.
- The new policy manual cd's were distributed.
- NYSERDA grant update regarding energy. He will proceed with the grant.
- The next facilities planning meeting will be December 2, 2009.
- Distribution of the corrected copy of the BCK

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recommendations.

- Julie Hammer and Lori Youngs as well as Susan LeBlanc and Kristina Clark received technology mini grants in the amount of \$2,500.00 each.
- Receipt of a transportation request by an Amish family.
- Veteran's Day program at the elementary school was well attended. The students did a great job with the festivities.
- Involved in a conversation about the state aid mid year reduction plan. Others involved in the conversation feel there is a good chance it won't happen.
- Health services update. There was a H1N1 flu vaccine clinic at both campuses recently. Stacie Morse did a wonderful job making all the necessary arrangements.
- Substitute pay determination change in practice. He suggests that persons who are instructional substitutes who work one year in that capacity, start the next school year at the same rate as they end the previous year with. It was the consensus of the Board to allow this change in administrative practice.
- Discussion of the Chenango County School Boards' Association article.

Business Manager's

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Mr. Lott reported on the following:

- Referred to Kevin Springer who distributed the October and November Operations and Maintenance report. Highlights were discussed.
- Mr. Springer also spoke about the bus route re-bidding that recently occurred. Hopefully this will stay the same now through the rest of the year.
- Several folks are applying to become substitute bus drivers.
- Robin Neal gave her quarterly report.
- Walk through with a Safety Specialist from Utica National Insurance Company. He distributed recommendations from this process.
- The teacher retirement system update. It is projected that next year will be the highest rate in 20 years.
- Uncollected taxes are the lowest percentage in the five years.
- A tax payer has requested a refund of a late charge that was incurred. He explained the scenario and it was the consensus of the Board to deny the refund.
- A parent of a non resident student has moved into the District after paying the full amount of the tuition before school started. It was discussed developing a policy in the event a non resident student moves into the District. It was the consensus not to pro-rate the tuition.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following:

- Sixty four students at the elementary school took advantage of the H1N1 immunization clinic.

High School Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following items to the Board:

- Seventy students in the junior-senior high school received the H1N1 immunization.
- New students were able to get their sports physicals through Chenango Memorial Hospital at the junior-

senior high school.

- Parent Conference Day will be November 19, 2009.

Board Member's

The following topics were discussed:

- Mrs. Fox reported on the Chenango County School Boards' Association Fall Dinner meeting that she attended.
- Mr. Cruikshank reported that the absenteeism rate is relatively low with all the hype over the H1N1 flu.
- Mr. Cruikshank has some concerns with switch over of members of the Booster Club.
- Mrs. Fox reported that the play was wonderful and the students did an excellent job.

Financial Reports
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Motion by Dr. Evans to accept the financial reports as presented. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to rescind the following appointments:

Sarah Eschen	Rescind the appointment as the girls junior varsity basketball coach for the 2009-2010 season
Matthew Williams	Rescind the appointment as the girls modified basketball coach for the 2009-2010 season

Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Bethany Sortman	Appointment as ¼ stage director of the Spring musical	At a stipend of \$392.25
Ronald Graham	Appointment as the girls junior varsity basketball coach for the 2009-2010 season	At a stipend of \$2,646.00 plus experience of \$1,984.50
Danielle Graham	Appointment as the girls varsity basketball coach for the 2009-2010 season	At a stipend of \$3,119.00
Sarah Eschen	Appointment as the girls modified basketball coach for the 2009-2010 season	At a stipend of \$1,466.00 plus experience of \$146.60
Lori Wood	Appointment as the cheerleading advisor for the 2009-2010	At a stipend of \$1,823.00

Edward M. Shuman	season Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a custodial worker at an hourly rate of \$8.80	Effective October 19, 2009
Sherry Grello	Appointment as a Viking Television advisor for the 2009- 2010 school year	At a stipend of \$500.00
Susan LeBlanc	Appointment as a Viking Television advisor for the 2009- 2010 school year	At a stipend of \$500.00
Janet Strack	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute teacher, substitute LTA and substitute school aide	
Eileen Knickerbocker	Appointment as the girls modified softball coach for the 2010 season	At a stipend of \$1,466.00 plus experience of \$1,099.50

Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of William Gorman as a science teacher, effective December 6, 2009. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Unpaid Tax Warrant
(FY'09/10 - #37)

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the unpaid tax warrant. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Committee on Special
Education
Recommendations

Motion by Dr. Evans, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education resulting from the meetings on October 13, November 2, November 3, November 10, November 12, and November 13, 2009. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Acceptance of Gifts
and Donations
(FY'09/10 - #38)

Motion by Mrs. Fox, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the donation of \$67.40 from the Durkee Bread Run in which three staff members participated. Second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Graham inquired why aides can substitute for a classroom teacher.

Executive Session

Motion by Dr. Evans to enter executive session at 9:20 PM for the purpose of personnel. Second by Mr. Brown.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Mr. Tammaro and Mr. Poreda were asked to join the Board.

Open Session

Motion by Mrs. Fox to resume open session at 10:50 PM, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

Appointment of Search Consultant

Motion by Dr. Evans, second by Mr. Cruikshank, to appoint William Tammaro, District Superintendent of Schools, as search consultant for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, second by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 PM.

Motion carried, 4 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee
District Clerk