

Present:	Mr. G. Brown, Mr. D. Cruikshank, Mrs. D. Fox, Mrs. M. Marshall, Superintendent of Schools L. Thomas, High School Principal S. Poreda, Elementary Principal N. Gallaher, District Clerk G. Burpee
Absent:	Dr. D. Evans (Arr. 7:36 PM)
Also Present:	Mr. J. Gale, Mrs. T. Hammond, Mrs. C. Heintz, Mr. R. Heintz, MR. L. Mason, Mrs. R. Neal, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. L. Porter, Mrs. Stone, Mr. A. Winn

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. All pledged allegiance to the flag.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mrs. Marshall and seconded by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

(Dr. Evans arr. 7:36 PM)

Mrs. Marshall moved the minutes of the August 15, 2007 meeting be approved, second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 4 - 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Thomas shared the following correspondence:

- A letter from Chenango Memorial Hospital regarding the school based health center.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mrs. Porter inquired what a DRAM is.
- Mr. Gale reported about roof leaks at various area building projects and the architects warranties should be investigated before any building starts.
- Mr. Gale has approached Board members from neighboring districts about splitting up this District. He suggested forming a committee of taxpayers about absorbing the district into neighboring districts.
- Mr. Gale inquired about building over the last addition at the high school.

**REPORTS**

Superintendent's

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

- Labor issues with a bus driver concern and the custodial shifts.
- Superintendent's Conference day featured a speaker on Franklin Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. He has received positive feedback from the staff on this presentation.
- Supe's On and Rumor Mill information forums have been attended by six different people at each session.
- There was very good attendance at the facilities planning meeting. The greatest concern was where the buses would let students off and parking of the buses.
- The fall Superintendent's Conference was about Global Education in the 21st Century.
- Lacey Eaves and Lori Youngs received a Wellness Grant at the elementary school.

Business  
Administrator's  
(FY'07/-08 - #23)

- Mrs. Neal gave her quarterly internal auditor's report.

Elementary Principal's

Ms. Gallaher reported on the following items:

- Open House was well attended.

- Mrs. Phillips gave a presentation on Reading First to date. This is the third year of Reading First and they have just completed the beginning of the year testing.

High School  
Principal's

Mr. Poreda reported on the following:

- Open House was well attended.
- The bon fire sponsored by the Booster Club was well attended.
- There is a mock DWI accident planned for October 11<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. This is in conjunction with a Chenango county teen program.

Board Member's

- At this time, the Board members were recognized for their service to the District in honor of School Board Recognition Week.
- Mrs. Marshall reported that nominations are needed for Board Member of the Year.
- The Fall Dinner Meeting of the Chenango County School Boards' Association is on November 1, 2007 at 6:30 PM at BOCES. The topic will be on drugs and alcohol in school systems.
- Mr. Thomas reported on the six hour fiscal oversight training.
- Mrs. Marshall suggested advertising for substitute bus drivers in the area free papers such as the pennysavers.
- Mr. Cruikshank requested an executive session at the end of the meeting.
- Mr. Brown inquired about the music room being crowded. Mr. Poreda reported that the problem has been resolved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
(FY'07/-08 - #24)

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, to accept the financial reports as presented, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Personnel  
Recommendations

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

Donna Liuzzo	Appointment as a substitute school nurse	
George Lott	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a school business manager, District treasurer, as well as the following appointments: Records Access Officer; Petty Cash Change Fund for Admissions; Petty Cash Change Fund for	Effective October 15, 2007

	<p>Cafeteria;  Designation of  Authorized  Signatures on  Checks;  Preparing Bids;  Authorization to  prepare  Bond/Anticipation  Notes;  Authorization of  Treasurer to  invest revenues  with the approval  of the  Superintendent;  and Health  Consortium  alternate, at a  salary of  \$60,000.00,  pending  successful  completion of  the Civil Service  requirements.</p>	
Diane Smith	Resignation as cheerleading advisor for the 2007-2008 school year.	
Sadie Allen	Appointment as the cheerleading advisor for the 2007-2008 school year	At a stipend of \$1,677.00 plus experience of \$251.55
Irene Veney	Resignation as library media specialist	Effective September 4, 2007
Natalie Beckwith	Appointment as the book club advisor at the junior senior high school	At a stipend of \$187.00
Lisa Huntley	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department as a substitute food service helper	
Jody Mashlykin	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education	

	Department as a substitute teacher	
Gina Calvello	Conditional appointment pending clearance from the State Education Department and pending successful completion of the bus driver road test, as a substitute bus driver	
Colleen Hanville	Appointment as Spanish Club advisor for the 2007-2008 school year	At a stipend per the current OVTA contract
Mary Helen Blake	Appointment as a mentor for the 2007-2008 school year	At a stipend of \$750.00.

Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 – 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 for the meetings on September 7, September 17, September 24, and September 27, 2007. Second by Mrs. Fox.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Addendum to Superintendent's Contract

Postponed to the November meeting.

Discussion Item – Substitute School Bus Driver Wages

Mr. Thomas distributed information from other districts about what they pay substitute bus drivers. Perhaps a change would entice more response. Mr. Springer suggested \$17.00 to \$20.00 per hour.

Declaration of Surplus Items  
(FY'07/08 - #25)

Motion by Mr. Cruikshank, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to declare the computer monitors as listed as surplus and to discard them through BOCES. Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

NYS Attorney General DRAM Antitrust Litigation

Motion by Mr. Brown, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies and confirms the authorization sent to the NYS Attorney general on September 21, 2007 to represent the District in the DRAM antitrust litigation.

Second by Mrs. Marshall.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Heintz inquired about the addendum to the superintendent’s contract. It is a result of the Comptroller’s audit and changes in the wording of the length of the contract needed to be changed.
- Mr. Gale reported there are empty schools in once viable communities in the west. He doesn’t want to see that happen in this area.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to enter executive session at 8:55 PM for the purpose of personnel, second by Mr. Cruikshank.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Open Session

Motion by Mr. Brown to resume open session at 9:29 PM, second by Dr. Evans.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Marshall, second by Mrs. Fox, to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM.

Motion carried, 5 – 0.

Submitted by,

Gail Evans Burpee  
District Clerk