

**SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2011  
TIME & PLACE: 7:00 P.M. – JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR  
ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BLEAU, BURTON, ISLES, JAQUEWAY, MONSEES, SCHULTZ, WILBER  
ELECTED MEMBER(S) ABSENT:  
APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT: BRIAN SHERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT BONAKER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR  
ROSEMARY WILBER, DISTRICT CLERK  
ALSO PRESENT: STACEY DELANEY, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
MARYELLEN GILLIS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
JAMIE ROCKHILL, JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL ASST. PRINCIPAL AND ATHLETIC  
DIRECTOR  
0 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES; 5 DISTRICT RESIDENTS;  
2 STAFF MEMBERS; 10 STUDENTS

President Isles called the Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 5, 2011 to order at 7:05 pm. REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mr. Burton to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 21, 2011. APPROVE MINUTES  
9/21/11

Yes – 7  
No – 0 Motion Carried

President Isles reviewed the Agenda and October/November calendar of events and facilities use. The following were additions/changes to the agenda: CALENDAR  
AND AGENDA

- Superintendent’s Report – add SCS Athletics Section 2 Sportsmanship Award
- Personnel – add item a. Appoint Coaches

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** PRIVILEGE OF  
THE FLOOR

President Isles offered the privilege of the floor. No one requested to speak.

**PRESENTATION**

**Independent Auditor’s Report for the 2010-2011 School Year** INDEPENDENT  
AUDITOR’S REPORT  
2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent Sherman introduced Ms. Kasey Dare, auditor, from Marvin & Company, P.C. She reviewed the results of the completed examination of the financial transactions of Schoharie Central School for the school fiscal year that ended June 30, 2011. The report shows an unqualified opinion (or “clean opinion”) for the District’s finances for 2010-11.

Mr. Bonaker thanked his staff – Julie Langan, Sue Schuppel and Barb Smith for their assistance during the audit. He said the finalized audit reports will need to be formally approved at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education authorize Marvin & Company, P.C. to finalize the 2010-11 audit reports for approval at the next meeting on October 19, 2011. AUTHORIZCE  
FINALIZATION OF  
AUDIT REPORTS

Yes – 7  
No – 0 Motion Carried

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REPORT**Depot Lane Singers Use of Facilities Request**DEPOT LANE SINGERS  
USE OF FACILITIES

Superintendent Sherman reported that a compromise has been worked out between the Athletic Department and The Depot Lane Singers regarding the use of the High School Gymnasium on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for their Holiday Concert.

Details are as follows:

- The Depot Lane Singers will rehearse Friday evening at an alternate location.
- The Athletic Department will hold practices on Saturday morning until 11:00 am.
- The Depot Lane Singers will have the gym after 11:00 am on Saturday to set up for their concert that evening. The athletes, if possible, will help them set up.

Board Members asked Mr. Bonaker what the Use of Facility fees would be. He stated that it is \$46 per hour for a custodian and \$6 per hour for utilities.

Motion was made by Mrs. Jaqueway, seconded by Mr. Bleau that the Board of Education allow The Depot Lane Singers the use of the High School Gymnasium on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and to waive the Use of Facilities fee for their December concert as this is a special community event related to the flood recovery.

APPROVE USE OF  
FACILITIES FOR THE  
DEPOT LANE SINGERS  
12/3/11 – WAIVE FEES

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Miss Wilber distributed a proposed Facility Use Contract for the Depot Lane Singers' concerts for discussion at a future meeting. President Isles deferred it to district counsel for review.

**Schoharie Promotional Society**SCHOHARIE  
PROMOTIONAL  
SOCIETY

Mr. Burton reported that the Schoharie Promotional Society will be holding "Trunk or Treat" on Halloween night for elementary children from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. People are invited to decorate their cars and park them along Main Street in Schoharie. Children will then go car-to-car to trick or treat.

**Collaboration vs. Conflict Training**

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Mrs. Isles reported that she recently attended a training workshop titled "Collaboration vs. Conflict". She said she received literature she is willing to share with Board Members.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**SCS Athletics Awarded Section 2 Sportsmanship Award**SCS ATHLETICS  
AWARDED SECTION 2  
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Mr. Rockhill reported that Schoharie Athletes received the Section 2 Sportsmanship Award for the second year in a row. There are 96 schools in Section 2; five schools are chosen to be recognized for good sportsmanship. Schoharie High School was one of them. The athletes received a plaque commemorating the honor. Superintendent Sherman and the members of the Board congratulated the athletes present on their exceptional award.

**Rolphie Fund**

ROLPHIE FUND

Superintendent Sherman said he recently met with the Karker family regarding The Rolphie Fund. He said they have received many donations, which will be used to assist flood victims.

**Donations**

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Superintendent Sherman reported the District has received numerous donations from many areas for flood victims. Some of the donations include:

- 26 cases of books for elementary students from Fire Departments
- Supplies, food, monetary donation of \$3,000 from Broadalbin Perth Central School
- Food, supplies and monetary donation of \$500 from Niskayuna Central School
- 3 cases of stuffed animals and toys from Montaok Union Free School District
- \$650 from the Columbia Football Team
- School supplies from Stillwater Elementary School
- Supplies and food from Stillwater High School
- New blankets, pillows, bedding, towels from the Vischer Ferry Auxiliary
- Handmade quilts from the Quilting Bee in Esperance

Superintendent Sherman also reported that the Schoharie Teachers Association will be installing insulation to homes free of charge on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The New York State United Teachers Association has collected \$40,000 to purchase the insulation.

Mrs. Jaqueway reported that Lifetouch (the photography company that takes the pictures for the school) will supply pictures from last year to flood victims free of charge.

**Other Flood Related Information**

Superintendent Sherman said he is working on having a representative from the IRS to give a presentation to the community on how to process a tax claim for losses due to flooding.

Superintendent Sherman said he has had community members express concern about air quality in the area. He said testing has been done both inside and outside of the building. He said there is no problem on the inside of the building. Outside there was slightly more silica detected due to the red mud; however it is still under the “concern” level.

Water has been tested again and was given a clean bill.

**Board Goals**

BOARD GOALS

Superintendent Sherman distributed the amended 2011-2012 Board of Education Goals to Members with the modifications made per the meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve the 2011-2012 Board of Education Goals as amended. (copy attached to Official Minutes)

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Superintendent Sherman said the goals will be posted on the website soon.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Superintendent Sherman to appoint the following individuals as coaches for the 2011-12 school year.

APPOINT COACHES

Barbara Almy	Elementary Girls Fall Intramurals	E-5	\$1,170
Barbara Almy	Elementary Girls Winter Intramurals	E-5	\$1,460
Barbara Almy	Elementary Girls Spring Intramurals	E-5	\$1,170
Randall Gunther	Elementary Boys Fall Intramurals	E-3	\$1,110
Shane Barton	Boys Little Indians Basketball	E-7	\$ 960

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

**BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Bleau that the Board of Education approve and adopt Proposed Amendment of BOE Policy #5662 – Wellness Policy.

APPROVE AND ADOPT  
BOE POLICY #5662  
WELLNESS POLICY

Yes – 6  
No – 1 (Wilber) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mr. Bleau, seconded by Miss Wilber that the Board of Education approve the Schoharie Valley FFA field trip request to National FFA Convention in Cleveland, OH, Monroe, MI and Indianapolis, IN from 10/16/11 through 10/23/11. The District will pay \$600 for the expense of the Advisor.

APPROVE NATIONAL  
FFA CONVENTION  
FIELD TRIP FROM  
10/16/11 – 10/23/11

Yes – 7  
No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Committees and approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education program services and placements consistent with such recommendations regarding the following students:

CSE, CPSE  
AND/OR 504  
RECOMMENDATION

1. #90107 Requested Review Transfer Student
2. #05728 Annual Review
3. #0446 Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
4. #9035 Requested Review

Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Abstain – 1 (Jaqueway) Motion Carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Ms. Monsees that the Board of Education approve the 2010-11 budget transactions final amendment, per Independent Auditor. (copies attached to Official Minutes)

APPROVE 2010-11  
BUDGET  
TRANSACTIONS  
FINAL AMENDMENT

Yes – 7  
No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mr. Burton that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$65.18 from Target for the Wee Read Program.

ACCEPT DONATION  
FROM TARGET  
FOR WEE READ  
PROGRAM

Yes – 7  
No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Schultz that the Board of Education approve a transportation request to transport 3 students to Faith Bible Church, as is required by Education Law.

APPROVE  
TRANSPORTATION  
REQUEST TO  
FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

Yes – 7  
No – 0 Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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BUSINESS

The following items were distributed to Board Members for information:

- Newspaper articles pertaining to Schoharie Central School

President Isles stated that the next regular Board of Education Meetings will be as follows:

NEXT MEETINGS

- Special Meeting on October 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Elementary School Cafeteria with Middleburgh Central School Board of Education
- Regular Meeting on October 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library Classroom
  - Meet with Claims Auditor at 6:30 pm prior to meeting

Board Members asked for a copy of the job description for the Claims Auditor.

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees seconded by Mrs. Jaqueway to enter into Executive Session to discuss specific personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Isles declared the meeting to be in recess at 8:28 p.m.

RECESS

The Executive Session came to order at 8:31 p.m. with Mr. Bleau, Mr. Burton, Mrs. Isles, Mrs. Jaqueway, Ms. Monsees, Mrs. Schultz, Miss Wilber, Superintendent Sherman, Mr. Bonaker and Mrs. Wilber present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Wilber was excused at 9:14 pm.

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mr. Burton to end the Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Isles declared the Regular Meeting to be reconvened at 10:04 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion was made by Ms. Monsees, seconded by Mrs. Jaqueway that the Board of Education approve the Resolution calling for a Section 913 proceeding.

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 913 PROCEEDING

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion was made by Miss Wilber, seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

ADJOURN

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

President Isles declared the meeting of October 5, 2011 to be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wilber  
District Clerk