

BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGHLIGHTS of MEETING HELD – October 8, 2013
REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00 P.M. at Franklin Academy High School, Huskie Lane, Malone.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arlie Collins, Christine Crossman-Dumas, Stephen J. Dupree, Carol Hunter, Gordon Hutchins, Donna Kissane, David LaPlant, Edward Lockwood, Wayne Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

MEMBERS TARDY: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy L. Brooks, District Clerk, Jerry Griffin, Superintendent, Timothy P. Whipple, Business Administrator, David Brooks, Carl Seyfarth, Melissa Brown, Brianne Iby and a few government class students.

PLEDGE TO FLAG: was led by President Rogers.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO-TEM:

Timothy P. Whipple was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for the duration of Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: was entered into at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as they relate to specific individuals and contractual matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: at 7:28 P.M.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

AGENDA for 10/8/13 was adopted as presented.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held 9/24/13 were approved as presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

NYSSBA AREA VI DIRECTOR NOMINATION: The Board nominated Wayne Rogers for Area 6 Director of the New York State School Boards Association for the term beginning January 1, 2014.

SPORTS MERGER WITH CHATEAGUAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: for the 2013-14 school year in the sport of Boy's Varsity Indoor Track was approved as presented. Chateaugay Central School District will be billed for all students who participate in this sport.

RESOLUTION FOR SECTION 913 MEDICAL EXAM: was approved as presented.

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT: for the 2012-13 school year, which was completed by Seyfarth & Seyfarth CPA's of Malone, was accepted as presented. Mr. Rogers commended the District's excellent staff for their exemplary record keeping, sharing of information and 'going by the book'.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

BOARD REPORTS: Mr. Rogers announced that yearbook pictures will be taken at the October 22nd Board of Education meeting. He also asked that anyone interested in attending the Area 6 Dinner Meeting on November 7th at the Malone Golf Club notify Mrs. Brooks no later than October 18th so that reservations can be made. Mrs. Kissane reported that she, Ms. Hunter and Mr. Griffin attended a trauma informed approach for schools commenting that it was very informative and eye opening. The speaker at this session was out of Spokane, Washington with a large contingent of staff members from the District in attendance.

INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT: The Claims Audit report prepared by Sharon Plante, Claims Auditor, was reviewed which again showed a very minimal number of correctible audit claims and corrective actions taken (out of thousands of claims) for the period July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. The Board congratulated Mrs. Plante for doing a great job!

DISCUSSION ON HIGH STAKES TESTING: Nate Hathaway and Brianne Iby reported on the concerns and outrage on the growing level of standardized testing and implored the Board as to the possibility of adopting a resolution protesting High Stakes testing while providing the Board with a sample resolution for the Board's review. Mr. Rogers stated that the New York State School Boards Association is looking into the testing process. Mr. Griffin commented that the main concern with moving forward with this is the possible mixed messages this could send with the common core standards. Several Board Members offered comments while others stated they would need more information and/or research on the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA: for **PERSONNEL MATTERS** was approved as follows:

Instructional Staff:

ADDITIONAL WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENTS: were made to Wade Bush (Boy's Modified Basketball Head Coach), Shawn McMahon (Boy's Modified Basketball Asst.), Scott Marlow/Mike Wescott (Girl's Varsity Indoor Track Co-coaches*), David Farden/Mark Flick (Volunteer Girl's Basketball), Bill Pfaff/Ryan Spinner (Volunteer Wrestling), James Heden (Volunteer Boy's Indoor Track), Jason Black (Volunteer Bowling) & Timothy Lamay Jr. (Volunteer Boy's Basketball). *Each Co-coach will be paid ½ of contractual salary.

A.I.S. APPOINTMENTS: were made to Jennifer Massaro (Living Environment), John Miletich (Earth Science), Sarah Mosher (ELA), Jillian Senter (US History & Global History) & Brett Buschbascher (Algebra). Each appointment is for 1 section/2 days per week, effective 10/9/13 through 1/30/14, at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.

ADDITIONAL EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENT: for the 2013-14 school year was made to Stephanie Wagner (Sophomore Class Advisor). Ms. Wagner will be paid a stipend according to the MFT Contract.

Support Staff:

VOLUNTARY DEMOTION: Peter McElwain (from Sr. Custodian In-Charge to Custodian), effective 11/1/13.

RETIREMENTS: Margaret Hungerford (Cleaner), effective 10/31/13 & Pauline Bova (Clerk), effective 12/21/13.

President Rogers acknowledged Ms. Hungerford and Ms. Bova for their years of service to the District and wished them the very best in their retirements!

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED ACTION:

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS: were approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 P.M.

Cindy L. Brooks
District Clerk/Board of Education
10/9/13