

**Tully Central Schools
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Tully High School – Conference Room
February 22, 2010 – 6:00 pm**

MINUTES

The President of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Drumm to approve the agenda. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.
 - Agenda Changes – Superintendent
Item 18 a. This is a late agenda item to appoint spring coaches.
 - Approve Agenda

MINUTES

3. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Steiger to approve the minutes of the previous meeting – January 25, 2010 (Attachment – Item 1) Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Maureen Brophy
Mr. James Bertolo
Mr. John Burgett
Mr. Mark Drumm
Mr. Jan Kublick
Mr. Ken Steiger
Mr. Blaise Knapp, Student Ex Officio member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Dan Twentyman

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Kraig D. Pritts, Superintendent
Ms. Tiffany Nesbitt, Business Administrator
Mrs. Kimberly O'Brien, K-6 Principal
Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, 7-12 Principal
Mrs. Darlene Walowsky, Interim 7-12 Assistant Principal

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ABSENT

Mrs. Debora M. Cox, Director of Special Education / K-6 Assistant Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Mary D. Fisher, District Clerk

Mrs. Brophy opened the meeting to visitor comments. Mrs. Nancy Byrne, a district resident and a volunteer educator at Tully Elementary stated she was aware of talk of the possibility of moving 6th grade to the junior senior high school. She opposes that move and submitted a written letter to the Board. Mr. Pritts stated the Board recently received studies on this proposal and it was his recommendation not to pursue that any further. Mr. Pritts noted that had not yet been shared with the staff because the Board had recently received his recommendation not to move 6th grade to the junior senior high school. Mrs. Byrne thanked the Board.

RECOGNITIONS AND VISITORS

4. Staff and Student Recognitions

- Mr. Ryan Dando – Basketball. The Board presented Mr. Dando with a plaque in honor of his 100th victory in Boys' basketball which was obtained on January 2, 2010. Mrs. Brophy noted she had watched Mr. Dando play junior high and high school basketball and it is a pleasure to have him here as a coach.

5. The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: Nancy Byrne, Suzanne Hardy, Anne Marie Heymann, Betsy Shahan, Victoria Ellis, Donna Voggel, Heather Edinger, Denise Cardamone and Terri Hoke.

PRESENTATIONS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

6. 2010-2011 Budget: Program. Mr. Pritts and Ms. Nesbitt presented an in depth PowerPoint presentation. This presentation can be found on the school website. It was noted the district is working with attorneys and auditors to find legal ways to use our reserves and fund balance in order to preserve programs and positions. It was also stated the district continues to seek ways to save money. As an example, instead of hiring a full time transportation supervisor, we are contracting with a retired transportation supervisor on a part-time basis to bring our records and training paperwork up to date. He has already found and corrected some areas of compliance.

Ms. Nesbitt explained the value of participation in several consortium groups through BOCES such as health insurance, energy, cooperative purchases, teacher recruitment and workers' compensation. In workers' compensation alone we saved approximately \$11,000 as compared with the open market for such services.

Ms. Nesbitt noted sales tax is up for negotiations and we have a meeting on February 24 with James Rhinehart, Onondaga County Legislature Chairman. We normally receive approximately \$240,000 in sales tax revenue which is equal to approximately 3% on the tax levy. It is likely that this amount will be reduced by the County with a new agreement.

Mr. Pritts noted we originally had our budget adoption scheduled for the April 5 meeting because the deadline for budget adoption is April 23. In order to allow us more time to fine tune the budget in case there are legislative changes, we are proposing that the budget adoption be moved from April 5 to April 19 or 20, 2010 and we will not hold a Board meeting on April 26, 2010. The Board members were in agreement for April 19, 2010 and this will replace the Board meeting that was originally scheduled to be held on April 26, 2010. It was noted there would be a resolution at the March Board meeting to change the Board meeting date from April 26, 2010 to April 19, 2010

and the April 19 meeting would be when the budget adoption will take place. The Board was agreeable to this change.

Mrs. Brophy asked the audience if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

7. Cabinet/Board Comments

- District

Board goals: Mr. Pritts noted at the last meeting we did not discuss Board goals and the Board was asked to review the goals. He noted he had not received any concerns or questions on the goals review.

District calendar 2010-2011: Mr. Pritts presented the proposed calendar. He noted it was in the bookmarked area and also was included in Tully at a glance. It does not have students attending before Labor Day. It does have teachers attending before Labor Day. It retains the school breaks. It allows for 187 faculty days as per the Tully Teachers' Association agreement. Mr. Pritts asked the Board to review the calendar and if no questions are brought forth, we will move for adoption at the next Board meeting.

Item 14: Mr. Pritts noted this is only to change the date of retirement by one day as it has to do with Mrs. Cobler's retirement service.

Item 18: Mr. Pritts noted this is for a part-time aid position that the Board had discussed previously. This position only goes to the end of this school year.

Item 20: Mr. Pritts referred to this Memorandum of Agreement dealing with child neglect. All counties are required to have such agreements in place with schools in their area. We recently approved a similar agreement with Cortland County.

Item 21: Ms. Nesbitt noted this is a vehicle lease agreement with P.E.A.C.E. Inc. to transport senior citizens to a grocery store in Cortland. By law school districts can enter into lease agreements with non-for-profit organizations. The bus driver, Mr. Loren Prince, has chosen to donate his pay to the organization.

- Building Spotlights

High School: Mrs. Murphy discussed the very successful Shakespeare Competition and the fact there was a lot of student participation this year. We have three students in first, second and third place; Lydia Shahan, Lauren Puente and Lyndsie Collis, respectively. We wish Lydia Shahan a lot of luck this Saturday in her competition at Syracuse Stage.

Mrs. Murphy noted our students went to Fayetteville-Manlius for mock trial and they get to go back this Thursday and perform again. The advisors volunteer their time to work with these students. They are doing very well and she hopes to be able to attend Thursday's performance.

Elementary School: Mrs. O'Brien spoke of the very successful *Annie Jr.* production performed by 5th and 6th grade drama students.

Mrs. O'Brien spoke of the drug show semi finals starting on February 23.

- Student Government. Mr. Knapp reported student council submitted a proposal for permission to use hand held music players during lunch only. We are still in the process of planning the March dance. We are volleyball sectional champs as well as the basketball team and indoor teams. FFA competition will be held February 23 and well as Cabaret night.

- Committees

Athletic Council: No report.

Audit Committee: Mr. Bertolo reported they had attended the legislative meeting. The impression of everyone there was we are aware a hurricane is approaching us but none of them had an answer. Mr. Steiger stated there is not going to be any relief unless the federal government comes in.

Facilities Committee: No report.

Goals Committee: No report.

Legislative: Mr. Steiger discussed the county sales tax meeting to be held February 24 with Onondaga County Legislature Chairman, James Rhinehart. Mr. Rhinehart had requested a meeting with school districts be held this week. We can put leverage on the legislators. Our legislative action committee has met several times.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

8. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Drumm to accept the financial reports of January 2010, subject to audit. (Attachment – Item 2) Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

- Treasurer's Reports
- Extra Classroom Reports
- School Lunch Fund Reports
- Revenue Budget Status Reports 07/01/09-01/31/10

A Board member asked about the lottery aid amount and why was there such a fluctuation. Ms. Nesbitt noted it is usually not that much of an extreme as it was offset in other areas. A discussion ensued regarding lottery aid and general state aid.

9. Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Burgett that the request from Ms. Nesbitt dated February 12, 2010 for budget transfers over \$10,000.00 be approved. (Attachment – Item 3) Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

POLICIES

10. Policies – none

OLD BUSINESS

11. Old business – none

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Bertolo to approve items numbered 12-18 and late agenda item numbered 18 a. by consent. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

12. Approved the following substitute lists:

- Substitute Teacher – Non-Certified
- Substitute Teaching Assistant – Non-Certified
- Substitute Cafeteria
- Substitute Nurse
- Substitute Cleaner
- Substitute Maintenance

(Attachment – Item 4)

13. Appointed Daniel Hardy to the position of JH Boys' Lacrosse coach assistant for the 2010 spring sports season.

14. Accepted the REVISED DATE- of the resignation with regret due to retirement of Linda Cobler as library media aide in the high school with an effective date of June 30, 2010. (Attachment – Item 5)

15. Accepted the request from Kimberly Abel for a leave from her position of Elementary Teacher with an anticipated start date of March 22, 2010 with an anticipated end date of May 14, 2010. (Attachment – Item 6)

16. Appointed Richard E. Rogers to the part-time position of Transportation Supervisor and the attached employment agreement dated February 22, 2010 with Mr. Rogers is approved and the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the agreement. (Attachment – Item 7)

17. Appointed Colleen Rienhardt, a probationary appointment, to the position of labor class title of Cleaner, effective February 23, 2010. (Attachment – Item 8) This appointment is per the terms of the Employee Handbook for Support Staff effective 07/01/06 – 06/30/08.

18. Appointed Michelle Doolittle to the position of labor class title of teacher aide, effective February 23, 2010. (Attachment – Item 9) This appointment is per the terms of the Employee Handbook for Support Staff effective 07/01/06 – 06/30/08.

18 a. Approved the attached listing of appointment of the 2010 spring sports coaches. (Attachment – Item 15)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Drumm to approve items numbered 19-23 by consent. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

19. Approved the CSE Placement recommendations. (Attachment – Item 10)

20. Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Onondaga County Department of Social Services regarding Educational Neglect dated February 1, 2010 and the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the agreement. (Attachment – Item 11)

21. Approved the attached vehicle lease agreement with P.E.A.C.E. Inc. effective March 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 and the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the agreement. (Attachment – Item 12)

22. Approved the surplus equipment items per the attached listing dated February 16, 2010 as surplus items and the business administrator is authorized to dispose of the items by the best available method at her discretion. (Attachment – Item 13)

23. Approved the buses per the attached listing dated February 16, 2010 as surplus items and the business administrator is authorized to dispose of the buses by the best available method at her discretion. (Attachment – Item 14)

MEETING AND DATES – as provided by Cabinet

February 23 - Cabaret Night – Music Association – 6:00 pm

March 1 - Syracuse Symphony Orchestra – elementary auditorium – 1:15 pm

- March 2 - International Dinner – 6:30 pm
- March 5-6 - High School Musical Production – “Sound of Music”
- March 7 - High School Musical Production – “Sound of Music” – matinee - 2:00 pm
- March 8 - JV/Varsity Spring Sports begin
- March 9 - Relay for Life Kickoff – high school lobby – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- March 10 - Syracuse Symphony Orchestra – elementary auditorium – 6:30 pm
- March 12 - JH International Lock-In
- March 13 - SAT Exam – high school – 7:45 am
- March 15 - Board of Education meeting – high school – 6:00 pm
- March 18 - Teachers vs. Alumni Fund Basketball Game
- March 19 - Superintendent Conference Day – No classes
- March 23 - FFA Banquet – high school – 6:00 pm
- March 26 - March Madness dance – high school – 7:00 pm
- March 26-27 - Jazz All County Festival
- March 31 - Senior High Concert – high school – 7:00 pm

ROUND TABLE

Public comments

Mr. Knapp discussed Board goals and noted it is good the Board is looking at going forward with graduation rates. Mr. Knapp noted he has a good friend, a recent drop out from high school, and the fact that his friend’s resistance was due to him being funneled down a rigid academic path. His friend told him high school does not provide him with any new opportunities. Mr. Knapp stated the Board needs to look at reasons why students are dropping out of school. They may not be served correctly in the school. A discussion ensued. The Board thanked Mr. Knapp for his comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Bertolo seconded by Mr. Steiger to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of personnel issues and negotiations at 6:50 pm. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Kublick to return from executive session at 9:43 pm. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

24. Motion by Mr. Steiger, seconded by Mr. Bertolo to approve Mr. Paccia and selected Indoor Track team members to participate in the Nike Nationals in Boston. The district will cover the

entry fee for the group with all other costs to be covered through outside sources. The approval is based upon the students not missing any class time for this trip. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kublick seconded by Mr. Drumm to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.