

**Tully Central Schools
Board of Education –Regular Meeting
Tully High School – Conference Room
January 12, 2009 – 6:00 pm**

MINUTES

The Vice President of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Bertolo to approve the agenda. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.
 - Agenda Changes – Superintendent. Mr. Pritts stated there are no agenda changes tonight.
 - Approve Agenda

MINUTES

3. Motion by Mr. Bertolo seconded by Mr. Burgett to approve the minutes of previous meeting(s) – December 15, 2008 meeting (Attachment – Item 1) Vote 5-0 Motion carried.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. James Bertolo
Mr. John Burgett
Mr. Mark Drumm (arrived at 6:20 pm)
Mr. Jan Kublick
Mr. Ken Steiger
Mr. Dan Twentyman, Vice President

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Maureen Brophy, President
Mr. Jeffrey Kerr, Student Ex Officio member

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Kraig D. Pritts, Superintendent
Mr. James J. Rodems, Business Administrator
Mrs. Kimberly O'Brien, K-6 Principal
Mrs. Debora M. Cox, Director of Special Education / K-6 Assistant Principal
Mr. Peter F. Cardamone, 7-12 Principal
Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy, 7-12 Assistant Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Mary D. Fisher, District Clerk

RECOGNITIONS AND VISITORS

4. Staff and Student Recognitions. Mr. Cardamone spoke of the accomplishment of Jake Hughes, his acceptance to a very competitive college, Cooper Union. There will be an article in the February Knight Insight.

5. The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: Jacob C. Johnson, Joe Hafler, Jayne Baritell, Tyler Knapp, Stephanie Dexter, Suzanne Hardy, Denise Cardamone, Mary-Ellen Touchette, Brian Randazzo, Becky Bloom, Victoria Ellis, Cathleen J. Toglia, Mary Kay Ward, Andrew Ward, Hailee Hoffman, Liam Ward, Ryane Berberian, Zac Guy and Roger Quinlan.

PRESENTATIONS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

6. General Budget Discussion – Mr. Pritts and Mr. Rodems provided an in depth Power Point presentation to review the 1.4 million dollar fiscal gap with ideas for cost savings. Mr. Pritts noted we expect this to be a two to three year issue. We will try to minimize the effect on our instructional program. We need to examine every aspect of our plan for efficiency. Mr. Rodems stated we have met with adjoining districts to share transportation. Homer, Fabius, LaFayette and Tully will try to work together to share in transporting our out of district placements and parochial students. Mr. Pritts stated there will be changes in the Knight Insight to reduce costs. Some items such as menus, reading lists and others can be available on the school website as well as through handouts to students. We will look at combining a January/February issue as well as a July/August issue. It was also discussed that some for profit organizations use the school facilities at no cost beyond custodians if the event is not during working hours. Mr. Pritts noted he has yet to find any school district in our BOCES area that permits for profit organization to use school facilities even with a charge. If Tully continues to allow for profit organizations to use school facilities we may want to consider charging them for the use. A calendar of the budget process was shared that follows the same format as in the past. Budget adoption dates are determined by law and we have no flexibility in that area. In response to an inquiry from the Board, Mr. Pritts responded that members of the Board will receive a line by line budget beginning at the January 26 meeting as is done each year.

7. Special Education Report Q & A– Mrs. Cox (Attachment – Item 2). An opportunity was provided to the Board to ask any questions regarding the report previously provided to them. Mrs. Cox stated she has worked through all the state reporting and they are getting more and more detailed. She stated we do apply for and receive some level of special education aid on all our students and she reported this to the Board last year. This year she thought it was important to talk about what our staff does and reviewed the responsibilities of teachers, teaching assistants and teacher aides. A Board member asked how many students do we have in special education. She stated from September to June we average 130 to 160 in the buildings.

8. Cabinet and Board Comments

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- Superintendent. Mr. Pritts reminded the Board there is a CNYSBA Legislative Breakfast on February 7 at West Genesee High School. It is a very informative session with a good turnout. Mr. Steiger stated it is important we attend as we can be advocates for them with the tough decisions they have to make. Mr. Burgett stated it is a chance to express formally and informally your opinions. They are very supportive of our endeavor. A discussion was held regarding mandates relief efforts from the state. A Board member asked if we could get an estimate of these mandate costs and what relief we could realize in a list format for the February 7 Legislative Breakfast. Mr. Pritts asked members to email their thoughts to him so that the administration could compile them and work on the list to get as much information as possible for the Board.

- Other.
 - Elementary: Mrs. O'Brien invited everyone to the 3rd and 4th grade chorus concert this Tuesday evening.
 - High School: Mrs. Murphy noted on January 21, Alessia Shore would start as an administrative intern from Cortland State. Mr. Pritts noted the Board had previously passed a resolution for this unpaid internship. She will be introduced to the Board at the January 26 meeting. She will be working on a building level internship under the supervision of Mrs. Murphy and a district level internship under the supervision of Mr. Pritts.
 - Mr. Cardamone spoke on the number of initiatives on the topic of underage drinking. Our Teen Institute students are trying to send a message of not abusing substances. We just had a very supportive inspirational speaker on January 8 for high school students' grades 9-12. We had a very positive reaction from the students. There will be an article and picture in the Knight Insight. This year in May we will do our prom simulation crash. On February 27 the senior class is doing a senior ball at Highland Forest. Class officers have requested every student be subject to a breathalyzer test as they arrive at the senior ball. The students are really positive and behind it.
- Board
 - Student Government: Mr. Kerr was not able to attend the meeting but emailed his report found in the bookmarked area. Mr. Burgett shared this student government report.
 - Committees
 - Athletic Council: No report.
 - Audit Committee: No report.
 - Facilities Committee: No report.
 - Goals Committee: No report.
 - Legislative: Mr. Steiger stated the legislative committee has not met and it would be a good idea for the committee to meet. The committee consists of Mr. Steiger, Mrs. Cardamone and Mr. Bertolo. Mr. Steiger stated he will take responsibility for scheduling a meeting.
 - Other: Board of Education Brochure: Mr. Pritts and Mr. Steiger have been working on a Board of Education brochure relating to Board roles and responsibilities that can be used as handouts to students, staff and the community.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

9. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Drumm to accept the financial reports (Attachment – Item 3). Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

- Treasurer's Report: November 2008
- Budget Status Report: November 2008
- Extra Classroom Report: November 2008
- School Lunch Fund Report: November 2008

10. Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Burgett that the request from Mr. Rodems dated December 18, 2008 for budget transfers over \$10,000.00 be approved. (Attachment – Item 4) Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

POLICIES

11. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Drumm that the following Board of Education policies be approved for a first reading: (Attachment – Item 5) Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

- a. Board Policy #7643 – Transfer Students with Disabilities

- b. Board Policy #7650 – Identification and Register of Children with Disabilities (Child Find)
- c. Board Policy #7651 – Additional Procedures for Identifying Students with Learning Disabilities
- d. Board Policy #7660 – Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities
- e. Board Policy #7670 – Impartial Due Process Hearings/Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers
- f. Board Policy # 7690 – Special Education Mediation

12. Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Burgett that the following Board of Education policies be approved for a second reading and adopted as policies: (Attachment – Item 6) Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

- a. Board Policy #7621 – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- b. Board Policy #7631 – Appointment and Training of Committee on Special Education (CSE)/Subcommittee on Special Education Members
- c. Board Policy #7640 – Student Individualized Education Program (IEP): Development and Provision
- d. Board Policy #7641 – Transition Services
- e. Board Policy #7642 – Twelve Month Special Services and/or Programs

OLD BUSINESS

A Board member inquired of the status of the senior trip as it relates to whether or not monies paid would be refundable in certain circumstances such as if the event was cancelled. Mr. Cardamone responded with the details on the trip cancellation insurance.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Kublick seconded by Mr. Burgett to approve items 13-16 by consent. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

13. Accepted the resignation of Kathleen Zimdahl, food service helper, effective January 5, 2009. (Attachment – Item 7)

14. Accepted the resignation of Jacqueline Limeri, school monitor, effective January 17, 2009. (Attachment – Item 8)

15: Approved the following substitute lists:

- Substitute Teacher – Non-certified
(Attachment – Item 9)

16. Approved the attached listing of high school volunteers. (Attachment – Item 10)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Drumm to approve items numbered 17-19 by consent. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

17. Approved the CSE Placement Recommendations. (Attachment – Item 11)

18. Approved the agreement with SUNY Cobleskill dated November 29, 2008 for a term of three years relating to a class for college credit of Introduction to Agricultural Engineering, course AGEN 101, and the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the agreement. (Attachment – Item 12)

19. Approved the resolution to allow Tully Central School District to purchase materials and supplies, services or equipment from Onondaga County publicly bid contracts.

MEETING AND DATES – as provided by Cabinet

- January 12-16 - Grades 3, 4 & 5 NYS ELA Assessment
- January 14 - 3rd & 4th Grade Chorus Concert – 7:00 pm
- January 16 - JH dance at high school – 6:30-9:00 pm
- January 16-17 - SH All County Festival
- January 19 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School closed
- January 20-23 - Grades 6, 7 & 8 NYS ELA Assessment
- January 23-34 - JH All County Festival
- January 26 - Board of Education – special meeting at high school – 6:00 pm
- January 27-30 - Regents exams
- January 30-31 - 8th grade trip to Quebec, Canada

ROUND TABLE

Public comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Kublick that the Board adjourn into executive session for the discussion of litigation, personnel issues and negotiations at 7:40 pm. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Steiger seconded by Mr. Bertolo to return from executive session at 11:10 pm. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Kublick to adjourn at 11:11 pm. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.