

**Tully Central Schools
Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Tully High School – Conference Room
December 21, 2009 – 6:00 pm**

MINUTES

The President of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Kublick to approve the agenda. Vote 6-0. Motion carried.
 - Agenda Changes – Superintendent. Due to procedural notification, item 19 will be pulled and we expect it to be on the January 11, 2010 agenda. Item 37, Race to the Top, is a late agenda item. We will be getting more information from Dr. Cohen regarding this item and if it is determined Tully should participate, we would like authorization to proceed in order to meet the deadline of January 8.
 - Approve Agenda

MINUTES

3. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Drumm to approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s) – November 16, 2009 (Attachment – Item 1) Vote 6-0. Motion carried.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Maureen Brophy
Mr. Dan Twentyman
Mr. James Bertolo
Mr. John Burgett
Mr. Mark Drumm
Mr. Jan Kublick
Mr. Ken Steiger (arrived at 6:07 pm)
Mr. Blaise Knapp, Student Ex Officio member

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Kraig D. Pritts, Superintendent
Ms. Tiffany Nesbitt, Business Administrator
Mrs. Kimberly O'Brien, K-6 Principal
Mrs. Debora M. Cox, Director of Special Education / K-6 Assistant Principal
Mr. Mary Ann Murphy, Interim 7-12 Principal
Mrs. Darlene Walowsky, Interim 7-12 Assistant Principal

OTHERS PRESENT

Mrs. Mary D. Fisher, District Clerk

RECOGNITIONS AND VISITORS

4. Staff and Student Recognitions

- National Technical Honor Society Inductees – Sarah Dombrowski, Danielle Emert-Delles and Joseph Wallingford-Stirner. Mrs. Murphy welcomed Sarah Dombrowski and her parents at tonight’s meeting. Sarah was recognized for her achievement in the culinary arts program.

5. The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: Derek Hill, Kim Dombrowski, Sarah Dombrowski, Stanley Dombrowski, Betsy Shahan, Jill Northrup and Denise Cardamone.

Mrs. Brophy opened the meeting to visitor comments. No comments were made.

PRESENTATIONS – DISCUSSION/ACTION

6. Cabinet and Board Comments

- Cabinet
 - Superintendent:

Application for FFA convention: Mr. Pritts noted Mr. Hill and Ms. Nesbitt completed a great deal of work on this process. Mr. Hill noted Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Currie and Mr. Cardamone worked with him on the application as well. Mr. Hill stated we are in stiff competition to host the convention and the chances of getting this are actually low. It will really come down to our proposal in January to the governing Board.

Change order: Mr. Pritts reviewed the change order listed in agenda item 30. Due to the fact it is over \$10,000 it requires approval by the Board of Education.

Funding: Mr. Pritts stated in tomorrow’s Post Standard there will be an article from the comptroller about the funding clip. Our numbers do not agree with the comptroller but we had just received the information today from the Post Standard and are continuing to research the matter.
 - Other
 - Bonds: Ms. Nesbitt reported on the refunding of the 1998 bonds due to the suggestion from the Board in the previous school year to look at refunding some of our debt to get better interest rates. We will save approximately \$238,000 over seven years. A Board member asked if there is other debt that could be refunded. Ms. Nesbitt will research other bonds to determine any potential benefits to refunding.
 - Transportation: Ms. Nesbitt reported receipt of several applications for the School Transportation Supervisor position. We are still in the review process.
 - 403(b): Ms. Nesbitt stated item 34 relates to an amendment to our current 403(b) plan and that it was reviewed and approved by our attorneys.
 - Elementary: Mrs. O’Brien stated the holiday concert last week with the fifth and sixth grade chorus went really well. On Friday last week we hosted our spelling bee and noted Mrs. Cox works very hard on this event. Six students will go forward to the next round in Syracuse.
 - High school: Mrs. Walowsky reported that the junior high play was excellent and the concert last week went very well.
 - SACI: Mrs. Cox reported she attended SACI training all of last week at another district as a facilitator.
- Board

- Student Government: Mr. Knapp noted the student government is trying to draft and edit a constitution and there will be more meetings on this after break. He also reported on the senior class field trip to News Channel 9 Operation Good Things, success of sports team, drama program musical is underway and the National Honor Society induction.
- Committees
 - Athletic Council: No report.
 - Audit Committee: Mr. Bertolo reported the audit committee meeting has been postponed to January 15.
 - Facilities Committee: No report.
 - Goals Committee: No report.
 - Legislative: Mr. Steiger reported on the December 3 Onondaga Madison School Board Association annual dinner for Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Superintendents he attended with Mr. Twentyman and Mr. Pritts. The focus was on to share our successes rather than a speaker. Each district submitted one successful practice. Our presentation focused on the student Board member. Mr. Steiger also reported on the local Legislative Action Committee that had been renamed to Public Advocacy Committee. This committee recently met and there will be another meeting in January. The committee members are Corinne Hust, Renee DeCarlo, Denise Cardamone and Bruce Graham. We are looking forward to the Central New York School Board Association state legislative breakfast the first Saturday in February.
 - Other

FINANCIAL ITEMS

7. Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Kublick to accept the financial reports, subject to audit for October and November 2009. (Attachment – Item 2) Vote 7-0. Motion carried.
- Treasurer’s Reports
 - Extra Classroom Reports
 - School Lunch Fund Reports
 - Revenue Budget Status Reports 07/01/09-11/30/09

POLICIES

8. Policies – none

OLD BUSINESS

9. Old business – none

PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Kublick seconded by Mr. Bertolo to approve items numbered 10-18 and 23 by consent, with item 19 being pulled from tonight’s agenda. Vote 7-0. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Bertolo seconded by Mr. Twentyman that item 22 is moved for discussion in executive session. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

10. Approved that the following substitute lists:

- Substitute Teacher – Certified and Non-Certified
- Substitute Teaching Assistant – Certified
- Substitute Bus Driver

(Attachment – Item 3)

11. Appointed Stephen Brown as a tutor for homebound instruction effective December 2, 2009. (Attachment – Item 4)

12. Accepted the resignation of Kenneth Chawgo, Jr. as Cleaner be accepted effective September 25, 2009. (Attachment – Item 5)

13. Appointed William Sheldon, a probationary appointment, to the position of labor class title of Cleaner effective December 22, 2009. (Attachment – Item 6) This appointment is per the terms of the Employee Handbook for Support Staff effective 07/01/06-06/30/08.

14. Appointed Heather Carroll, a probationary appointment, to the position of labor class title of Food Service Helper with a retroactive effective date of November 17, 2009. (Attachment – Item 7) This appointment is per the terms of the Employee Handbook for Support Staff effective 07/01/06 – 06/30/08.

15. Accepted the resignation of Tammi Rahrle as Director of Third and Fourth Grade chorus effective November 24, 2009. (Attachment – Item 8)

16. Appointed Jennifer Trexler as Director of Third and Fourth Grade chorus effective December 14, 2009. (Attachment – Item 9)

17. Appointed Fazio Nash as JH Wrestling Coach for the 2009-2010 winter sports season. (Attachment – Item 10)

18. Appointed Marcia Sipfle, a probationary appointment to the position of labor class title of Lunchroom Monitor effective December 22, 2009. (Attachment – Item 11) This appointment is per the terms of the Employee Handbook for Support Staff effective 07/01/06 – 06/30/08.

Pulled from agenda - Item 19: It is recommended that Patricia Hamilton be appointed to the position of Teaching Assistant, effective January 4, 2010, a probationary appointment with an anticipated tenure date of January 1, 2013. Ms. Hamilton has a Teaching Certificate Level 1 effective February 1, 2008 with an expiration date of January 31, 2011. (Attachment – Item 12) This appointment is per the terms of the 2007-2010 Tully Teachers' Association contract.

20. Appointed Katherine Trexler to the position of labor class title of Teacher Aide, effective January 4, 2010. (Attachment – Item 13) This appointment is per the terms of the Employee Handbook for Support Staff effective 07/01/06 – 06/30/08.

21. Approved the recommendation that the competitive class .5 FTE Bus Dispatcher position be abolished and that the competitive class 1.0 FTE School Transportation Supervisor position be created effective December 21, 2009.

Delayed to executive session: Item 22. It is recommended that Mary Ann Murphy be appointed to the position of 7-12 Principal a probationary appointment effective February 1, 2010, with an anticipated tenure date of July 1, 2012 at a pro-rated salary of \$94,000.00. This appointment is per the terms of the agreement between the Tully Central School District Administrators' Association and the Superintendent of Schools.

23. Accepted the resignation of Nicholas Melara as Math 7-12 Teacher effective December 23, 2009. (Attachment – Item 26)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Burgett seconded by Mr. Drumm to approve items numbered 24-37 by consent. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

24. Approved the CSE Placement recommendations. (Attachment – Item 14)

25. Approved the agreement with New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium through April 30, 2012 and the District Clerk is authorized to sign the agreement. (Attachment – Item 15)

26. Approved as surplus items the textbooks and television per the attached listing and the School Business Administrator is authorized to dispose of the items by the best available method at her discretion. (Attachment – Item 16)

27. Approved the application for refund of overpayment of real property taxes regarding tax map number 008.-03-11.1 for the 2009-2010 school tax. The total amount of refund issued is \$805.20. (Attachment – Item 17)

28. Approved the attached listing of volunteers to serve as volunteers in the high school. (Attachment – Item 18)

29. Approved John Hobart to serve as volunteer for technology support. (Attachment – Item 19)

30. Approved the attached change order, GC006 for contractor Streeter Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$19,097.00 and the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the change order. (Attachment – Item 20)

31. Approved the agreement between the Tully Afterschool Program and Tully Central School District regarding shared academic programs from September 2009 through June 2010 and the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the agreement. (Attachment – Item 21)

32. Accepted the internal audit proposal for the 2009-2010 school year. (Attachment – Item 22)

33. Accepted the donation of a Singer portable sewing machine from Ms. Dorothy Rosato. (Attachment – Item 23)

34. Approved the recommendation that the 403(b) Plan be adopted and the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign both the formal record of action and the Pension Protection Act (PPA) amendment. (Attachment – Item 24)

35. Approved the recommendation that the Board of Education of the Tully Central School District hereby accepts the sum of \$800.00 as a gift from the Tully Hockey Boosters' Club to be used solely to cover the full and complete costs and expenses that the Tully Central School District will incur in allowing two students to participate as members of the Corcoran Hockey Team of the Syracuse City School District.

36. Authorized the Superintendent of Schools to sign the attached application to host the State FFA convention in 2011. (Attachment – Item 25)

37. Approved the recommendation that should the District decide to participate in Race to the Top the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Board of Education to sign the Memorandum of Understanding from the New York State commissioner of Education.

MEETING AND DATES – as provided by Cabinet

December 24-25	Holiday Recess – School closed
December 28-30	Holiday Recess – No classes
December 31-Jan 1 -	Holiday Recess – School closed
January 4 -	Classes resume
January 11 -	Board of Education – special meeting – 6:00 pm
January 15-16 -	Senior High All County Festival
January 18 -	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School closed
January 22 -	Senior High Snowball semiformal dance – 7:00 pm
January 25 -	Board of Education – regular meeting – 6:00 pm
January 26-29 -	Regents Exams
January 29-30 -	Junior High All County Festival
January 28-31 -	8 th grade trip to Quebec, Canada

ROUND TABLE

Mrs. Brophy opened the meeting to visitor comments.

Public comments. No comments were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Burgett to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of personnel issues and negotiations at 6:20 pm. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Twentyman seconded by Mr. Bertolo to return from executive session at 7:45 pm. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Steiger seconded by Mr. Burgett that Mary Ann Murphy be appointed to the position of 7-12 Principal a probationary appointment effective February 1, 2010, with an anticipated tenure date of July 1, 2012 at a pro-rated salary of \$94,000.00. This appointment is per the terms of the agreement between the Tully Central School District Administrators' Association and the Superintendent of Schools. Vote 4-2-1. Ayes: Mr. Burgett, Mrs. Brophy, Mr. Steiger and Mr. Kublick. Nays: Mr. Bertolo and Mr. Twentyman. Abstained- Mr. Drumm. There was further discussion that Mr. Bertolo, Mr. Twentyman and Mr. Drumm are fully supportive of the Board's decision.

A discussion was held as to whether the Business Official's presence is needed in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Drumm seconded by Mr. Steiger to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Vote 7-0. Motion carried.