

SHERBURNE-EARLVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – May 13, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Morris, Thomas Caton, Patrick Dunshee,  
Susan Osborne, Daniel Piliero, Michael Ulrich

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Khoury

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Middle/High School by Thomas Morris, President, with the following in attendance: Gayle Hellert, Superintendent; Todd Griffin, Assistant Superintendent; members of SE staff and community.

Thomas Morris led the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Jennifer Moore, SETA President, addressed the Board regarding the resolution that was presented to them on April 8, 2013 and asked that they adopt it.

She introduced Dr. Mark Stern, professor at Colgate University, who specializes in Education Policy, Standardized Testing, and Charter Schools. Dr. Stern spoke about research done in Standardized Testing.

On motion made by Patrick Dunshee, seconded by Thomas Caton, and carried by members present, the following was adopted:

**Calling upon the New York State Commissioner of Education and the NYS Board of Regents to stop the over-reliance on standardized tests as a measure of student performance and principal/teacher effectiveness**

WHEREAS, every student deserves a quality public education dedicated to preparing engaged citizens, creative and critical thinkers, and lifelong learners ready for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, the decline in state support for public schools has forced our district to reduce programs and limited our ability to implement the new programs mandated by the state such as the Common Core Standards creating an uneven rollout of the standards among school districts around the state; and

WHEREAS, while the implementation of the Common Core may ultimately help students, teachers and teaching and learning, we understand all children are unique and develop at their own individual pace. We recognize the growing reliance on and misalignment of standardized testing is eroding student learning time, and narrowing the curriculum and jeopardizing the rich, meaningful education our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that research recommends the use of multiple measures to gauge student performance and teacher effectiveness, the state's growing reliance on standardized testing is adversely affecting students across all spectrums, the morale of our educators and further draining already scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, the federal elementary and secondary education act's testing policies fail to appropriately accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and English language learners in assessing their learning, resulting in test scores that do not accurately represent a true measure of the contributions of teachers and schools; and

WHEREAS, it is time for policy makers to recalibrate the number, duration and appropriate use of standardized tests so that we can refocus our efforts on student learning; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we call upon the Commissioner of Education, the NYS Board of Regents, and other policymakers to reduce the use of and over-reliance on standardized testing;

RESOLVED, that we call upon the U.S. Congress and the Administration to reduce federal testing mandates and support the role of and focus on multiple measures of student learning and school quality in accountability systems.

#### INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Brad Perry, Athletic Director, present the Winter Sports Review. (copy in file)

#### BUDGET HEARING

Todd Griffin, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the Budget Hearing for the 2013-2014 school year. The presentation covered three areas of the budget: Capital, Administrative, and Program.

Several questions were asked and answered about the Proposition to Lease School Buses.

#### AGENDA MODIFICATIONS - none

MINUTES – Minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2013, were presented for approval. On motion made by Patrick Dunshee, seconded by Susan Osborne, and carried by members present, the Minutes were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2013 was presented for approval. On motion made Patrick Dunshee, seconded by Daniel Piliero, and carried by members present, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from David Rose thanking the Board for allowing them to use our facilities for the Second Annual Wolfpack Shootout AAU Tournament on April 21, 2013.

A letter was received from Melissa Krivit indicating her intent to take a maternity leave beginning approximately September 6, 2013.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

On motion made by Patrick Dunshee, seconded by Susan Osborne, and carried by members present, the consent agenda was approved as presented.

#### PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following resignations be accepted:

Support Christine Nord, as Bus Attendant, due to retirement, eff. 6/30/13  
Staff: Starr Clark, as Food Service Helper, eff. 5/13/13

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following conditional appointments be made:

Support Faye Babcock as Custodial Worker, eff. 5/14/13  
Staff: Starr Clark as Custodial Worker, eff. 5/14/13

Budget Bev Dolly as Inspector of Elections  
Vote Lori Upton as Poll Clerk  
Staff: Marmie Tarbell as Chief Inspector of Elections

Gina Muhlfeld as Poll Clerk

Teacher Deborah Johnson, Uncertified, K-12, eff. 5/14/13  
Subs: Nathan Robertson, Uncertified, K-5, eff. 5/14/13  
Jason Parry, Uncertified, K-12, eff. 5/14/13  
Samantha Day, Uncertified, K-5, eff. 5/14/13

Support Nathan Robertson, Teacher Aide Sub, eff. 5/14/13  
Subs: Faith Goedel, Cafeteria & Teacher Aide Sub, eff. 5/14/13  
Jason Parry, Teacher Aide Sub, eff. 5/14/13  
Gene McKee, Bus Attendant Sub., eff. 5/14/13  
Kenneth Knickerbocker Jr., Custodial Worker Sub., eff. 5/14/13

Athletics – 2012-2013 - Spring

Track/Field Steve Cook, Volunteer  
Baseball Caleb Brown, Volunteer Varsity  
Softball Jessica Hicks, Volunteer JV

Athletics – 2013-2014 - Fall

Football Paul Duvall – Modified Coach  
Jamie McGregor – Volunteer Modified Football  
Girls Soccer Katy Loomis – Modified Coach  
Nigel Seddon – Volunteer Varsity Assistant  
Girls Swim Barb Bachman as Varsity Assistant

Athletics – 2013-2014 – Winter

Boys Basketball Kevin Vibbard as Varsity Coach  
Girls Basketball Karen Mulligan as Varsity Coach  
Boys Bowling Don Philhower as Varsity Coach  
Girls Bowling Danielle Goedel as Varsity Coach  
Cheerleading Tracey Thornton as Varsity Coach  
Indoor Track Tim Taylor as Varsity Coach  
Boys Swim Russ Cutting as Varsity Coach  
Volleyball Ed Holmquist as Varsity Coach  
Wrestling Bim Palmer as Varsity Coach

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the superintendent, that tenure be granted to the following:

Todd Griffin                      Assistant Superintendent for Business                      6/30/13

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the following position be created:

Groundskeeper

CURRICULUM

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Middle School Planner for the 2013-2014 school year with changes as attached. (copy in file)

BUSINESS

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to award a Fay Fund loan in the amount of \$500.00 to the following:

Delaney Cook    Makayla Dain    David Sulton

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sherburne-Earlville Board of Education hereby adopts the revisions to the Concussion Policy. (copy in file)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sherburne-Earlville Board of Education hereby designates July 8, 2013, as the date for the reorganization meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sherburne-Earlville Board of Education hereby adopts the board calendar for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

July	8	Organization Meeting
	29	Board Meeting
August	12	Board Retreat
	26	Board Meeting to adopt the tax levy
September	9	Board Meeting
	23	Board Meeting
October	7	Board Meeting
	21	Board Meeting
November	4	Board Meeting
	18	Board Meeting
December	9	Board Meeting
January	13	Board Meeting
	27	Board Meeting
February	10	Board Meeting
March	10	Board Meeting
	24	Board Meeting
April	7	Board Meeting
	21	Special BOE Meeting - vote on BOCES admin. Budget, Board Members, and Board Meeting
May	12	Board Meeting and Budget Hearing
	20	Vote on Budget
June	9	Board Meeting
	23	Board Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the donation of \$10,000, from Mr. & Mrs. James Carrier, for the Nancy Lee Rose Award.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sherburne-Earlville Central School District accepts the Alfred and Jean Krebs Scholarship (as attached).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sherburne-Earlville School District accepts a donation of \$500, from Alexandra Erath, for the Alfred & Jean Krebs Scholarship Fund.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

The Building Project was discussed briefly. Ridley Electric is finishing up.

Technology Use – the topic being discussed is student laptops vs. iPads.

Central New York Advocates for Public Education. Gene Thomas now has published the web site.

Paul Romanenko presented the District with a Forestry Management program at a previous meeting. A committee will be formed to discuss this further.

Negotiations have been completed with the Administrators.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Patrick Dunshee will not be on the School Board next year, but will continue to come to meetings and encourages others to attend. The meetings are very informative.

Jennifer Moore stated that they have been tweeted and that the Board Members are being called “heroes” for passing the resolution against over-reliance and misuse of high-stakes testing.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion made by Patrick Dunshee, seconded by Daniel Piliero, and carried by members present, the Board moved into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. On motion made by Patrick Dunshee, seconded by Susan Osborne, and carried by members present, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 9:02 p.m.

Thomas Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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Georgena Muhlfeld, District Clerk

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PRESENT BY INVITATION: Gayle Hellert, Todd Griffin

The session came to order at 8:00 p.m. in room 229 at the Middle School.

Negotiations were discussed.

Gayle Hellert, Todd Griffin, and Georgena Muhlfeld, left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

On motion made by Patrick Dunshee, seconded by Susan Osborne, and carried by members present, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 9:02 p.m.

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Georgena Muhlfeld, District Clerk