

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK 12866

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SARATOGA SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE 26, 2008

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - 3 BLUE STREAK BLVD.
CONFERENCE ROOMS #221-223
7:30 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MINUTES

Recommend the Board approve the minutes for the May 22, 2008 and June 10, 2008 Regular Meetings and the June 19, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Education. Copies of the minutes were previously distributed to Board members.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications of interest to Board of Education members will be circulated during the meeting.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Saratoga County School Boards Association
- New York State School Boards Association
- WSWHE BOCES
- Policy Committee
- Finance Committee
- Superintendent Evaluation Form Committee
- Property Administration Committee

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Comments

B. Fire Inspection Reports

Micki Jones, Safety Specialist, will review the recently completed fire inspection reports for the school district.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education Pupil Placements

The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and the Committee on Special Education for pupils' placement arrangements are referred to the Board for approval. Copies of these recommendations have been previously sent to the Board members for review and will be attached to the official minutes.

B. Adoption of the 2008-2009 Religious Holiday Calendar

Recommend the Board of Education adopt the 2008-2009 Religious Holiday Calendar.

C. School Aid Specialists Service Agreement

Recommend the Board of Education authorize the President to proceed with a Service Agreement between the Saratoga Springs City School District and School Aid Specialists, LLC (SAS) to provide revenue recovery services for a fee of 10% of the increased revenue resulting from SAS findings and actions.

D. Field Trips

1. Recommend the Board of Education grant permission for High School Music Students to travel to Boston, Massachusetts on Thursday, November 6, 2008 to attend a concert at Symphony Hall.

2. Recommend the Board of Education grant permission for High School Music Ensembles (Choraliers, Chamber Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble) to travel to Orlando, Florida on Thursday, April 2, 2009 through Tuesday, April 7, 2009 to attend the All American Music Festival.

X. PERSONNEL

A. Administrative Retirement

1. Recommend the Board accept the resignation, for retirement purposes, of Stephanie Lang, with appreciation and regret, from the position of Director for District Assessment and Staff Development, effective January 1, 2009. (Sen: 2/1/93)

B. Teacher Leaves Of Absence

1. Recommend the Board approve the request of Danielle Hunter for an unpaid leave of absence, for child-rearing purposes under Family and Medical Leave, from the position of elementary teacher, Geyser Road School, effective September 2, 2008 through November 18, 2008.
2. Recommend the Board approve the request of Elizabeth Miller for an unpaid leave of absence, for family reasons, from the position of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions - Special Education - Speech teacher, High School, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
3. Recommend the Board approve the request of Rachel Mitchell for an unpaid leave of absence, for child-rearing purposes, from the position of school psychologist, Lake Avenue School, effective September 2, 2008 through January 31, 2009.
4. Recommend the Board approve the request of Kathleen Santamaria for an unpaid leave of absence, for family reasons, from the position of art teacher, High School, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
5. Recommend the Board approve the request of Barbara Wersten for an unpaid leave of absence, for child-rearing purposes, from the position of elementary teacher, Dorothy Nolan School, effective June 11, 2008 through November 12, 2008.

C. Teacher Appointments

1. Recommend the Board approve the three-year probationary appointment of Lindsay Cooper to the position of elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2008. (Caroline Street - Replacement) (Certification: Initial, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), 2/1/06; Initial, Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2),

2/1/06)

2. Recommend the Board approve the three-year probationary appointment of Adam Gercke to the position of mathematics teacher, effective September 1, 2008. (Maple Avenue - Replacement) (Certification: Initial, Mathematics, 9/1/08)
3. Recommend the Board approve the three-year probationary appointment of Sara Landry to the position of elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2008. (Dorothy Nolan - Replacement) (Certification: Initial, Literacy (Birth-Gr. 6), 9/1/05; Prov., Pre-K, K, Grades 1-6, 9/1/03)
4. Recommend the Board approve the three-year probationary appointment of Lauren Woodruff to the position of elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2008. (Division Street - Replacement) (Certification: Initial, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), 9/1/07; Initial, Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), 9/1/07)
5. Recommend the Board approve the one-year appointment of Joel Barnett to the position of music teacher, effective September 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. (Maple Avenue - LOA) (Certification: Initial, Music, 9/02 - pending)
6. Recommend the Board approve the one-year appointment of Charles Bennett to the position of music teacher, effective September 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. (.2 Caroline Street/.4 Dorothy Nolan/.2 Geyser Road/.2 Lake Avenue - LOA) (Certification: Initial, Music, 9/1/08)
7. Recommend the Board approve the one-year appointment of Mark Collier to the position of music teacher, effective September 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. (.2 Caroline Street/.2 Division/.2 Geyser Road/.2 Greenfield/.2 Lake Avenue)
8. Recommend the Board approve the one-year appointment of Sean Curran to the position of social studies teacher, effective September 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. (Maple Avenue - LOA) (Certification: Conditional Initial, Social Studies 7-12, 2/1/08)
9. Recommend the Board approve the one-year appointment of Claire McEwan to the position of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions - Special Education - General teacher, effective September 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. (Division Street - LOA) (Certification: Initial, Students with Disabilities 1-6, 9/1/07; Initial, Literacy B-6, 9/1/07; Initial, Childhood Education 1-6, 9/1/07)

10. Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Elthea Sadlon to a sixth instructional assignment, Latin, for the 2008-2009 school year with a stipend of \$6,000, plus benefits. (High School)
11. Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Ellen Ehrlich to a sixth instructional assignment, Spanish, for the 2008-2009 school year with a stipend of \$6,000, plus benefits. (High School)
12. Recommend the Board approve the appointment of Timothy McGuigan to a sixth instructional assignment, Business, for the 2008-2009 school year with a stipend of \$6,000, plus benefits. (High School)

D. Department Head Appointments

1. Recommend the Board approve the following as Department Heads for the 2008-2009 school year:

Art (Grades 6-12)	Marcia Martin
Business (Grades 6-12)	John Grady
English (Grades 6-8)	Marjorie Herman
English (Grades 9-12)	Johanna Friedman
Family & Consumer Sciences (Grades 6-12)	Margaret Kuenzel
Foreign Language (Grades 6-12)	Lucia Bianchi
Guidance (Grades 6-8)	Andrea Triolo
Guidance (Grades 9-12)	Kathy Kennedy
Mathematics (Grades 6-8)	Teresa Kosek-Ostwald
Mathematics (Grades 9-12)	Kevin Wolpert
Music (Grades 6-12)	Mark Beaubriand
Physical Education/Health (Grades 6-12)	Susan Hoffman
Science (Grades 6-8)	Charles Kish
Science (Grades 9-12)	Thomas Shiland
Social Studies (Grades 6-8)	Scott Singer
Social Studies (Grades 9-12)	David Patterson
Special Education (Grades 6-8)	Fred Kurtz
Special Education (Grades 9-12)	Karen Garant
Technology (Grades 6-12)	James Leighton

E. Curriculum Appointments

1. Recommend the Board approve the following for the 2008 Summer Curriculum

Projects:

Math Assessment Revision

Jennifer Doughty	Joanne Sharp
Teresa Kosek-Ostwald	David Shippee
Jane Olson	

Science Assessment Revision

Jennifer Doughty	Amy Parker
Laurie Gregorek	Joanne Sharp
Jane Olson	

Math Acceleration Curriculum Revision

Candace Calvin	Kerry Morris
Jennifer Doughty	Denise Reilly
Jane Olson	

ELA Curriculum Mapping K-2

Nancy Cooke	Jessica Quinn
Shana Cumm	Sheila Pierce
Terri Davis	Marge Rodriguez
Laura Frederick	Jennifer Spoor
Jeannette McKenna	

MAMS English

Lisa Best	Marjorie Herman
Kathy Dewey	Margaret Hopkins

Grade 6-7 MAMS Body Mass Index

Diane Denny	Joanne Nangeroni
Margaret Kuenzel	Amy Parker

Curriculum Mapping, Grade 6-8 Science and Social Studies

Charles Kish-DH	Scott Singer-DH
Timothy Lagoe-8	Cheryl Bartlette-8
Amy Parker-7	Roxanne Andrews-7
Maureen Walsh-6	Kathy Dewey-6

Midi Studio

Mark Beaubriand-DH

Contemporary Literature

Roberta Reed

Deborah Titolo

Film As Literature

Johanna Friedman-DH

Bridgette Holmes

Algebra 2 and Trigonometry

Kevin Wolpert-DH

Gregory Goering

Alignment for Applied Math

Kevin Wolpert-DH

Christopher Conley

Dawn Anderson

Child Development II

Margaret Kuenzel

Elizabeth Morris

Conversational Italian

Lucia Bianchi-DH

Communications and Dynamic Presentations in a Digital World

John Grady-DH

Timothy McGuigan

Curriculum Development and Alignment for Health Education

Madeline Daley

Diane Denny

Robert Hill

Holly Louis

Marilyn Pittelli

F. **Club Name Change/Creation/Deletion**

1. Recommend the Board approve the following name change for a club at Division Street School:

From: Students Helping the Community Club

To: Junior Explorers Club

2. Recommend the Board approve the deletion of the Art Club and the creation of a Newspaper Club (stipend - \$705) at Division Street School.

3. Recommend the Board approve the creation of the following club at Maple Avenue Middle School:

Punktutors (Punctuation Creative Writing)
- 2 advisors - Stipend \$705

G. Co-Curricular Appointments

1. Recommend the Board approve the following as club advisors at Dorothy Nolan School for the 2008-2009 school year:

Book Club	-	Jean Duffy
	-	Jaclyn Heeney
	-	Malina Stawarz
Character Education K-2	-	Laurie Newcomer
Character Education 3-5	-	Maureen Hodges
	-	Jason Morency
Chime Club	-	Deborah Craig
Climbing Wall Club	-	Joanne Hostig
	-	Charles Waterstram
Drama Club - Fall	-	Jeremy Lawless
	-	Sheila Pierce
Drama Club - Spring	-	Maureen Hodges
	-	Rana Hughes
Media Communications Club	-	Erin Webster
Puppet Club	-	Deborah Craig
Ski Club	-	Jeremy Lawless
	-	Sheila Pierce
	-	Barbara Wersten
Student Council	-	Jane Foley-Graeff
	-	Joan Joyner
Yearbook Club	-	Jane Foley Graeff

2. Recommend the Board approve the following as club advisors at Division Street School for the 2008-2009 school year:

Check It Out Book Club	-	Sarah Seniw
Division Street Dance Team	-	Kiersten Ogsbury
Junior Explorers Club	-	Erin Holohan
Learning Crafts with Friends	-	Andrea Alderman
Newspaper Club	-	Michele Renner

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| Sports Club | - | Carl Luciano |
| Student Council | - | Laurie Gregorek |
| | - | Jane Olson |
| Wee Deliver Postal Club | - | Jude Dorflinger |

3. Recommend the Board approve the following for 2008 Interscholastic Fall coaching positions:

Girls' Soccer

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| Freshman | - | Glyn Chilton |
| Modified | - | William Snyder |

Field Hockey

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| Assistant Varsity | - | Sarah Currier |
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H. Student Helper Appointments

1. Recommend the Board approve the following additional students to the position of student helper with the Facilities and Operations Department for the summer of 2008:

Joseph Barusch
Jimmy Carero
Ryan Hurley

I. Civil Service Leave Of Absence

1. Recommend the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence, for medical reasons, for Donald Allen from the position of school bus driver, effective June 2, 2008 through June 19, 2008.

J. Civil Service Resignations

1. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Janice DeMaria from the position of 175 day, school bus driver assistant, effective July 1, 2008. (Transportation)
2. Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Kelly Pressley from the position of 175 day, clerk, effective June 30, 2008. (Maple Avenue)

K. Civil Service Curriculum Appointments

1. Recommend the Board approve the following as keyboard specialists for summer curriculum projects:

Annette Bartol	-	Grade 6-7 Body Mass Index
	-	Midi Studio
Elizabeth Rhodes	-	Contemporary Literature
	-	Algebra 2 and Trigonometry
Denise Francis	-	Alignment for Applied math
	-	Child Development II
Barbara Omaggio	-	Conversational Italian
	-	Communication and Dynamic Presentations in a Digital World
	-	Curriculum Development and Alignment for Health Education

L. Substitute Appointments/Resignations/Deletions

1. Recommend the Board approve the instructional emergency conditional substitute appointment as per the attached list.
2. Recommend the Board accept the non-instructional substitute resignation/deletion as per the attached list.

M. Terms and Conditions of Employment for Employees Not Covered by Bargaining Groups

1. Recommend the Board approve compensation adjustments for Central Office Administrators not covered by bargaining groups effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
2. Recommend the Board approve extending the employment contract of Janice M. White, Superintendent of Schools, through June 30, 2011.
3. Recommend the Board approve the contract adjustment of Thomas Mele, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

4. Recommend the Board approve the contract adjustment of Michael Piccirillo, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, for the period July 16, 2008 through July 15, 2011.
5. Recommend the Board approve the contract adjustment of Kurt Jaeger, Assistant Superintendent for Business, for the period July 27, 2008 through July 26, 2011.

XI. FINANCIAL

A. Treasurer's Reports

Recommend the Board of Education accept the January 2008 and February 2008 Treasurer's Reports.

B. Summer Bus Lease - Town of Wilton

Recommend the Board of Education approve the lease of seven (7) 66-passenger school buses to the Town of Wilton for its summer recreation program for the period June 30, 2008 through August 15, 2008, for an agreed fee of Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and no/100 (\$5,425.00). The additional cost of 65 cents per mile for fuel and maintenance will be billed at the end of the lease.

C. Obsolete Equipment - School Lunch Program

Recommend the Board of Education grant permission to declare the equipment on the attached list obsolete, and authorize the Business Office to advertise publicly for bid submission and to sell the equipment, as is, to the highest bidder.

D. Workers' Compensation Administrative Services Agreement

Recommend that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute the Workers' Compensation Administrative Services Agreement with POMCO, Inc. d/b/a EM Risk Management, for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$16,200.00.

E. Excess Workers' Compensation Carrier

Recommend that the Board of Education accept the Renewal Proposal from Midwest Employers Casualty Company (MECC) for Excess Workers' Compensation coverage, at an estimated annual cost of \$23,000 with an option to keep the same rate for the

2009-2010 year.

F. *The Omni Financial Group, Inc. Services Agreement*

Recommend the Board of Education approve a Services Agreement from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 with The Omni Financial Group for the professional review, administration and tax compliance services for the district's tax-deferred investment program(s). (Preparation fee for Plan Document to meet IRS Regulations effective January 1, 2009 - \$3,000; annual maintenance fee estimated at \$14,520 priced on a per account basis.)

XII. PUBLIC HEARING

XIII. OTHERS

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

XV. ADJOURNMENT

**FUTURE MEETINGS
SARATOGA SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

7:00 P.M.

**Administration Building - 3 Blue Streak Blvd.
Conference Rooms #221-223**

**July 8, 2008
(Organizational Meeting)**

July 24, 2008