

The regular meeting of the Saratoga Springs City School District Board of Education was held at the High School on Thursday, May 28, 2009. The meeting was called to order by President Frank Palumbo at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President Frank Palumbo
Vice President Will Martin
Trustee Ernie Gailor
Trustee Regina Gapczynski
Trustee Charles Phillips
Trustee Jeff Piro
Trustee Jay Rifenburg

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trustee Mia Pfitzer
Trustee Steve Rodriguez

STAFF PRESENT:

Janice White, Superintendent of Schools
Kurt Jaeger, Assist. Superintendent for Business
Karen Stanley, Director of Human Resources
Noreen Walker, Director of Pupil Services
Thomas Mele, Asst. Supt. for Elementary Education
David L'Hommedieu, Director of Information Technology
Integration & Services
Michael Piccirillo, Asst. Supt. for Secondary Education
Colleen Carroll, Director for District Assessment and
Staff Development

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Frank Palumbo led the Board Members and meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications of interest were circulated.

Teacher Tenure Appointments

Trustee Jeff Piro moved and **Trustee Jay Rifenburg** seconded to approve the following teacher tenure appointments:

Approved the appointment of Mellissa Allen to tenure in the position of school guidance and counseling effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Perm., School Counselor, 9/1/08)

Approved the appointment of Annette DiGiacchino to tenure in the position of art teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Perm., Art, 9/1/03)

Approved the appointment of Adam Fairbank to tenure in the position of foreign language teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Perm., Spanish, 9/1/06)

Approved the appointment of Nancy Ferguson to tenure in the position of elementary teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Lake Avenue) (Certification: Perm., Pre-K, K, Grades 1-6, 9/1/97; Perm., Health K-12, 9/1/97; Perm., Special Education, 9/1/02)

Approved the appointment of Johanna Friedman to tenure in the position of English teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Perm., English, 9/1/01; Perm., SDA, 2/1/02)

Approved the appointment of Joseph Giannetto to tenure in the position of social studies teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Initial, Social Studies, 9/1/06)

Approved the appointment of Jeffrey Halstead to tenure in the position of music teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Perm., Music, 9/1/05)

Approved the appointment of Polly Hannur to tenure in the position of art teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Caroline Street) (Certification: Perm., Art, 9/1/07, 9/1/06)

Approved the appointment of Nikole Hearn to tenure in the position of school psychologist effective September 1, 2009. (District) (Certification: Perm., School Psychologist, 9/1/03)

Approved the appointment of Justin Hoskins to tenure in the position of science teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Initial Ext., General Science 7-12, 9/1/05-8/30/10; Initial, Biology 7-12, 9/1/05-8/30/10)

Approved the appointment of Jessica Kite to tenure in the position of elementary teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Greenfield) (Certification: Conditional Initial, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), 9/1/04)

Approved the appointment of Jessica LaBello to tenure in the position of music teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Initial, Music K-12, 9/1/06)

Approved the appointment of Amy Lasky to tenure in the position of mathematics teacher effective October 30, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Initial, Mathematics 7-12, 9/1/06; Initial, Mathematics Ext. 5-6, 9/1/07) 14.

Approved the appointment of Brooke Leighton to tenure in the position of music teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Initial, Music K-12, 9/1/05)

Approved the appointment of Jennifer McGrath to tenure in the position of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions - Special Education - General effective November 13, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Prov., SAS, 2/1/04; Perm., Special Education, 9/1/03; Perm., Reading, 2/1/04)

Approved the appointment of Molly Messineo to tenure in the position of remedial reading teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Dorothy Nolan) (Certification: Prov., State of Ohio, Early Childhood (Age 3-8/Grade PS-3) and Reading K-12, 3/9/05-3/9/10; Initial, Literacy (Birth-Grade 6), 9/1/07; Initial, Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2), 2/1/07)

Approved the appointment of Mark Newman to tenure in the position of foreign language teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Initial, French 7-12, 9/1/06)

Approved the appointment of Lauren Perry to tenure in the position of social studies teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Initial, Social Studies, 9/1/06)

Approved the appointment of Julia Raymond to tenure in the position of science and mathematics teacher

effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Initial, Mathematics, 9/1/06; Initial, General Science, 7-12 ext., 2/1/06; Initial, Biology 7-12, 2/1/06)

Approved the appointment of Michael Ricupero to tenure in the position of physical education and recreation teacher effective September 1, 2009. (.4 High School, .3 Division, .3 Greenfield, .3 Lake) (Certification: Perm., Physical Education, 2/1/09)

Approved the appointment of Mary Christine Rocco to tenure in the position of music teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Dorothy Nolan) (Certification: Perm., Music, 9/1/84)

Approved the appointment of Catherine Ruggles to tenure in the position of art teacher effective May 17, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Perm., Art, 9/1/88)

Approved the appointment of John Scrivo to tenure in the position of science teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Initial, Biology 7-12, 2/1/05; Initial Ext., General Science 7-12 Extension, 9/1/06-1/31/10)

Approved the appointment of Alicia Silver to tenure in the position of foreign language teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Perm., Latin, 9/1/08)

Approved the appointment of Heather Steitzer to tenure in the position of elementary teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Division Street) (Certification: Perm., Pre-K, K and Grades 1-6, 9/1/07; Perm., Special Education, 9/1/07; Initial, Literacy (Birth-Grade 6), 2/1/07)

Approved the appointment of Preston Sweeney to tenure in the position of industrial arts teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Initial, Technology, 9/1/05)

Approved the appointment of Ann Testa to tenure in the position of physical education teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Prov.,

Physical Education, 2/1/04-2/1/09; Prov. Ext., Physical Education, 2/1/09-1/31/10)

Approved the appointment of Amy Weed to tenure in the position of science teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Initial, General Science, 9/1/04; Initial Extension, General Science, 9/1/04-8/30/09)

Approved the appointment of Hannah Weeden to tenure in the position of English teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Maple Avenue) (Certification: Perm., English 2/1/02).

Approved the appointment of Jenine M. Weeks to tenure in the position of remedial reading teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Dorothy Nolan) (Certification: Prov., Pre-K, K and Grades 1-6, 9/1/02; Initial, Literacy (Birth-Grade 6), 9/1/05; Initial, Literacy (Grades 5-12), 9/1/05)

Approved the appointment of Bobbi Wendell to tenure in the position of elementary teacher effective September 1, 2009. (Greenfield School) (Certification: Initial, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), 9/1/05)

Approved the appointment of Amanda Wismont to tenure in the position of foreign language teacher effective September 1, 2009. (High School) (Certification: Internship Cert., Spanish 7-12, 9/1/06; Initial, Spanish 7-12, 9/1/07)

Trustee Jay Rifembary said it is a time for teachers to inspire leadership in students and to set higher standards of excellence.

Ayes all.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Frank Palumbo opened the first Public Hearing.

Janette Kaddo Marino said she recently rode her bike to the Maple Avenue School with her son. Upon arriving at the school, she was informed by the Principal and security that it was against school policy to allow students to ride bikes to Maple Avenue School. She was informed that she needed to go home, come back with

her car and remove the bike. She said a few days later, students rode their bikes to school and the bikes were locked in the boiler room during the day. She believed that through this Board policy, her parenting skills were being questioned. She said it should be her choice as to whether her son rode a bike to school. She asked the following: the Board change the policy to allow students to ride or walk to school with parental permission and the district create a "go green and healthy" committee to work on formulating a new policy for the district. She said the district should be thinking long-term and should encourage students to be healthy. There are safe routes to school and the district should promote those routes.

Adam Kaddo Marino said he rode his bike to school with his mother and it was no big deal. He said being healthy was good for him and riding bikes was good for the environment. He said that the dirt road at the end of North Broadway should be paved.

Pat Tuzz, Town of Wilton resident, said in the Town of Wilton they are promoting biking by encouraging biking along Jones Road and there has been overwhelming support from the residents. The Town Board will have a final vote on this matter at their June 4 meeting.

Jeannie Tate, Healthy Heart Program, said that the Department of Health (DOH) recently provided funding to the school district to promote physical activity; however, the district's policy prohibits such activity.

Laura Rappaport said not allowing biking or riding to school simply cultivates and promotes fear among parents and children. Residents need to watch out for one another and children should be allowed to bike or ride. Her 12-year-old nephew rides the subway alone in New York City in order to get to school. She asked the Board to review and modify this policy.

Maddie Rappaport said she should be able to ride or walk to school.

Jeff Olson said he has expertise in this area and said that safe routes to school can be developed. There are a lot of resources available to the district and in some cases, 100 percent federal grants are available. He said

two years ago, the Healthy Transportation Network met with the district; however, nothing happened. **President Frank Palumbo** said it was his recollection that it was simply a presentation to the Board two years ago. Jeff Olson said riding a bike to school is a good activity for children. He said there are schools across the country that successfully promote riding and walking to school. The district needs to change this policy. He was willing to offer his expertise to the district so that the policy can be changed.

Margie VanMeter said she was saddened to learn that children are not allowed to bike or walk to school. She said at the high school there are too many students driving. She recommended that the district charge those students a fee to drive and park at the high school. Driving to school should be discouraged.

Clem Marino said he supported biking and walking to school and said the district could adopt safe routes to school.

Joanne Klepetar said this is National Bike Month and students should be encouraged to bike and walk to school. The Board policy is at odds with the concept of being healthy. She said everything we do throughout the day has risk and liability. This policy is not in the best interest of the students. She said children need to be taught safety for biking or walking to school. She read letters from Joanne Yepsen and Amy Stock who also supported biking and walking to school.

Johanna Garrison said she bikes to work. She said there is a lot of expertise in the audience this evening and the district needs to take advantage of that knowledge. She said this policy was adopted in 1994 and it was time to review the policy.

Brenda Delozier said that her son Jeremy was prevented from biking or walking to Geyser Road School. She believed it would have been in his best interest to do so. She said that physical activity before school begins is good for students.

Jeannie Tate said there was a conference on May 13 in Lake George where there were classes on bike safety.

It was unfortunate that there was no one from the district in attendance.

Dan Lavalee said he walked to school as a child and it was a good experience. It is unfortunate that students are prevented to walk to school as teenagers, but are allowed to as elementary students.

President Frank Palumbo said there would be no decision tonight on modifying this policy. He said, though, that it would be added to the Policy Committee agenda where it would be thoroughly reviewed and discussed. He asked that any information that could be provided by members of the audience on this matter be forwarded to the Superintendent's Office so that the Policy Committee members could include it in their discussions. He said the district took an active role in the Town of Wilton discussions on bike routes in their area. Once the Policy Committee has reviewed this policy, it will be discussed by Board members and the public will be made aware of those meeting dates. He believed that the Towns and City needed to be part of these discussions and a comprehensive plan needed to be developed.

Janette Kaddo Marino asked what about from now until the end of the school year -- could there be some interim plan to allow students to bike? **President Frank Palumbo** said that would be given serious consideration, but he could not give an answer on that this evening. The Policy committee will meet on June 8 and it will be discussed then.

Trustee Jay Rifenfary said this policy has not been neglected by the Board. It simply has not risen to this level of attention before this time.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WSWHE BOCES

Trustee Jeff Piro said that the BOCES Board met last week. An interim superintendent was selected, pending official appointment by the Commissioner of Education.

Policy Committee

Trustee Regina Gapczynski said that the Policy Committee will meet on June 8.

Finance Committee

The Finance committee will meet on June 22.

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Superintendent Evaluation Form Committee The evaluations have been forwarded to **Trustee Mia Pfitzer** and she will forward information to Trustees on this matter.

Property Administration Committee **Trustee Ernie Gailor** said the Property Administration Committee would meet on June 8.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Janice White reported that Mike Gallagher, High School Technology teacher, recently won the "Building for the Future Award" and he will be recognized at the national level in the upcoming months.

Superintendent Janice White reported that nearly 270 students took part in the "give back" day. She said this event continues to grow.

Superintendent Janice White reported that staff continues to work on the results of the exit poll from the recently held election and once the results have been analyzed, she would report to the Board.

Turner Construction Progress Report

John Staines, Turner Construction, reported that 18 bids had been received for capital project phase III contracts 9, 10, 11 & 12. They have reviewed all of those bids and are recommending the low bidders on those contracts. He explained that on the general construction contract (10) there was an issue with one of the subcontractors proposed by Dutch Valley. They discovered that the subcontractor was not qualified and did not hold the necessary manufacturer's certification. Based on that information, they rejected that subcontractor and reviewed the qualifications of the next lowest subcontractor, Weatherguard. They believe after review that Weatherguard is an acceptable firm for this work. However, it increased the low bid to \$580,000 -- which is still below the next lowest bidder by about \$10,000. He said that they are comfortable in awarding this bid to Dutch Valley, the prime contract, based on this change.

Vice President Will Martin said he was somewhat concerned in awarding this bid to Dutch Valley based on prior history with this company. John Staines said he understood that concern; however, two-thirds of this work will be done by the subcontractor. He said they are very comfortable with the subcontractor, Weatherguard. Therefore, they believed that Dutch Valley was the acceptable low bidder. He said the remaining one-third of the work to be done by Dutch Valley involved painting, ceiling removal and other smaller type projects that his firm could strictly monitor. **Vice President Will Martin** said he was concerned that Dutch Valley presented a subcontractor to the district that was clearly not qualified to do the job. John Staines said that was true; however, he did not believe that Dutch Valley was aware that the subcontractor was not qualified. **Vice President Will Martin** said that might be true, but they should have known. John Staines agreed.

Kurt Jaeger said the district did have a troubling experience with Dutch Valley on a prior project, whereby small issues blossomed into the project stopping at one point. He said they have a very astute legal department at Dutch Valley. **President Frank Palumbo** said if the district did not accept this low bid, it would be likely that the district would face legal challenges by this firm. **Trustee Ernie Gailor** said the district now has a firm that will tightly control and strictly monitor this work; therefore, he was comfortable in awarding it to Dutch Valley based on including Weatherguard as the subcontractor. John Staines said his firm has a vested interest in not exposing the district to any legal liabilities or unacceptable workmanship.

Board members agreed that it was appropriate to accept the recommendations of John Staines for this capital project.

Schools Requiring Academic Progress (SRAP) Plan Update

Michael Piccirillo, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, said the driving force behind this progress is the number of students taking a course and the amount of sections required. He said

the ratio for co-teaching, 2/3 general education and 1/3 special education students per class. **Trustee Charles Phillips** asked about mainstreaming, teacher reaction to this project, the number of co-teaching teams, if co-teaching creates issues with the general education population, varying ratios between subjects and where did the ratio of 2/3 and 1/3 come from. Michael Piccirillo said the ratio came from practices throughout the industry. He said the co-teaching program has been well received and is running smoothly. He said that generally speaking the disabilities are with reading and math, not social studies or science. The ratios can be modified depending on the section and ability of all students. He said that the intensity of instruction can also be increased or decreased depending on the students. **President Frank Palumbo** said it is important that the district chose a model and continues to move forward and to report.

Educational Development Achievement
Council (EDAC) Presentation

Michael Piccirillo, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, presented a brief overview of EDAC activities and an implementation plan for the development of a Creativity and Innovation Power Standard.

Michael Piccirillo said there are two parts to the 10th Power Standard. He said that students need to be able to use the "right brain". Creativity in learning is important. Over the next five years, items such as innovation, technology, health and wellness will be part of this process. Through the 21st Century Partnership Program, the district will focus on creativity and innovation. Michael Piccirillo said if the Board agrees to this standard, then staff will begin to work on how to develop and implement this into the curriculum.

Michael Piccirillo said that EDAC is about research and development of curriculum development. He said they have a diversified membership among this group. They have reviewed the K-12 art and K-12 science programs. They are now looking at how to evaluate the power standards, the impact on the students, determine if the students are gaining from these standards and what does the district need to better

equip itself for these standards. Michael Piccirillo said that they intend to change the dates for the review of programs, so that it better coincides with the budget process. Michael Piccirillo said students also need to know the learning process, so they can adjust on their own.

Trustee Jay Rifembary asked if the district had the resources and time for these standards. Michael Piccirillo said these standards can be integrated into the programs. He said there is already a lot of creativity and innovation happening in the district; it is simply not integrated into the programs. He said at Shenendehowa there is a student profile. He said this district needs a student profile, which needs to be connected to the standards, and the students need to be made aware of this profile.

Trustee Regina Gapczynski thanked Michael Piccirillo for this presentation and asked how social studies fit into this mix. Michael Piccirillo said it happens in the 10 and 11th grades.

Trustee Charles Phillips asked for the definition of innovation. Michael Piccirillo said it was taking something that a person sees in a common way and making it work in a way that it would not normally operate.

Vice President Will Martin said he thought that creativity and innovation was already part of the standards. Michael Piccirillo said it is part of the standards; however, there was a belief that there needed to be more focus on creativity and innovation.

President Frank Palumbo said there has been some negativity on curriculum mapping. He said in some cases tests are given on the same day which inhibits schools from doing things differently. Michael Piccirillo said mapping is an important part of this process. There needs to be consistent steps followed; however, there can be differences in getting to the end result.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vice President Will Martin moved and **Trustee**

Regina Gapczynski seconded to approve tonight's agenda as follows:

Official Canvass of May 19, 2009 Vote

Ratified the official canvass of the May 19, 2009 School Board Election of Aaron AuBuchon, Steven Grandin, and Jay Rifenbary to three (3) year terms as members of the Board of Education and declare that Proposition #1 - Budget and Proposition #2 - School Bus Purchases passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

Tuition Waiver

Waived the non-resident tuition fee for foreign exchange student Aasmund Ingve Blokkum from Norway for the 2009-2010 school year contingent on compliance with all Federal guidelines. Aasmund is being sponsored by the PAX Academic Exchange Program.

Universal Pre-K Program Sites

Approved the Saratoga YMCA and Head Start as sites for the Universal Pre-K Program for the 2009-2010 school year.

Grade 7 & Grade 8 American History
Textbook Adoption

Adopted the Holt McDougal American History Textbook for Grade 7 and Grade 8 in the total amount of \$127,338.76 to be implemented September 2009.

PERSONNEL:

Teacher Appointment Correction

Approved the one-year appointment of Claire McEwan to the position of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions - Special Education - General teacher, effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. (Division Street - LOA) (Certification: Initial, Students with Disabilities 1-6, 9/1/07; Initial, Literacy (Birth-6), 9/1/07; Initial, Childhood

Education (Grades 1-6), 9/1/07) (Tenure area correction)

Teacher Tenure Appointments

All approved at start of meeting.

Club Creation

Approved the creation of the following club at Maple Avenue Middle School effective 4/20/09 - 5/22/09, 3 to 4 days per week, with a stipend of \$689: Boys' Tennis Club

Co-Curricular Appointments

Approved the following coach for the Boys' Tennis Club, located at Maple Avenue Middle School, for the 2009 spring season: Mitch Snyder

Approved the following for the position of the Continuing Education Director for the 2009 - 2010 school year: R. Paul McCarty

Approved the following teachers for the Elementary Summer (STEPS) Program, located at Maple Avenue Middle School, effective July 6, 2009 through August 6, 2009, with a training date of June 26, 2009: Amy Austin, Janet Perrotta, Jean Duffy, Barbara Redding, Maureen Hodges, Jennifer Usack, Jessica Oswald, Michael Wilson, Amy Parker

Approved the following for the position of Study Skills Teachers' Aide for the Maple Avenue Summer School Program, effective July 6, 2009 through July 31, 2009: Maureen Gizzi

Approved the appointment of an additional club advisor for the Division Street Dance Club, effective September 1, 2009, with a stipend of \$776.

Approved the following clubs for the 2009 - 2010 school year:

Caroline Street:

Math Club

Reading Club

Science Club

Rock Climbing Club

Chess Club

Student Council Club

Division Street:

Check-It-Out-Book Review Club
Division Street Dance Club
Green Team (Recycling)
Junior Explorers Club
Learning Crafts w/Friends
Math Club
Sports Club
Student Council
WEE Deliver Post Office Program

Dorothy Nolan:

Art Club
Book Club
Character Education
K-2 Character Education
3-5 Chime Club
Climbing Wall
Drama Club - Fall
Drama Club - Spring
Tree Club
Media Communications
Puppet Club
Snowshoe Club
Student Council
Ski Club
Yearbook

Geyser School:

Sports Club
Parent/Child Book Club
Drama Club
Student Council
Yearbook
Art Club
Ski Club
Health & Fitness

Greenfield School:

Art Club
Computer Club
Drama Club
Newspaper Club
Sport Club
Student Council
AR Club (Accelerated Reading)

Lake Avenue:

Ambassador Talent Club
Character Education Club
Drama Club
Newspaper
Outdoor Education Club
Science/Literature Club
Student Council
Historians Technology Club
Ski Club
Reading Club
Math Club

Maple Avenue:

Canteen Club
Chamber Orchestra
Character Ed-A
Hand Up Club-A
Character Ed-A
Hand Up Club-B
Chess Club
Class Advisor-Grade 8A
Class Advisor Grade 8B
Design Engineering & Production Club
Drama Club-Director
Drama Club-Producer
Friends of Pets Club
General Organ-Auditor
General Organ-Treasurer
Glee Club-6
Glee Club-7
Golf Club-Girls 6
Golf Club-girls 7/8
Gotcha Being Good Club
Great Expectations Book Club
Guitar Club
Have a Heart Club-8A
Have a Heart Club-8B
Jazz Band-6
Jazz Band-7
Jazz Band-8
Kenya Club
Kids Fitness Club
Lego Building Club
Maple on the Move

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Math Club
Music Technology Club
Musical - Choreographer
Musical - Director
Musical - Instrumental
Musical - Producer
Musical - Stage/Technical Director
Musical - Vocal
Punktutors - Club
SADD Club
Science Research Club
Ski Club-Community A
Ski Club-Community B
Social Studies Club
Sports Club-Grade 8-Boys
Student Council
Tae Kwon Do Club
Voice Club-Grade 6
Voice Club-Grade 7
Voice Club-Grade 8
Yearbook Advisor
Yearbook Business Manager

High School:

ACC Business Day Club
Art Club
Beatbox Central Club
Board Games Club
Boys Varsity Club
Building for the Future
Chamber Orchestra
Chinese Club
Chorus Club I
Chorus Club II
Class of 2010 (Senior)
Class of 2011 (Junior)
Class of 2012 (Sophomore)
Class of 2013 (Freshman)
Concert Band
Concert Jazz Band
Concert Orchestra
Contemporary Living Skills I
Contemporary Living Skills II
DACS - Disease Awareness Club for Students
DECA - Distributive Education Clubs of America

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Drama Club - Director
Drama Club - Producer
General Organization - Auditor
General Organization - Treasurer
Girls Sports Club
Guitar Club
Independent Living Club
International Awareness Club
International Thespians Society
Jazz (Band) Club
Key Club
Latin Club
LEO Club
Life Sports Club
Live Different
Math Club
Mixed Martial Arts
Mock Trial
MOVE Dance Club
Music Scholarship Club
Musical - Choreographer
Musical - Director
Musical - Instrumental
Musical - Producer
Musical - Stage Director/Technical Director
Musical - Vocal
NASA Club
National Honor Society
National Science Bowl
NCBI
PE Club
Peace for Pets
PEP Band
Physics Club
P.R.I.D.E.-Providing Respect in a Diverse Environment
SADD - Students Against Destructive Decisions
Saratoga Academic Team
Saratoga Naturalists
Saratoga Rugby Football Club
School Newspaper
SCHWA (A capella group)
Science Research Club
Sforzando Ski and Snowboard Club
Student Council
Student Planner (Agenda Book)
Student/Teacher Book Club

Swing Dance Club
Symphonic Band (SSHS)
Symphonic Orchestra
Ultimate Frisbee Club
Yearbook-Business Manager
Yearbook - Editor-in-Chief

Trustee Charles Phillips asked about accountability of the clubs and the advisors. Karen Stanley said that clubs are formed and disbanded based on interest of students and advisors. She said that occasionally the district sees a particular club carried from one school to the next higher school based on the interest of the advisor. **Superintendent Janice White** said that the goals, objectives and budgets of clubs are on file within the district. Karen Stanley said that the determining factor on whether a club moves forward is based on the recommendation of the Principal of the school and budgetary factors.

Student Workers

Approved the following as student workers for the Facilities and Operations Department for the summer of 2009: Joseph Barusch, Christian Hogan, Brett Bogan, Ryan Hurley, Jimmy Carero, Matt Kluckowski, Zachary Dalton, Kyle Kommer, Nicole Diemer, Andrew Leege, Lucas Eichorst, Nels Paskalides, Steven Garhartt, Bryan Tallman, Matthew Goodwin, Joseph Ward.

Civil Service Leave Of Absence

Approved an unpaid leave of absence due to family illness for Jacquelyn Scheuer from her position of 12-month senior typist, Office of Director for District Assessment and Staff Development, effective April 15, 2009 (1/2 p.m.) through August 31, 2009.

Abolishment Of Civil Service Position

Approved the abolishment of one 10-month, teacher aide position, effective June 1, 2009. (Division Street Elementary)

Civil Service Resignation

Accepted the resignation of Tracie Chieco from her position of 10-month teacher aide, effective May 22, 2009. (Dorothy Nolan)

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Civil Service Appointment

Approved the probationary appointment of Wayne Morris to the position of 12-month custodian, third shift, effective June 1, 2009. (High School - Replacement)

FINANCIAL:

Acceptance of Monetary Donations
- Transportation Safety Awards

Accepted the following monetary donations in the total amount of \$975.00 to be used for Transportation Safety Awards:

Sean & Lori Reilly	\$ 75.00
B & L Distributors, LLC	\$100.00
Farrell Oil	\$100.00
New York Bus Sales, LLC	\$200.00
Leonard Bus Sales, Inc.	\$400.00
Bus Parts Warehouse	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>\$975.00</u>

Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks -
High School

Granted permission to the High School to dispose of the following obsolete textbooks:

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>ISBN</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Date</u>
276	Ven Conniga Level 3	0-03-052078-9	Holt Reinhart Winston	2000
228	Ven Connigo Level 2	0-03-052077-0	Holt Reinhart Winston	2000
339	Algebra 1	0-395-93776-0	McDougal Little	2001
270	Foundations for Advanced Mathematics	0-87720-283-4	AMSCO	1993
67	Calculus of a Single Variable	0-669-35250-0	D.C. Health & Co.	1994
41	Lattitude Anthology	0-673-10441-9	Scott Foresman & Co.	1974
44	Scholastic Composition Level 5	0-590-34368-8	Scholastic Inc.	1980
70	Giants in the Earth	06-083047-6	Harper and Brothers	1927
30	Fifteen American One Act Plays	0-671-47036-1	Dell Publishing	1957
145	Building English Skills	0-883-43-459-8	McDougal Littell	1997

Acceptance of Bid Awards

Awarded the bid for Capital Project Phase III, Site Construction, Contract 9, in the amount of \$418,890 (includes allowance) to Del Signore Blacktop Paving, Inc.

Awarded the bid for Capital Project Phase III, General Construction, Contract 10, in the amount of \$580,600, base contract amount of \$539,000 plus \$41,600 related to reassignment of roofing subcontractor, (includes allowance) to Dutch Valley General Contracting, Inc.

Awarded the bid for Capital Project Phase III, Mechanical Contract 11, in the amount of \$417,700 (includes allowance) to John V. Warren, Inc.

Awarded the bid for Capital Project Phase III, Electrical Contract 12, in the amount of \$108,900 (includes allowance) to Harold R. Clune, Inc.

Ayes all.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Frank Palumbo opened the second public hearing.

There being no one wishing to speak, **President Frank Palumbo** closed the second public hearing.

OTHERS:

Board members thanked Michael Piccirillo for his presentation on EDAC.

Trustees also agreed that review of the district's biking/walking policy was appropriate at this time. **Trustee Ernie Gailor** said the operative word in the bike policy is "safety". He said that while it was appropriate to review this policy, it needed to be done with a commitment to safety of the students. He said there was a lot of expertise in the auditorium this evening and he hoped that they would be used. **Trustee Jay Rifenbary** said it was also important to communicate to parents on the biking/walking issue and to keep them informed.

Trustee Regina Gapczynski thanked Superintendent Janice White for including the articles in the Board's packet.

President Frank Palumbo said the year-end activities, awards, concerts, banquets, etc. were all great events and he hoped that Trustees would be able to attend some of them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Regina Gapczynski moved and **Trustee Charles Phillips** seconded to adjourn to executive session at 10:15 p.m. to discuss pending legal matters, negotiations with collective bargaining unit and matters leading to the employment of particular persons.

Ayes all.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Frank Palumbo adjourned the executive session at 10:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

KURT JAEGER
DISTRICT CLERK