

North Colonie Central School District
Latham, New York 12110
Regular Meeting

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, BOGHT HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ASSEMBLY ROOM
March 26, 2007, 7:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Hart, President
Theresa Joslin, Vice-President
Ann Foster
Linda Harrison
Mary Nardolillo
Mary-Ellen Raup
Jacqueline Orr
David Rosenthal
Paula D'Orazio

ALSO PRESENT:

Randy A. Ehrenberg, Superintendent
Joseph Corr, Assistant Superintendent
Thomas J. Rybaltowski, Assistant Supt. for Business
Steven B. Zautner, Treasurer
Richard Murphy, SHS Principal
Russell Moore, JHS Principal
Anne Kuthy – SHS English Supervisor
Dave Arnone – Supervisor of Career & Tech. Education
Sheelah Lucier - Director of Pupil Services
Virginia McQuade – Pupil Services
David Semo – Assistant Director of Pupil Services
Candace Lobdell, FF Principal
Galina Kats – District Technology Coordinator
Harriet Greenberg – SHS Math Supervisor
Keith Bogert – SHS Science Supervisor
Robert Pollaro – SHS Social Studies Supervisor
Mary Beth Steffen – Supervisor of Health Education and Health Services
Kim Greiner – BH Interim Principal
Timothy Bonk – Director of Facilities
Chris Demetreus – Director of Custodial Services
Rod Wheeler – NCTA President
List of Others on File

The Board also informally met with interested members of the public at 7:15 p.m.

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| 1. | President Hart opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. | <u>Opening</u> |
| 2. | Mr. Palella, Mrs. Brewster, and fifteen members of the African American History and Culture Club performed highlights from their program <i>Back to the Roots: A History of African American Culture</i> . The annual program is a celebration of Black History Month. Selections included narratives from the <i>Slave Diaries</i> and the Shaker High School Step Dance Team concluded the evening's presentation. | African-American History and Culture Club <u>Presentation</u> |
| 3. | James Gordon, addressed the Board regarding the possibility of instituting a Parent Classroom Involvement Policy. Mrs. Gordon also addressed the Board regarding parent involvement in the classroom. | Visitor <u>Statements</u> |
| 4. | The Board of Education approved the recommendation regarding Students with Disabilities for 2006-2007 as recommended by the District Committee on Special Education and recommendations regarding Children with Disabilities for 2006-2007 as recommended by the District Committee on Preschool Special Education. | CSE & CPSE Recommendations <u>Approved</u> |
| | Ayes . . . 9
Nayes . . 0
Absent. . 0 | Recommendation approved unanimously |

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| 5. | Foster offered a motion, seconded by Harrison to approve the Proposed Budget for 2007-2008 as recommended by the Budget Committee. | Proposed
Budget for
2007-2008
<u>Approved</u> |
| | Ayes . . . 9
Nayes . . 0
Absent. . 0 | Motion approved unanimously |
| 6. | The Board of Education approved the recommendation to approve Health Service Contracts for North Colonie students attending a parochial/private schools in the Bethlehem Central School District, South Colonie Central School District, Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, the Schenectady City School District, and the Enlarged City School District of Troy for 2006-2007 school year as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Business. | Health
Service
Contracts
<u>Approved</u> |
| | Ayes . . . 9
Nayes . . 0
Absent. . 0 | Recommendation approved unanimously |
| 7. | The Board of Education approved the recommendation <u>not</u> to table the recommendation to approve the 2007-2008 Proposed School Calendar. | Not to table
the Proposed
School
Calendar
2007-08
<u>Approved</u> |
| | Ayes . . . 5
Nayes . . 4 (D. Rosenthal, M.E. Raup, P. D’Orazio, M. Nardolillo)
Absent. . | Recommendation approved unanimously |
| 8. | The Board of Education approved the recommendation to approve the Proposed School Calendar for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. | Proposed
2007-2008
School
Calendar
<u>Approved</u> |
| | Ayes . . . 6
Nayes . . 3 (D. Rosenthal, M.E. Raup, P. D’Orazio)
Absent. . 0 | Recommendation approved |
| 9. | Nardolillo offered a motion, seconded by Harrison to approve the budget amendment as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business. | Budget
Amendment
<u>Approved</u> |
| | Ayes . . . 9
Nayes . . 0
Absent. . 0 | Motion approved unanimously |
| 10. | The Board of Education approved the Schedule for 2007-2008 Parent/Teacher K-6 Conference Days/Open House, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. | Parent/
Teacher
Conference
Days
<u>Approved</u> |
| | Ayes . . . 9
Nayes . . 0
Absent. . 0 | Recommendation approved unanimously |
| 11. | Raup offered a motion, seconded by Nardolillo to approve the agreement between North Colonie School District and the New York State Department of Transportation for Maintenance and Operation of Traffic control Signals at the entrance to Shaker High School, as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business. | Agreement
with NYS
DOT for
Maintenance
& Operation
of SHS
Traffic Light
<u>Approved</u> |
| | Ayes . . . 9
Nayes . . 0
Absent . . 0 | Motion approved unanimously |

12. Joslin offered a motion, seconded by D’Orazio to approve the recommendation for Sarah Garrand to work off site as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Working Off Site Approved
- Ayes . . . 9 Motion approved unanimously
Nayes . . 0
Absent. . 0
13. Paula D’Orazio reported that the Long Range Planning Committee will meet April 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Junior High School to receive the consultant’s report on the North Colonie CSD, Maplewood-Colonie Common School District Annexation Feasibility Study. Long Range Planning Committee
14. The Superintendent reported that the enrollment for the fifth Attendance Period was down 30 students from September 2006.
15. The Board of Education approved the Personnel Actions noted as V. 1-12 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Personnel Approved
- A. PERSONNEL ACTIONS - All items approved by the Superintendent
1. RESIGNATIONS – CERTIFICATED
- a. Minderman, Lynn – SG Gr. 4 – resignation effective 7/1/07.
1. RESIGNATIONS – CLASSIFIED
- a. Mango, Alphonse – SHS Hall Monitor – resignation effective 3/12/07.
b. Dahl, Mary – JHS Teacher Aide – resignation effective 3/22/07.
c. Carelli, Rosemarie H. – JHS Teacher Aide – resignation effective 2/26/07.
d. Krolak, Kim – LR Teacher Aide – resignation effective 3/30/07.
e. Wertman, Lisa – BC Teacher Aide – resignation effective 3/06/06.
2. OTHER
- a. Snyder, Wesley – Automotive Mechanic - Military Leave – effective 4/2/07 – approximately the end of April 2008.
b. Womer, Patty – FF Gr. 4 –requests Family Care Leave approximately 3/30/07.
c. Ostiguy, Agnes - transfer from Account Clerk to Sr. Account Clerk probationary appointment effective 2/20/07. Step 5.
d. Reclassification of Account Clerk to Senior Account Clerk position in Accounts Payable Office effective 3/27/07.
3. APPOINTMENTS – CERTIFICATED
- a. Arnone, David – Principal Shaker High School Summer School for summer 2007 (See J. Corr memo dated 3/6/07).
b. Dopp, Edward - Coordinator of Continuing Education 2007-08 (See J. Corr memo dated 3/6/07).
c. Arnone, David – Coordinator of Driver Education 2007-08 (See J. Corr memo dated 3/22/06).
4. CERIFICATED – HOURLY, PART-TIME AND/OR SUBSTITUTES (NOT CONTRACTUAL – AT WILL EMPLOYEES)
- a. Weaver, Dolores – SG 4- Day Support Teacher – effective approximately 4/2/07 – 5/18/07 @ \$95 per day.
b. Hillard, Ashley – FF Gr. 4 – Substitute Teacher – effective approximately 4/2/07 – 5/18/07 @ \$95 for the first 10 days and \$150 for the remaining days.
c. Lacey, Karen – BH/FF Occupational Therapist Assistant Substitute – effective 3/12/07 – 3/30/07 @ \$132 per day.

5. APPOINTMENTS – CLASSIFIED (All positions are contingent upon formal approval from Albany County Civil Service)
 - a. Norton, Mary Kate – LO Teacher Aide – probationary appointment, emergency conditional appointment effective 2/27/07, Step 1, \$11.87 per hour.
 - b. Oakley, Mary – SHS Teacher Aide – probationary appointment, emergency conditional appointment effective 3/28/07, Step 1, \$11.87 per hour.
 - c. Amodeo, Andrew – SHS Teacher Aide – probationary appointment, emergency conditional appointment effective 3/26/07, Step 1, \$11.87 per hour.
 - d. VanDerVolgen, Katelyn – JHS Teacher Aide – probationary appointment, emergency conditional appointment effective 3/28/07. Step 1, \$11.87 per hour.

6. CLASSIFIED – HOURLY, PART-TIME AND/OR SUBSTITUTES (NOT CONTRACTUAL – AT WILL EMPLOYEES).
 - a. Scarchilli, Nancy – LR clerical substitute – effective 3/7/07, \$16.57 per hour.
 - b. Brunette, Jodi – Substitute Nurse – effective 3/12/07, \$18.50 per hour.

7. EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL REAPPOINTMENTS – CLASSIFIED
 - a. Angione, Christine – Substitute Counselor - emergency conditional reappointment 4/04/07.
 - b. Arnone, Sandra – Summer School Teacher – emergency conditional reappointment 4/04/07.
 - c. Brown, Patty – Substitute Teacher – emergency conditional reappointment 4/04/07.
 - d. Corelli, Justin – Substitute Teacher – emergency conditional reappointment effective 4/9/07.
 - e. Hudak, Stephen – Coach – emergency conditional reappointment effective 4/9/07.
 - f. King, Richard – Substitute Teacher – emergency conditional reappointment effective 4/20/07.
 - g. Knapp-Ines, Kristin - Psychologist Consultant – emergency conditional reappointment 4/24/07.
 - h. Lacey, Karen – COTA – emergency conditional reappointment effective 4/16/07.
 - i. Mattingly, Diana – LO Kindergarten – emergency conditional reappointment 5/10/07.
 - j. McCane, Lynn - Substitute Teacher – emergency conditional reappointment effective 4/30/07.
 - k. McFerran, Albert – Substitute Teacher – emergency conditional reappointment effective 3/14/07.
 - l. Northrup, Kyle – Coach – emergency conditional reappointment effective 4/05/07.
 - m. Ouimet, Vickie – Substitute Teacher – emergency conditional appointment effective 4/05/07.
 - n. Prouty, Karin - Substitute Teacher – emergency conditional appointment effective 4/05/07.
 - o. Reilly, Lindsey – Tutor - emergency conditional appointment effective 4/05/07.
 - p. Sulz, Gregory – Substitute Teacher – emergency conditional appointment effective 3/28/07.

8. EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL REAPPOINTMENTS – CLASSIFIED
 - a. Allen, David – part-time Custodian – emergency conditional reappointment effective 4/16/07.
 - b. Amsden, Virginia M. – substitute Nurse – emergency conditional reappointment 4/16/07.
 - c. Finkell, Teresa – Teacher Aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/17/07.

- d. Austin, Melissa – Noon Aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/20/07.
- e. Boldish, Kara – Teacher Aide – emergency conditional appointment 4/24/07.
- f. McManus, James – Cleaner – emergency conditional reappointment 3/28/07.
- g. Szary, Karen – Noon Aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/30/07.
- h. Weisman, John, A. – Maintenance Helper – emergency conditional reappointment 4/19/07.
- i. Crandall, Jennie – Clerical – emergency conditional reappointment 4/16/07.
- j. Herold, Thomas – part-time custodian – emergency conditional reappointment effective 4/11/07.
- k. Galinski, Barbara – Food Service – emergency conditional reappointment 4/27/07.
- l. Gatus, Sandra – Food Service – emergency conditional reappointment 4/5/07.
- m. Burke, Erin T. – part-time cleaner – emergency conditional reappointment effective 3/30/07.
- n. Carpentier, Phyllis, A. – part-time noon aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/05/07.
- o. Daigneault, Marire K. – hall monitor/noon aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/05/07.
- p. DiStefano, Renee M. – teacher aide – emergency conditional reappointment 3/28/07.
- q. Jones, Amy D. – part-time noon aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/05/07.
- r. Lamp, Jessica – teacher aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/5/07.
- s. Senick, Joan A. – part-time food service – emergency conditional reappointment 4/20/07.
- t. Thompson, Megan E. – teacher aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/16/07.
- u. Vanbramer, Theresa B. – teacher aide – emergency conditional reappointment 4/16/07.
- v. St. Louis, Gerald – Motor Vehicle Operator – emergency conditional reappointment 4/17/07.
- w. Zaderej, Ganna – teacher aide – emergency conditional appointment 4/23/07.

10. GRADUATE CREDITS – Schedule #10

11. Appointment of Diane Wynne and Jeanette Shippey to Co-Direct the Sixth Grade Play at Boght Hills – (See J. Corr 3/8/07 memo)

12. Coaching Recommendations (See D. Herman 3/9/07 and 3/22/07 memos)

Ayes . . . 9
 Nays . . 0
 Absent. . 0

Recommendation approved unanimously

16. RECOGNITIONS

- 1. Nathan Bogdanowicz, Hudson Duan, Elias Hetko, Daniel Li, Matthew Mikhail, Kendall Puig, Arun Puttachi, Andrew Roninson – SHS Seniors – recognized by the Shaker High School Principal for having been named National Merit Finalists.
- 2. Christopher Perry-Coon, Osman Shawkat – SHS Seniors – recognized by the Shaker High School Principal for advancing from Semifinalist to Finalist standing in the 2007 National Achievement Scholarship Program, a privately financed competition for African Americans.
- 3. Randy A. Ehrenberg – Superintendent – recognized by Susan D. Phillips, Ph.D., Dean of School of Education, University at Albany, for her five years of membership and service in the University at Albany Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

4. Randy A. Ehrenberg – Superintendent, Joseph Corr – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – recognized by George Delamar, President of Tackling Racism in Albany County, for their diligence and success with the study circles program.
5. Randy A. Ehrenberg – Superintendent - recognized by the SHS Social Studies Supervisor for her leadership and continued support of the African American History and Culture Club during its recent preparation for and performance of *Back to the Roots*.
6. Richard Murphy – SHS Principal – recognized by the SHS Social Studies Supervisor for their leadership and continued support of the African American History and Culture Club during its recent preparation for and performance of *Back to the Roots*.
7. Deborah Keough – District Music Supervisor, Anne Manzella – District Art Supervisor - recognized by the SHS Social Studies Supervisor their assistance and support of their resources and performers that participated in *Back to the Roots*.
8. Thea Brewster – SHS English, John Palella – SHS Social Studies, SHS Music – recognized by the SHS Social Studies Supervisor for their time and hard work that went in to the production of *Back to the Roots*.
9. Ned Fleischer, Michael Patrizio – SHS Music - recognized by the SHS Social Studies Supervisor for the time and performance of Shaker Select and The Jazz Ensemble during the program of *Back to the Roots*.
10. African American History and Culture Club Members Lindsey Aguero, Shenequa Kelly, Bianca Morales, Melissa Pinchinat, Julian Ross Roberson, Arielle Roberts, Datanya Stainrod – SHS Seniors, Kay-Deen Byrd, Harrison Carnevale, Micaela David, Jayson Deshields, Fama Diao, James Davery Farrell, Kelly O’Connell, Wilhelmina Ofofu, Angelique Porter, Jasmine Rose Jackson, Breanna Jones, Lindsay Malloy, Quadel Jemar Terrell, Chene Woods – SHS Juniors, Michele Acheampong, Edna Bonsu, Carlos Edmond, Stephanie Greene, Zayna Ibrahim, Moriah Roberts, Maurice Palmer – SHS Sophomores, Jaquell Chandler, Naieem Elordi, Besem Iyok, Turin Moore, David Perez, Kevena Marie Sheldon – SHS Freshmen, Jazz Ensemble Members – Nate Bogdanowicz, Michelle Geisler, Jared Kaczynski, Rya Leavens, Kevin McMahon, Judith Olson, Christopher Perry-Coon, Ian Politis, Greg Razzano, Andrew Roninson, Issac Silberman-Gorn, Brian Styk, Devin Whitford – SHS Seniors, Philip Allen, Matthew Amedio, Rachel Cortesi, Patrick Derocher, Adam Drake, James Haertel, Julianne Huba, Mark Lombardo, Nick Manning, Patrick McGrail, Austin Meyer, Alexandra Morrison, Allan Nelson, Olivia Quillo, Alexander Turpin, Steven Wing, Rebecca Wolf – SHS Juniors, Olivia Baackes, Tim Farrell, Devon Furlong, - SHS Sophomores, Kevin Angstadt, Brian Clayton, Alena Keenan, Abby Mayo, Tara McNeill, Tyler Soweck – SHS Freshman - recognized by the SHS Social Studies Supervisor for their fine work on the program *Back to the Roots: A Celebration of Black History*.
11. Akanshu Srivastav – SJHS Gr. 7 – recognized by the SJHS Principal for qualifying for the New York State Finals of the National Geographic Bee.
12. Rishab Jaggi – BH Gr. 3 – recognized by June Gunza, Fireman’s Association of the State of New York for being selected as having one of the thirteen winning posters for the 10th Annual Fire Prevention & Life Safety Poster contest.
13. Erica Doolittle – BH Gr. 1 – recognized by Mary Van Ullen and Clayton Welch, District Parents, for her patience, organization, creativity, energy and enthusiasm.
14. Karen Amedio – SG Music, Marcia Bittner – BH/LR/SG Music, Maggie Bottino – FF Music, Laura Bresnahan – BC/FF/LO Music, Lynne Holmes – SG/BH Music, Amy Kimbler – LR/LO Music, Linda LeBlanc – BC/LR Music, Kirsten Mattison – FF/LO Music, Emily Mesick – BH Music, Jeanette Shippey – BH Music, Erin Slater – BC Music, Camille Wing – LR Music – recognized by the District Music Supervisor for the outstanding work done on the Elementary All-District Concert on March 2.
15. Steven Zautner - Treasurer/Purchasing Agent, Joseph Corr – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Laila Katzman – President and Owner of Full Spectrum Communications – recognized by the District Career and Technical Education Supervisor for Mr. Zautner’s presentation during an Introduction to Business class, for Mr. Corr’s discussion at a Junior Achievement meeting and for Mrs. Katzman’s work as the corporate Junior Achievement sponsor.
16. Mary Jo Eldredge, Michelle Frisone – SHS Business – recognized by the District Career and Technical Education Supervisor for their outstanding work in collaborating with local businesses to provide students with Junior Achievement business opportunities.

17. Sharon Sumner – BH Gr. 3 and Mrs. Sumner’s Gr. 3 Students – recognized by Karen Mantas, Director of Development and Communications of Parsons Child and Family Center – for the valentines sent to the children at Parsons.
18. Jacklyn Guba – FF Gr. 1, Alison Leahey – FF Gr. 3, Amanda Rowland – FF Gr. 5 – recognized by Sandy Pangburn, Karin Wheatley, Mary Farrell, Jean Rinaldi, FF PTA Officers, for organizing and chairing the annual FF Lucky Bucket. Also, Candace Lobdell – FF Principal, Kathy Haugan – FF Gr. 1, Laura Archambault, FF Teacher Aide, Karen Hock – FF Reading, Steve Shepard – FF Counselor, Dave Floyd – FF Gr. 1, Wendy Ashline – FF Teacher Assistant, Julie Duffy – FF Gr. 2, Cassandra Leoniak – FF Gr. 4, Karen Newell – FF Reading, Gretchen Mahan – FF K, Sheri O’Connor – FF Gr. 2, Krista McMillan – FF K, Tina Young – FF Gr. 5, Lisa Vergoni – FF/BH ESL, Elaine Luizzi - FF Library, Renata Relyea – FF Gr. 4, Maggie Bottino – FF Music, Tracy Sacca – FF Teacher Aide for their hard work and dedication to the annual Lucky Bucket fundraiser.
19. Michael Roach – recognized by District Technology Coordinator for his leadership in planning and organizing a complete inventory of existing technology resources in the District. Also Mary Ellen Egelston – FF Computer Aide, Jean Fanniff – SHS Computer Aide, Paul Mantica – SJHS Computer Aide – Shelia Marshall – LR Computer Aide, Mary Jude Maxwell – LO Computer Aide, Lori Meredith – SG Computer Aide, Jennifer Selke – BH Computer Aide, Eva Vandrei – BC Computer Aide, Cheryl Daigle, Tom Mein, Julie Scriven – District Technology Assistants – for gathering the inventory data district-wide and for performing their regular duties and providing technical support.
20. Sheila Kiehle, Rose Marie Hawver – SHS French, Marie Digirolamo – SJHS/SHS French – recognized by the District Foreign Language Supervisor organizing Shaker-Sainte Croix home stay program.
21. Terence Legg – SHS German, Brenna Muldoon – SJHS German - recognized by the District Foreign Language Supervisor for planning and organizing the Shaker-Saarbrucken exchange program.
22. Jennifer Armitstead – SHS/SJHS Spanish, Maria Holland – SHS Spanish - recognized by the District Foreign Language Supervisor for planning and organizing the Shaker-Costa Rica exchange program. Also for Sheelah Lucier – Director of Pupil Services for participating in this trip as the administrator.
23. Edwin Shields – BH Gr. 3 – Joseph Pickett, Executive Editor at Houghton Mifflin Company, recognized for suggesting that the word *skink* be included in their paperback dictionary.
24. Jeremiah Campbell, Alexandra Koptsev – SHS Seniors – recognized by the Shaker High School Principal for their willingness to come forward and report the inappropriate behaviors of three high school students.
25. Kimberly Greiner – BH Interim Principal, Sharon Hodges – BH Nurse, Floria Lowin, Coleen Landers, Donna Ellrott, Ann Sauer – BH Support Staff – recognized by Bruce and Nancy Quay for their kindness, guidance, patience and helpfulness.
26. Randy A. Ehrenberg – Superintendent – recognized by Bill Serriella, International Center for Leadership in Education, for taking the time to meet the people from North Penn School District.

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| 17. | The Board of Education reviewed Treasurer’s Report January 2007, Extraclassroom Activity Reports January 2007, Report on Investments February 28, 2007, Quarterly Financial Statements, February 2007, and Food Service Profit and Loss, February 2007. | Business Office Reports |
| 18. | The Board of Education approved Bills and Payroll as recommended by the Superintendent for Business.

Ayes . . . 9
Nayes . . 0
Absent. . 0 | Bills & Payroll
<u>Approved</u> |
| 19. | The Board of Education approved the Fire Inspection Report, as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Business.

Ayes . . . 9
Nayes . . 0
Absent. . 0 | Fire Inspection Report
<u>Approved</u> |

20. Raup offered a motion, seconded by Harrison to approve the use of 2006-07 Remaining Equipment Funds as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business. 2006-2007
Remaining
Equipment
Funds
Approved
- Ayes . . . 9 Recommendation approved unanimously
 Nays . . 0
 Absent. . 0
- The Superintendent thanked the Board of Education, as well as those from the school community who participated, for their efforts in the 2007-08 budget development process.
21. Orr offered a motion, seconded by D’Orazio to approve Special Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2007 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. March 12,
Special
Meeting
Minutes
Approved
- Ayes . . . 9 Motion approved unanimously
 Nays . . 0
 Absent. . 0
22. Nardolillo offered a motion, seconded by Raup to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m. Adjournment
- Ayes . . . 9 Motion approved unanimously
 Nays . . 0
 Absent. . 0

Joan M. Hart, President

Thomas J. Rybaltowski, Clerk