

COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education
Cohoes, New York
Cohoes Middle School Library**

**Regular Meeting
September 21, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

(The Board of Education may entertain a motion to enter into executive session subject to Board approval.)

MINUTES

I. The Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Vice President, Chris Briggs.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Briggs
Mrs. Hume
Mr. Smith
Mrs. Rizzo
Mr. Nolin

Excused: Mr. Daigneault and Mr. Pascale

Also Present: Mr. Robert K. Libby, Superintendent
Ms. Peggy O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting of September 7, 2011.

Moved by: Mrs. Hume
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Smith
Motion carried 5-0

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jacqueline DeChiaro, Principal at Van Schaick Grade School, provided an overview of this year's Elementary Summary Success Program.

Deanna Kelly, Assistant Principal at Cohoes Middle School, provided an overview of this year's Summer Learning Program.

Bryan Wood, Assistant Principal at Cohoes High School, provided an overview of this year's Summer School Program.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Curriculum and Instruction

Peggy O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services, presented an update on the Race to the Top Program.

B. Business and Operations

Stacy Mackey, School Business Official, provided an update regarding our auditing process.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Briggs opened the floor for discussion of yearbook funding and made the following motion.

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education restore funding of Abram Lansing Elementary School and Van Schaick Grade School yearbooks and remove the freeze from funding of the Harmony Hill Elementary School yearbook and include as **Item X(B)** of the September 21, 2011 Agenda.

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Hume
Motion carried 5-0

V. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. THAT the Board of Education accept the Minutes for the Committee on Special Education for the following meeting dates:
04/28/11, 5/9/11, 5/19/11, 5/23/11, 6/2/11, 6/6/11, 6/9/11, 6/10/11, 6/13/11, 6/14/11, 6/24/11, 7/18/11, 8/4/11, 8/9/11, 8/11/11, 8/12/11, 8/15/11, 8/19/11, 8/24/11, 8/25/11, 8/29/11, 9/7/11, 9/9/11, 9/12/11, 9/14/11.

B. THAT the Board of Education accept the following donations to enable lighting at night for Cohoes High School's Homecoming weekend (September 30-October 2, 2011):

New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal	\$500
Eastern Building & Restoration, Inc.	\$500
BPI Piping	\$250

C. THAT the Board of Education accept the donation of *Daniel Kirk* artwork to be displayed at Abram Lansing Elementary School until mid-October 2011.

D. THAT the Board of Education approve a contract for consulting services with Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC, 12 Colvin Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 for the 2011-12 school year. Fees to be paid according to contract.

E. THAT the Board of Education approve the May 2011 CPI of 2.9 percent for the following transportation contract:

<u>STAR & STRAND TRANSPORTATION, INC.</u>		<u>FY2010/2011</u>	<u>FY2011/2012</u>
Contract - E251274	In-District	\$146,272.00	\$150,514.00
	Out-of-District	\$135,635.00	\$139,569.00
	BOCES	\$ 56,549.00	\$ 58,189.00
	Aide	\$ 94.45	\$ 97.18
Contract - E251278	Out-of-District	\$289,711.00	\$298,112.00
	Additional Aide	\$ 94.45	\$ 97.18
Contract - E261172	Trip	\$ 125.20	\$ 128.83
	Aide/per day	\$ 71.03	\$ 73.09

- F. THAT the Board of Education waive readings two and three of the following BOE Policy:
Computer Usage - 4526.1 (as amended)
- G. THAT the Board of Education adopt the following BOE Policy:
Computer Usage - 4526.1 (as amended)
- H. THAT the Board of Education award the bid for district-wide pruning and weeding of plant beds to:

Quality Lawn and Landscape	\$26,000.00
95 Colonial Road	
Stillwater, NY 12170	
 MJR & Sons	 \$27,000.00

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - PERSONNEL

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

- A. THAT the Board of Education **amend** Item VIII (C) of the September 7, 2011 Agenda to read as follows:

THAT the Board of Education establish the following rates of pay for the following positions for the 2011-12 school year:

Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools	\$36,114
Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds	\$76,625
Treasurer	\$52,000
Personnel Secretary	\$42,318
Secretary to the Ass't. Sup't. for Educational Services	\$25.83 \$26.13 per hour
Secretary to the Ass't. Sup't. for Educational Services	\$25.88 \$26.08 per hour

District Clerk/Secretary to the SBO	\$35,088
Physical Therapist -	\$45,081
Occupational Therapist (2)	\$48,089

B. THAT the Board of Education abolish one Harmony Hill Elementary School day custodian position (formerly held by Wallie Miles).

Effective: September 27, 2011

C. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District hereby reinstates John Fitzgerald from the seniority/recall list, pursuant to Civil Service Law, to a position of Security Guard, effective August 22, 2011.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - BUSINESS/FINANCE

X. FINANCIAL REPORTS (Recommended by the Superintendent)

A. I recommend that the following reports be accepted by the Board of Education:

1. Warrants - Fund C-8/1/11-8/12/11; Fund C-8/15/11-8/31/11; Fund TA-8/1/11-8/12/11; Fund F-8/1/11-8/12/11; Fund A-8/1/11-8/12/11; Fund J-8/1/11-8/15/11; Fund J-8/16/11-8/31/11; Fund F-8/15/11-8/31/11; Fund A-8/15/11-8/31/11;
2. Budget Transfer - August 2011
3. Budget Status Reports - 07/01/11 - 06/30/12
4. Bank Reconciliation Report - July and August 2011
5. Extracurricular Activity Report - to be provided in October.

BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Education adopt the following resolutions of the September 21, 2011 Agenda:

VII (A-H); VIII (A-C) and X (A-B)

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Nolin
Motion carried 5-0

XI. INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION

XII. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

XIII. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

XIV. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

XV. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

October 5, 2011, Board of Education Workshop, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:30 p.m.

October 19, 2011, Board of Education Regular Meeting, Cohoes Middle School Library at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss matters that might lead to the appointment of a particular corporation.

Moved by: Mrs. Rizzo
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Smith
Motion carried 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 8:23 p.m.

Present: Mr. Briggs
Mrs. Hume
Mr. Smith
Mrs. Rizzo
Mr. Nolin

Excused: Mr. Daigneault and Mr. Pascale

Also Present: Mr. Robert K. Libby, Superintendent
Ms. Peggy O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

DISCUSSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Hume
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Smith
Motion carried 5-0

District Clerk