

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

*JULY 10, 2007*

The regular meeting was convened by President JOHN PHILLIPS

MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> ROSE

To approve the regular meeting agenda with additions and/or modifications as presented including moving the following consent agenda items to the discussion action agenda: 7(B), 7 (E), 7(Q), 7 (R), 7 (L).

Carried 7-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To approve minutes of the 06/05/07 – Regular Board Meeting

HABER	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
KRAMARCHYK	YES	ROSE	YES
MURPHY	YES	WELCOME	ABSTAIN
PELLETTIERI	ABSTAIN		

Carried 5-0-2

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mike Birmingham spoke about his reasons for not supporting the proposed football program.

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To adjourn to executive session at 8:55PM to discuss the employment history of particular employees.

Carried, 7-0

MOTION MURPHY 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To reconvene meeting at 9:20PM

Carried, 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

James Dexter:

- welcomed Shannon Shine, new assistant principal at the Middle School
- welcomed new board members
- Mentioned annual NYSSBA Conference on October 25<sup>th</sup> –28<sup>th</sup> in NYC
- Mentioned the possibility of holding a board retreat

Administrators and supervisors updated the board on various activities and news within their respective buildings and departments. There was a short discussion on regents scoring and conversion charts that are supplied to school districts by SED and how they are used by teachers to determine student scores on regents exams. Andrew Pellettieri requested additional information on NY State's scale scoring procedures and SED facts.

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2<sup>nd</sup> ROSE

To extend tonight's meeting at 10PM.

HABER	NO	PHILLIPS	YES
KRAMARCHYK	YES	ROSE	YES
MURPHY	YES	WELCOME	YES
PELLETTIERI	YES		

Carried, 6-1-0

## TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTS:

	<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>AS OF 05/31/07</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$8,020,188.45	\$8,215,456.14
SPECIAL AID FUND	714,552.05	\$ 785,030.93
SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	40,643.60	\$ 37,564.58
CAPITAL FUND	352,791.63	\$ 349,824.35
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	314,252.62	\$ 305,009.52
NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT	774.42	\$ 808.68

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To accept the Treasurer's Report and Warrants as presented

Carried, 7-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> PELLETTIERI

To table items #6A and #6B, REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS of SEMI-ANNUAL CONDUCT REPORT & REVIEW OF DISTRICT CONDUCT POLICY #5310 and REVIEW OF ATTENDANCE POLICY #5100.

Carried, 7-0

MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To approve the following motions contained under the Consent Agenda:

- 7(A) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, additions to the 2007-2008 EXTRA-CLASS ACTIVITY ADVISORS and additions to the 2007-2008 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS (Generalist Mentors & Chatham Fair Coordinators), as presented.
- 7(C) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, JASON BREWER, as a permanent substitute professional educator in the tenure area of Academic Social Studies, effective September 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008
- 7(D) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools, PATRICIA RATHKE, as a professional educator in the Remedial Reading tenure area for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010.

- 7(F) To accept the resignation submitted by FAITH KUBOW, Substitute RN and Instructional Aide, effective July 12, 2007 for the purpose of accepting another position within the district
- 7(G) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, FAITH KUBOW, to the position of Registered Nurse for the period of July 12, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (*one-year leave replacement*)
- 7(H) To approve the request submitted by BRITT BUCKENROTH, Primary School Librarian, for an unpaid Leave of Absence from September 28, 2007 through June 30, 2008
- 7(I) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, MINDY POTTS, to the position of District Clerk, pursuant to the Terms & Conditions of Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (*adopted on 9/13/05*) with remuneration of \$38,300 per year, effective July 1, 2007
- 7(J) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, Amy Boothby, to the position of Secretary to the Business Official, pursuant to the Terms & Conditions of Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (*adopted on 9/13/05*) with remuneration of \$38,300 per year, effective July 18, 2007.
- 7(K) To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, additional Speech Services for Summer, 2007 to be performed by the following staff members: Mary Ellen Andrews & Holly Klein (*not more than (20) additional days in total*)
- 7(M) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, the *additional* INVITATIONS STAFF for the 2007 Summer Program to be held July 9, 2007 through August 3, 2007 as follows:
- | INVITATIONS STAFF |                    |
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| BUTTERWORTH, TINA | TEACHER SUBSTITUTE |
- 7(N) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, VICTOR GABRIEL as an IT Substitute, with remuneration of \$10/hour, effective July 2, 2007 through August 24, 2007
- 7(O) To approve upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, the termination of the probationary appointment of ERIN RADEZ, Music Teacher (Elem), effective July 11, 2007
- 7(P) To approve a 2006-2007 Health Services Contract in accordance with Education Law Section 912, with the CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY for (25) students attending a private schools within the district (Albany Academy for Girls and Albany Academy for Boys, the Doane Stuart School & the Academy of Holy Names) in the amount of \$13,517.00 and to authorize the president of the Board to execute the contract.

- 7(S) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, JUDITH GRANAI-MARTIN, as a professional educator in Academic: Foreign Language (French - MS), for a probationary period of three years, effective September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010.
- 7(T) To appoint, upon the recommendation of James P. Dexter, Superintendent, addendum to the 2007-2008 non-teaching substitute list (clerical).

CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED, 7-0

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

8(A) MOTION MURPHY 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of serial general obligation bonds, not to exceed \$515,000, to finance the acquisition of school buses for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 10, 2007 OF THE KINDERHOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$515,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$515,000 LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT, THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Kinderhook Central School District, Valatie, New York, (the "School District") at the Annual School District Meeting of such voters duly held on the May 15, 2007, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of serial general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$515,000 to finance the acquisition of school buses, the levy of a tax to be collected in installments in payment thereof, and the expenditure of such sums for such purpose; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Kinderhook Central School District shall acquire school busses, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. The Kinderhook Central School District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$515,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the acquisition of school busses.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of said Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$515,000 (b) no money

has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said Purpose, and (c) the Kinderhook Central School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of

the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said Purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is authorized to attest any Bonds and the bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the School District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the Kinderhook Central School District, Valatie, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the School District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. This Resolution shall be published in full by the District Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the School District. The validity of the Bonds or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or is said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption

Carried, 7-0

8(B) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To accept a donation of \$2,205.88 from the Class of 2006 to the Physical Education Department for the purchase of fitness equipment to enhance the high school fitness center.

Prior to carrying this motion, the board noted the need for additional language "and to increase the 2007-2008 budget by \$2,205.88"

Carried, 7-0

8(C) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> MURPHY

To accept, per Board Policy #1800 Gifts from the Public, a donation of the following From Cynthia Maloy: Alto Saxophone for the Music Department

Carried, 7-0

8(D) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To approve a transportation lease agreement request submitted by the Village of Kinderhook for use of one (1) school bus for various field trips to be taken in conjunction with their Summer Recreation Program from July 9, 2007 through August 17, 2007.

Carried, 7-0

8(E) MOTION ROSE MOTION DID NOT HAVE A 2ND

To approve a resolution authorizing the planning for the establishment of a junior varsity football team, for the 2008-2009 school year, per the terms and conditions as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has been approached on multiple occasions by community members who have advocated for a football team; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to these request, the Board of Education convened an Ad-Hoc athletic advisory committee composed of various stakeholders to study the educational, logistical and fiscal issue, and

**WHEREAS**; the committee has provided the Board with a comprehensive report along with a recommendation to begin a pilot program (contingent on outside funding),

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Education will authorize a pilot program under the terms and conditions herein:

- The program is authorized to begin on a pilot basis. The district is authorized to begin planning for the establishment of a junior varsity team for the 2008-2009 school year, and upon receipt of \$58,904 by April 1, 2008, the district is authorized to request a schedule from Section II for the fall of 2008. Subsequently, no such schedule may be requested if the entire amount is not provided to the district on or before April 1, 2008.
- The Booster Club would be the "official" fund raising organization.
- The Superintendent is authorized to seek a formal agreement with the Town of Kinderhook to provide the use of town facilities, and to clarify logistical

concerns. Final approval of an agreement with the town is necessary in order to begin the program.

- The Board can not, and does not make a commitment beyond the scope of this resolution, and therefore, can not make any promise or guarantee that the program will be incorporated into the general fund in the near future, or that that additional facilities and/or fields will be created or modified or such upgrades will be contained within the scope of a capital project to accommodate the program.
- The District is solely responsible for the administration of all aspects of the program, and the program must adhere to the same policies and procedures as all other district run athletic teams
- That the existence of the football team must be reviewed by the Board of Education in subsequent years and upon the conditions as set forth by a future Board of Education.

8(F) MOTION HABER 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To approve pursuant to the Architect's Certificate for Payment, Construction Contract Payments for the Martin H. Glynn Elevator Project

PAYMENT #	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	FOR
# 2	Brownell Electric Corp.	\$ 6,973.38	Proj #05156.00
#1	AOW Associates, Inc.	\$48,292.44	Proj #05156.00

Carried, 7-0

8(G) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To appoint, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, 2007-2008 INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES as presented

Carried, 7-0

8(H) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To approve and authorize expending district funds associated with the attendance of Regina Rose at the following NYSSBA Workshops:

- NYSSBA School Law Conference – July 20, 2007 – Albany
- Fiscal Oversight Fundamentals – August 18, 2007 – Latham

Carried, 7-0

8(I) To authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the following document:

- Change Order for Bus Lift Replacement Project (Total Tool Ltd.)

Carried, 7-0

8(J) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To approve, upon the recommendation of James Dexter, Superintendent, a Special Education Summer Reading Program to service one student, to be held from July 2, 2007 through August 2, 2007, for 1.5 hours per day, 4 days per week (*total not to exceed 24 hours*), and to appoint the following staff member to teach the program: Ingrid Monaghan

Carried, 7-0

8(K) MOTION KRAMARCHYK 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To accept the resignation submitted by JACQUELINE BIEGEN, Primary School Secretary, effective August 3, 2007 *(employed 9/83)*

Board Member Anthony Welcome, former Primary School Principal, had worked closely with Ms. Biegen and noted her excellence and dedication to her work.

HABER	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
KRAMARCHYK	YES	ROSE	YES
MURPHY	YES	WELCOME	NO
PELLETTIERI	YES		

Carried, 6-1-0

BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION

- Members in favor of a board retreat with a moderator or facilitator
- Possible limitation on presentations during BOE meetings in an effort to limit the length of regular BOE meetings

LISTING OF MEETING DATES, DISTRIBUTIONS, NEXT AGENDA TOPICS

MEETINGS:

- 07/31 (Tue) – Finalist Interviews w/Board – MS Principal
- 08/07 (Tue) - Regular Board Meeting – MS Library – 7PM
- 08/21 (Tue) - Special Board Meeting – MS Library – 7 PM *(Tax Warrant)*

TOPICS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

- District Speech Services Presentation
- Superintendent’s Priority Objectives for 2007-2008

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one asked to speak

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*(A Board of Education may meet in Executive Session under certain circumstances upon a majority vote of the total membership to discuss matters related to collective bargaining-negotiations, personnel matters, proposed, pending, or current litigation, real property, public safety, certain aspects related to law enforcement or the preparation, grading or administration of examinations.)*

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2<sup>ND</sup> HABER

To adjourn to Executive Session at 11PM to discuss negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Carried, 7-0

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To appoint ANTHONY WELCOME as Clerk Pro Tem

HABER	YES	PHILLIPS	YES
KRAMARCHYK	YES	ROSE	YES
MURPHY	YES	WELCOME	NO
PELLETTIERI	YES		

Carried, 6-1-0

District Clerk, Mindy Potts, left the meeting.

OTHERS PRESENT AT EXECUTIVE:

James Dexter, Superintendent  
 Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent  
 Gregory Giammarco, Business Administrator

Board Members left Executive Session to return to the Middle School Library at 11:45PM

MOTION PELLETTIERI 2<sup>ND</sup> KRAMARCHYK

To adjourn the meeting at 11:50PM

Carried, 7-0

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Anthony Welcome, Clerk Pro Tem

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Mindy M. Potts, District Clerk