

BOARD MEETING: Regular
DATE: Wednesday, March 6, 2013
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Naples Central School Elementary Cafeteria

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2013 (Board Action)
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance

- V. Public Comments: The Board of Education invites you, the residents of our school community, to feel comfortable in sharing matters of interest or concern that you might have with us. The Board President will be happy to recognize those of you who wish to speak. We would ask that you come forward and please identify yourself before presenting your thoughts.

Those items brought to the attention of the Board during this time may be taken under consideration for future response or action. (*Individual comments will be limited to three minutes.*)

As a matter of courtesy, we ask that issues related to specific School District personnel or students be brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Schools privately. Thank you for this consideration.

Board Reponse: The Board of Education is committed to keeping communication open and transparent. The Board of Education President will be working with the Board and the Superintendent to make every effort to respond to public comments directed to the Board of Education at previous meetings, during the next scheduled meeting.

- VI. Points of Interest
- VII. Superintendent Recognitions & Updates
 - Capital Project Update

2013-2014 Budget Workshop

- A. Introduction
 - 1. Updates
 - 2. Outline Process
- B. 2013-2014 Budget
 - 1. Review Budget Assumptions
 - 2. Review Budget Draft
 - 3. Review Considerations for possible reductions / cuts
- C. Property Tax Cap Levy
 - 1. Final Calculation
 - 2. Review Levy impact
 - a. Tax Rate
 - b. Budget Cap
- D. Fund Balance/Reserves
 - 1. Long Range Plan
 - 2. Future Sustainability
- E. Activity
 - 1. Tough Decisions to Close Gap.
 - a. Tally Considerations
 - b. Discussion Information
 - c. gathering
 - d. Re-tally
- F. Closure
 - 1. Summarize Discussion
 - a. Next Steps
 - i. Plan for Budget Workshop on 3/20/13
 - ii. Communication / Presentations

Regular Meeting

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Naples Central School held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 6:34 p.m. in the Naples Elementary Cafeteria.

Members Present: Michael Boggs Barbara Howard
Ronald Burke John Murphy
Joseph Callaghan: Arrived at 6:58 p.m. Gail Musnicki
Randon Hoselton Margo Ulmer
Mona Sage-Cardinale: Arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Members Absent: William Kelly

Also Present: Kimberle A. Ward, Mitchell Ball, Kristina Saucke, Matthew Frahm,
Alan Moore and Pamela Jo Claes.

Guests: Lori-Ann Chapman, Diann Payne, John McCabe, Priscilla Crawford, Courtney Gursslin, Dahl Schultz, Jean Becker, Ed Northrop, Pete Clabeaux, Lori Maynard, Lori Maynard, Pauline Preston, Betsy Butler, Greta Bruen, Butch Ball, Rob Brautigam, Matthew A. Green, Deb Wordingham, Karen Robinson, Dan Robinson, Carter Chapman, Stacey Shearing, Liz Dormer, Jeff Liebentritt, and Bob Hotchkiss.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Board Vice President Michael Boggs.

Motion: Gail Musnicki

2nd: Margo Ulmer

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the agenda of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2013 as presented.

Voting Yes: 7

Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Public Comments:

Karen Robinson: Encouraged the Board of Education to maintain the mandated physical education minutes for students.

Jean Becker: Noted the continued need for a full-time teacher aide in the Elementary Computer Lab, stating the loss of the computer lab aide would negatively affect the students.

Priscilla Crawford: Also encouraged the Board of Education to keep the position of Elementary Computer Lab Teacher Aide, stating the position is an integral part of the curriculum especially with the increased use of technology in the classroom.

Betsy Butler: Encouraged the Board of Education to maintain her position of Reading Teacher in the Elementary school, noting literacy is very important for the students and eliminating the position would negatively impact the students.

Pauline Preston: Asked the Board of Education not to cut the reading position, noting there are more and more high needs students coming into the District and the classroom teachers need the additional help in the classrooms in working with individual students who need extra help.

John McCabe: Requested that District information on the projected enrollment for the District.

Butch Ball: Colleges are looking for well-rounded students with academic as well as co-curricular accomplishments. The District needs to continue to provide opportunities for the students, noting the District has a limited number of offerings due to our size, stating the board should not cut successful programs just because they are located on the outer ring of the budget target asking the board to consider having community boosters, parents & participants to work with the District to preserve the programs we have, suggesting the District discuss the approach taken in Hornell where two propositions were offered to the public, one capturing all the core activities and one proposition supporting all of the co-curricular activities.

Jeff Liebentritt: Encouraged the District to maintain the reading program as it is, commenting that reading is the most important subject the District teaches, adding it seems there are a higher percentage of students who need individual reading help so the position is needed.

Points of Interest:

Board Member Ronald Burke stated an article in the American Teacher magazine provided a summary of where all schools in the US are presently called, "The end of the testing fixation before it erases meaningful education", stating when it comes to testing, teachers and parents have had about all they can take, noting the fixation on testing is putting undo stress on educators as well as students and in many instances punishing teachers and school, it is also shortchanging a vital part of the curriculum including the arts, music and physical education, also stating that tests have a role to play however today's fixation with tests is undermining what schools need to give students and challenging a well-rounded education.

Mr. Burke congratulated Superintendent Ward on her article in the Community Health magazine, "Consider your choices to improve your life", discussing concepts from the book *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dwek.

Superintendent Ward announced there would be a rally to speak with our legislators regarding school aid, planned for Tuesday night, March 12th at Geneseo High School, noting that as the District continues to talk about tough budget times and advocacy at the state level, we are being challenged to bring as many people as possible to send a strong message to our representatives to eliminate the GEA and to look at equitable distribution of state aid, adding there would be information on the web site for the rally.

Recognitions and Updates:

Capital Project Update: Vic Tomaselli and Kurt Vater from SEI Design Group, and Ed Northrop and Peter Clabeaux representing Watchdog Building Partners were present. Mr. Tomaselli gave kudos to everyone involved in the project including the District staff and students, noting the project is moving along very well due to the cooperation and communication between everyone involved, noting they are very happy with the contractors, and they are very happy with the progress. Mr. Clabeaux stated the project is making great progress, noting they are pretty much on track and they are getting a lot of work in the ground and in the building done, adding you can see some of the foundation work for Area D; the outline of the building; the removal of the dry

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Motion: Barbara Howard
2nd: Mona Sage-Cardinale

Voting Yes: 8 **Motion Carried**
Voting No: 0

Dated this 6th day of March, 2013

Pamela Jo Claes
District Clerk