BOARD MEETING:

Regular

DATE:

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

TIME:

6:00 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 October 17, 2012

(Board Action)

IV. Executive Session

(Board Action)

- Negotiations
- Strategic Planning
- Personnel

V. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

VI. <u>Public Comments</u>: 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.

VII. Points of Interest

VIII. Superintendent Recognitions & Updates

- Gemini vs. Regents
- Statewide School Finance Consortium Report
- 2012 Proposed NYSSBA Resolutions
- Miscellaneous Expendable Trust Account

IX. Administrative Reports

- Elementary Principal
- Secondary Principal
- Director of Pupil Personnel

X. Board Reports

- Policy Committee
- Facility Committee
- XI. Minutes

(Board Action)

• BOCES Board of Education

• Internal Claims Auditor

• Student Representative

• Regular Meeting of October 3, 2012

XII. Business

(Board Action)

- Course Approval: AP Calculus
- Discards
- Tax Correction

XIII. Personnel

(Board Action)

- Resignation: Modified Swim Coach
- Probationary Appointments: Teacher Aide
- Extra-Curricular Advisor: Go-Go Coffee
- Coach: Modified Swim Coach

XIV. Consent Agenda Items

(Board Action)

- Substitutes
- Volunteers

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Naples Central School held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 6:02 p.m. in the Naples Elementary School Cafeteria.

Members Present: Michael Boggs

Ronald Burke Randon Hoselton
Joseph Callaghan Mona Sage-Cardinale

Gail Musnicki

Barbara Howard Margo Ulmer

John Murphy

Members Absent: William Kelly

Also Present: Kimberle A. Ward, Mitchell Ball, Kristina Saucke, Matthew Frahm,

Alan Moore and Pamela Jo Claes.

Guests: Dahl Schultz, Diann Payne, Lori Maynard, Evelyn Letta, Nick Fargnoli, Linda Burke, John McCabe, Pauline Preston, Shirley Riffle, and Rocky Dean.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by 1st Vice President Michael Boggs.

Motion: Gail Musnicki 2nd: Barbara Howard

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2012 as presented.

Voting Yes: 6 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Motion: Barbara Howard 2nd: Margo Ulmer

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves calling an executive session at 6:03 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations with the teachers' union; strategic planning; and discussing the employment history of a particular person or person(s).

Voting Yes: 6 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Time out of closed session: 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

Guest Pauline Preston stated the CSEA Bulletin Board was misplaced when the Elementary staff room was moved during the summer, adding the CSEA no longer has a place for job postings.

Points of Interest:

Board Member Mona Sage-Cardinale stated Naples is planning a community garden through Carl Warrington (Pastor of the Trinity Federated Church) on property owned by the Trinity Federated Church, noting there is an active facebook page where discussion is occurring on the implementation of the community garden, adding she had asked the Shared Decision Making Team if it would be possible to have the school involved, perhaps with the students or composting, etc. Ms. Sage-Cardinale noted the community garden is in the planning stages and she would like the Board of Education to consider how the District might participate. Superintendent Ward stated there has been talk about doing a community garden at Naples

Central School, adding if the District could partner with the community that would be great, noting it was also a topic brought up at the District Shared Decision Making Team, asking Mona to continue to share information on the proposed community garden with the Board of Education as well as the District Shared Decision Making Team so we can work together.

Board Member Mona Sage-Cardinale also noted there has been a concern among the bus drivers who will have to park at Hazlitt's due to the construction project, adding the drivers are concerned about what arrangements have been made for a place for them to stay while the buses are warming up, etc. Superintendent Ward stated there have been a number of conversations regarding the bus drivers who will be parking at Hazlitt's during the winter and the District will make sure to take care of the arrangements. Board Member Joseph Callaghan asked Transportation Director Rocky Dean how long the buses were required to warm up before driving. Mr. Dean stated the buses needed to warm up from 8-10 minutes before driving.

Board Member Joseph Callaghan suggested that the Athletic Directors schedule athletic events so that Districts do not have to run two buses to the same location on the same day. Superintendent Ward noted the Districts are hearing that the State will be reducing state aid again this year, so we need to be looking at ways to cut expenses where we can, adding currently the policy is to send two buses if there is a two hour difference in bus departure times. Board Member Joseph Callaghan stated if it comes down to fewer night games then the District needs to save money wherever it can. Superintendent Ward stated she represents the area Superintendents at the WFL Athletic Director meetings, commenting that she will continue to stress that games be scheduled so that only one bus is needed per location in a day.

Recognitions & Updates:

Superintendent Ward stated the Masons along with the Ontario County Sheriff's Department are partnering together to offer the Safe Child Program, noting the Ontario County Sheriff's Department will be at the Elementary building on Monday from about 8:30 a.m. to about 1:30-2:00 p.m. to take pictures and fingerprint our students, adding parents completed a number of application forms so the Sheriff's Department will be very busy. Mrs. Ward stated the District also offered this service to families of children who are not school age, noting that preschool aged children were scheduled to come in between 8:30-11:30 a.m. Superintendent Ward extended a special thanks to the Masons and the Ontario County Sheriff who was here at the Elementary Open House spreading the word about the Safe Child Program.

Superintendent Ward then introduced English teacher Nick Fargnoli who presented information pertaining to the difference between the Regents English and Gemini English course. Secondary Principal Matthew Frahm noted with tough budget years the District has had to be very thoughtful in terms of balancing classes so that they meet the needs of the students, so that we have an appropriate balance of AP classes, remedial coursework, Regents level classes, and Gemini courses, adding Nick Fargnoli teaches an English course at FLCC so he sees the strengths and weaknesses of college students at FLCC and can apply that knowledge in preparing our students for college. Mr. Fargnoli stated the advantage to teaching Gemini English 101 at Naples vs. FLCC is that he is able to spend a lot more time with the students at Naples so he is able to do more difficult projects like Hamlet which he would not be able to attempt to do with the students at FLCC, adding he takes the students through the process of writing a paper step by step, developing a thesis statement, etc. Superintendent Ward asked Mr. Fargnoli to explain how the Regents and Gemini classes align with the Common Core Standards. Mr. Fargnoli stated with writing, the assessments are generally project based, noting that last year the class wrote

some papers as well as things like writing an informational pamphlet for a product that doesn't exist, getting the students to think creatively, which aligns with the goal of college and career readiness, adding most employers and college professors are after creative ideas. Mr. Fargnoli added the students also work on close reading, being analytical and using the text based answer that the common core really wants. Mr. Frahm asked what Mr. Fargnoli felt are the most common weaknesses in the students at FLCC and also asked how he tries to address those problems in High School students here at Naples. Mr. Fargnoli stated the biggest problem is that students don't understand a thesis statement so he emphasizes the thesis on the grading rubric, noting it is important for students entering college to be able to formulate and support a thesis.

Superintendent Ward stated she had received FLCC's Comprehensive Gemini Report and offered to let the board members review the report if interested.

School Business Administrator Mitchell Ball presented information on the Statewide School Finance Consortium Workshop, noting that the goal of the conference was to give Districts the data they need to make informed financial and budgeting decisions; to create awareness regarding the clearly inequitable state funding model that has been unjustly imposed upon smaller districts like Naples; and to give Naples tools for pushing back on the inequities in funding. Mr. Ball went over the state funding shortcomings; Gap elimination adjustment & combined wealth ratio; Aid reduction comparison; Foundation Aid phase in; Combined Wealth Ratio to State Aid cuts comparison; and Projected State Aid. Board comments and discussion followed pertaining to the information presented.

Board Member Margo Ulmer reviewed the proposed 2012 NYSSBA Resolutions to be voted on at the NYSSBA convention, asking for the board to vote yes or no on each proposal. The majority vote of the Board of Education was yes for each resolution presented.

Administrative Reports:

Internal Claims Auditor Evelyn Letta stated any problems have been corrected, noting with all of the transitions in personnel it has been pretty good, adding they are working together as a team and are currently meeting together every other week.

Elementary Principal Kristina Saucke stated the Elementary school had a fantastic turnout for Open House, adding there were a couple of community programs which asked to set up at the Open House, the Budding Readers Program from the Naples Library and the Safe Child Program Sign-up information, the NSA had their Ice Cream Social and also had tables set up advertising the Box tops for Education and the Campbell's Soup labels program, adding thanks to money received from the Box tops for Education and the Campbell's Soup labels the NSA was able to buy the modified soccer team new soccer balls. Miss Saucke noted the NSA continues with their fundraising to support field trips. Miss Saucke stated the Elementary building is wrapping up their fire drills for the fall and they arranged to have Fire Chief Pat Elwell come and watch the fire drills as recommended by the FEMA Training, adding Mr. Elwell gave feedback for both the High School and Elementary buildings and he will be attending the next Safety Team Meeting to discuss his suggestions.

Secondary Principal Matthew Frahm presented information on the proposed AP Calculus course, noting there were some concerns regarding the addition of an AP course, adding the common core is challenging schools to increase the rigor and so the District decided to try an AP level course.

Director of Pupil Personnel Alan Moore noted the next round of the Therapeutic Intervention training will begin on Friday, noting they have eleven more staff members who will be trained, adding the District is very fortunate to have this program which has two goals, to keep kids safe and to teach the students how to cope. Mr. Moore stated there is a mix of support staff and teaching staff completing the training for the next four weeks, thanking St. Januarius Church for letting the District use their facility. Superintendent Ward stated the District is very lucky to have trainers on our own staff, which saves the District a huge amount and allows the District to do all of the different stages of certification.

Student Representative Randon Hoselton stated the new lockers were installed under the skylight and the seniors have now moved into them, noting he had opted to keep his box rather than use a locker as he found it was more convenient as he was able to put the box where it was most convenient for him to access. Randon noted for Spirit Week the students had four days where students dressed up in different ways to earn points for their respective class, including Ugly Sweater Day, Twin Day, Theme Day and Green & White Day; the Pep Rally was fun, noting he had enjoyed the tug of war and each class had performed a lip sync; a float parade was held; he had watched the Homecoming Soccer Games, noting that the Girls Varsity Soccer Team won their game and the Boys Varsity Soccer Team had lost their game; and he had attended the Homecoming Dance. Randon noted the Girls Varsity Tennis Team had Sectional Finals that night; Girls Varsity Soccer has won the league title and are currently undefeated as well as being ranked #1 in Section C; The Boys Varsity Soccer Team stated if they win or tie one of the next two games they will enter sectionals ranked in 1st place.

Board Reports:

Policy Committee member John Murphy stated they had met on September 26th and their next meeting is scheduled for October 30th at 3:30 p.m. in the District office, noting he did not have any new policies to talk about until after the next meeting.

Superintendent Ward stated the last Facility Committee meeting was held on October 3rd, noting they hope to have Phase 2a completed by the end of October, noting the stairwell and metalwork are in; the tile work is coming along nicely; the ceiling tiles will be coming in on Thursday; the basement has been painted, doors hung and ceilings installed so they are in pretty good shape and can get ready to have the maintenance staff move back into the basement area. Mrs. Ward stated the District had received approval for Phase 2b; the Bid walk through will be on October 24th; bids will be opened on November 14th; and contracts will be awarded at the meeting of December 5th.

Board Member Ronald Burke stated he had been the only representative from an individual school district at the BOCES board meeting, however he had been very warmly received, noting a large part of the meeting dealt with computer services at BOCES, presenting the scope of work provided, noting BOCES services between 40-50,000 machines. Mr. Burke stated he felt the highlight of the meeting was the discussion of developing coalitions and strategies for rural districts and the financial inequities in terms of funding.

Motion: Ronald Burke 2nd: Barbara Howard

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular meeting

October 3, 2012.

Voting Yes: 8 Motion Carried

Regular Meeting

Voting No:

Mona Sage-Cardinale Motion: 2nd: Barbara Howard

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Business resolutions as presented:

Voting Yes: 6

Motion Carried

Voting No:

- Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the approval of an AP Calculus Course: 1 unit: 40 weeks: 5 periods per week.
- Resolved, that authorization be given for the attached list of library discards; to be declared surplus property; and approval given to discard the items as per Policy 5250.
- Resolved, that authorization be given for a tax correction in the Town of Italy for property owned by Timothy E. McWilliams, parcel # 79.04-1-4. Due to clerical error as defined by Subdivision (2)(c) of Section 550 of the Real Property Tax Law the Star exemption was not entered on the assessment roll as required for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, thereby creating a reduction in tax of \$434.07 and \$443 respectively, for a total correction of \$877.07.

Motion:

Mona Sage-Cardinale

2nd:

Barbara Howard

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Naples Central School District Board of Education approves the following personnel items as presented.

Voting Yes: 6

Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

- Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Katresa Foster as Modified Swim coach for the 2012-13 School Year, effective May 21, 2012.
- Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following probationary appointment:
 - Christina Kansco, as Teacher Aide, at a rate of \$9.75/hour, effective October 18, 2012.
- Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following extra-curricular appointment:
 - Go-Go Coffee Advisor: Brian Battle
- Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Alinda Pridmore as the Modified Swimming Coach for the 2012-13 School Year.

Motion:

Barbara Howard

2nd:

Margo Ulmer

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kimberle A. Ward, approves the Consent Agenda Items as presented:

Voting Yes: 6

Motion Carried

Voting No:

a. Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Substitute:

Position Address Name 11 Pleasantside Drive, Wayland, NY 14572 Joseph Stewart Teacher 5760 Wishing Well Lane, Farmington, NY 14425 Alice Buskus Teacher Aide 7002 County Road 12, Naples, NY 14512 Teacher Aide Barbara Welch

b. Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following list of Volunteers:

Name <u>Position</u> <u>Address</u>

Christina Brautigam Swim Team/Diving Coach 11799 Lewis Rd, Naples, NY 14512

Wendy Fairbrother Swim Team/Bus Monitor 4591 Rte 21 S, Atlanta, NY 14808

Motion: Mona Sage-Cardinale

2nd: Gail Musnicki There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2012 is hereby

adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Voting Yes: 6 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Dated this 17th day of October, 2012

Pamela Jo Claes

District Clerk