

BOARD MEETING: Regular
DATE: Wednesday, March 16, 2011
TIME: 6:15 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 16, 2011 (Board Action)
- IV. Executive Session (Board Action)
 - A particular matter of public safety regarding Board of Education meetings.
 - Collective negotiations with the teacher's union.
 - The employment history of a particular person or persons.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance
- VI. 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.
- VII. Superintendent Recognitions & Updates
 - Spelling Bee Winners
 - Robotics Team
 - Scholar Athlete Team Awards
 - Megan White: National Merit Advanced Finalist
 - Seatbelt update
 - Food Service update
 - Budget Update
 - Rigging Update
- VIII. Reports
 - Administrative
 - Director of Pupil Personnel Kristina Saucke
 - Elementary Principal Alan Moore
 - Secondary Principal Matthew Frahm
 - School Administrator Manager Paul Giovine
 - Student Board of Education Representative Eric Cotton
- IX. Board of Education Reports
 - Budget
 - Facility
 - BOCES Board Meeting
- X. Minutes (Board Action)
 - Regular Meeting of March 2, 2011
- XI. Annual Meeting (Board Action)
 - Bus Purchase
 - Library Trustees
- XII. Business/Finance (Board Action)
 - Revised Budget Calendar
 - Revise Board Meeting Schedule
 - Vote Workers
 - Exposure Control Plan
 - Technology Discards
 - Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation Report: January 2011
 - Budget Status Report - Information Only
- XIII. Personnel (Board Action)
 - Support
 - Approve change in hours for Siobhan Wood
 - Unpaid Leave
- XIV. Consent Agenda Items (Board Action)
 - CSE & CPSE Placements
 - Substitutes
 - Volunteer

information pertaining to what staff cuts are being considered at Naples Central School by Tuesday. Board President Keith Swank stated the board would not have that budget information before Tuesday, adding that the board is trying to put together the best budget they can, noting that the budget may involve staff cuts, however at this time they do not have any details.

Superintendent Updates:

Superintendent Ward thanked the staff and local community members who assisted in the Spelling Bee, including Laurie O'Brien, Pauline Preston, Blanche Warner, and Margo Ulmer, adding that the Spelling Bee is always a special event, noting the participating students worked very hard and did the best they could in front of a lot of people, under a lot of pressure.

Elementary Principal Alan Moore introduced the Spelling Bee Winners, stating the students had done an excellent job, adding the words this year were very challenging and unusual ranging from very standard but difficult words such as yokel, monetary, & indomitable:

1st Place: Phillip Hall

2nd Place: Allison Moore

3rd Place: Zachary Dormer

Mr. Moore stated that Phillip and Allison would be representing Naples Central School at the Regional competition in Geneva and winners of the regional competition will go on to compete in Washington DC, noting that Zachary would be representing as an alternate if one of the top two finalists is unable to compete.

Superintendent Ward stated she had the opportunity to attend the opening ceremony of the FIRST Robotics competition and to see some of the initial matches, adding she had found it very interesting, and entertaining, noting Naples Central School had rocked the minibot competition.

Robotics Advisor Patrick Freivald stated the Robotics team competed in a four-team alliance, adding that although their alliance was knocked out in the semi-finals, the Naples' team had scored 67% of all the points for their alliance, noting that their alliance was not very strong but the Naples team had a very good showing, explaining there were three major parts to the competition: The autonomous period at the beginning, the driver operated period and the minibot race at the end. Mr. Freivald stated that the Naples Team was the top minibot robot and placed third in the autonomous period, noting that Naples had a good showing and the Naples team was on the wait list to go to Championship this year in St. Louis and Bausch & Lomb had already booked plane tickets and hotel reservations for six students and himself to attend the competition the week after spring break, adding if they are unable to compete the team will be supporting the other Bausch & Lomb team who won the Chairman's Award, Team 340 from Churchville-Chili, noting that our team will find out sometime within the next five weeks if they will be able to compete and Bausch & Lomb will pay all expenses except the cost of shipping the robot itself. Mr. Freivald stated it was very exciting and they are happy to be able to go, and thanked the over thirty local sponsors as well for their invaluable support.

Superintendent Ward stated she was in awe of the diverse group of students who participated on the Robotics Team, noting the students range from 7th grade through 12th, with a mix of boys and girls involved in the process of problem solving, critical thinking, inquiry and teamwork, noting how all of the teams work so well together, and she had enjoyed having the opportunity to see the competition.

Mr. Freivald stated it is not terribly hard to build a robot that will do all of the things it needed to do, adding the hard part is building a robot that can do all of those things better than everybody else's robot, noting the competition itself is what's really stunning and yet at the same time one of Naples' primary opponents, that they had never played a game with, however they had played three games against, saw that the team was having trouble with their manipulator and came over to help the Naples team, offering advice and parts to help. Mr. Freivald noted the competition is fiercely competitive on the field but it is tremendously cooperative outside, which makes it very different than other competitions, comparing it to a basketball team losing their star center and the opposing team offering one of their own teammates to the opposing team. Mr. Freivald stated there were twenty-three members of the team this year, including two students from Honeoye, adding that there were two adults from Honeoye as well and Honeoye is hoping to start their own team next year.

Secondary Principal Matthew Frahm stated that the school talks a lot about college and career readiness, noting that Robotics encompasses web site design, computer programming, engineering, construction, and problem-solving, adding that he doesn't think there is another program that gets Naples a bigger bang for its buck, stating it's an incredible program, noting that the students had put in 81 hours over winter break, adding it is a great program for the students however it would not operate at the level it operates on without Mr. Freivald's leadership, noting that Mr. Freivald pours time, passion and care into this program. Mr. Frahm then listed the students who participated in Robotics this year:

President Liz Logan	Adam Dean	Casey Rohr
Vice President Ben Pulver	Spencer Fisher	Emalie Ratt
Secretary Nicole Hazlett	Heather Gladding	Danielle Schoeck
Treasurer Ellen Cooney	Mitch Hays	Kristen Shaughnessy
Austin Ashmead	Joe Kickbush	Samantha Shaughnessy
Lissa Brautigam	Annie LaComb	Brandon Stevens
Kris Brunell	Spencer Logan	Alex Whipple
Jake Burns	Ray Patterson	Nick Wilcox

Secondary Principal Matthew Frahm announced that one of our students, Megan White, is a National Merit Advanced Finalist, noting that Megan had spent time in Columbia teaching English and traveling and she was currently completing coursework for graduation, announcing that Megan had scored a perfect 800 on the critical reading portion of the SAT exams and has advanced to a finalist standing, adding that he felt that she is not someone who sees learning as the means to an end but learning as an end in itself, an interested curious person, noting it is quite an honor to be a finalist, congratulating Miss White for her accomplishment.

Superintendent Ward presented information pertaining to the use of seatbelts on school buses, stating she had done some research and there is a lot of debate regarding use of seatbelts on a school bus as the bus seats are designed based on the compartmentalized structure of the high backed padded seats, which are very close to each other which are supposed to absorb the energy of a child when impacted during an accident. Mrs. Ward stated that some districts have moved forward with lap & shoulder belts on newly purchased school buses and New York State is investigating its recommendation, adding that currently there are lap belts, however there is debate if the lap belts protect the passenger as well as they should be and that the

compartmentalized seats certainly provides the safety they were designed for, however experts are now looking at the shoulder belt in terms of a second form of protection, stating that some states are starting to require shoulder belts. Mrs. Ward stated they had contacted the school's insurance company, Utica National, who stated there is no Federal Safety standard for the use of seat belts on school buses, adding the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration contends that the thickly padded high backed seats, spaced close together, are enough to provide protection for children without the use of seatbelts, however it is up to each school district to determine if they want to have a policy that requires the use of seatbelts on school buses, noting that districts requiring the use of seatbelts would be required to insure that the seatbelts are in fact being worn which would create additional liability exposure for the District. Superintendent Ward stated the Policy Committee would be discussing the issue at their next meeting, adding she had contacted Erie 1 BOCES to see if there are any other districts who currently require seatbelts, noting that Clyde-Savannah, whose District had a horrific school bus accident, would be sponsoring a presentation on the pros and cons of seat belt use on school buses on March 24th, noting that she was signed up to attend as well as Rocky Dean and Seth Clearman, stating she would update the board with any additional information she obtains from the presentation.

School Business Administrator Ann O'Brien introduced Cook Manager Theresa Corso, stating that Theresa works very hard every day to do the best that she can to provide good quality meals to students with very limited resources, adding that she and Theresa had been seeing what they can do to bring some changes to the cafeteria, adding that Theresa has been incorporating some of these changes into the cafeteria program. Ms. Corso stated that the cafeteria had lost a person with layoffs so each kitchen has had to pick up extra duties, adding that she is now the primary cook at the Elementary building as well as managing the cafeteria, which has made it pretty challenging this year, noting that next year should be better. Ms. Corso stated that she and School Business Administrator O'Brien have been working on a charge policy for students K-12 as currently there is not a charge policy. Theresa also noted that when the farm to cafeteria movement first started local farmers did not deliver and the school did not have the personnel or a truck to pick up the produce, so she bought most of the school's fresh produce from a vendor rather than local individuals, however now there are more local farmers who are willing to deliver and Thompson Hospital has become involved at the Elementary level, noting she has been on a committee at Thompson and this year the school had received a grant of around \$1,000 to purchase fresh produce from local farmers and that will continue for 2011-12, therefore we should be receiving additional grant money to purchase fresh produce. Ms. Corso also stated the school had had their SMI review by the State, noting the state reviews the cafeteria once every five years and does a nutrient analysis of one week's worth of menus as well as observe in the cafeteria and watch how the meals are served and the students eating. Theresa stated that based on the nutrient analysis, the state had recommended the school raise the calories, iron and fat for the 4th-12th grade students, however it was a very good review overall.

Superintendent Ward stated some of the things the state had recommended Ms. Corso was already doing, noting that regulations are constantly changing which Ms. Corso needs to be up on, adding that Theresa is also a part of the Wellness Committee which is going above and beyond her position and thanked Theresa for all of her hard work.

School Business Administrator Ann O'Brien presented the budget update:

Ms. O'Brien reviewed the Budget Calendar updates, noting a Special Meeting would be held on March 23rd for a Budget Workshop and the Regular Meeting of April 6th would be moved to April 13th for the adoption date of the budget, adding this would allow for more time to receive information from the state on any changes to the proposed state budget. Ms. O'Brien stated she had received information today and that it looks like the proposal to eliminate BOCES Aide for non-instructional items will not go forward, which is very good news for the school. Ms. O'Brien stated the budget committee had met on March 8th and reviewed the third draft of the budget, noting the committee had more discussion regarding use of reserves and they had gone into a lot of detail regarding the employee benefit accrued liability reserve, noting that they are trying to determine what the appropriate amount is to have in the reserve, and how we can use it, adding she had had a discussion with the comptroller's office regarding the use of the benefit accrued liability reserve and she should be able to report on that at the board's next meeting. Ms. O'Brien stated the committee had discussed what process they would be using at the budget workshop on March 23rd, adding the committee had agreed the board should receive a summary of the increases and decreases in the budget so they would be able to easily see how things had changed from the prior year. Ann stated that she and Superintendent Ward had also been working with the administrators, looking for creative ways to balance the budget without impacting the student programs. Superintendent Ward stated that Marcus Whitman is going to eliminate the BOCES Program at Gorham next year, therefore students who are in the current program at the Gorham building would need to be bused to Red Jacket, noting that Director of Pupil Personnel Kristina Saucke, School Business Administrator Ms. O'Brien and she had had a conversation about bringing those students back into a 6:1:1 classroom at Naples Central School and that they felt it would be good thing for our students and families. Mrs. Ward also noted that Ms. Saucke had received good news from Honeoye regarding working with Honeoye as a consortium to provide some services that are currently being provided by BOCES and perhaps have some students attend at Honeoye, which would help with transportation and other costs, adding the school is looking for any way in which we can share services with other districts and still provide the best education for our students.

Superintendent Ward stated there was some misinformation in the Draft copy of the Building Condition Survey regarding the High School auditorium rigging; the school had addressed the issue with SEI who recommended an expert to inspect the auditorium rigging; students were not allowed in the auditorium area until after the inspection; the inspector, Steve Walker, came out to inspect the auditorium the same day and issued his report giving the school a very thorough and positive report and use of the auditorium is back on track.

Elementary Principal Alan Moore stated the Elementary concert would be held the next evening, noting it was Music in Our Schools month and the concert would feature American Traditional Folk music and our music teachers and students have invited local veterans to come and be honored at the concert. Mr. Moore stated they had had a very positive response from the veterans and they were really looking forward to a very special concert. Mr. Moore also acknowledged the NSA, our parent teacher group, stating that this group is extremely busy as they are involved in many behind-the-scenes programs this year, noting that they had brought in the Red Cross to provide some courses for our Elementary students such as the Safe at Home Alone Course which 21 students ages 9 to 11 attended and next they will be having a Red Cross Babysitting Certification Course as well. Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation for all of their work, noting they are all volunteers and the members give many hours of work to our schools.

Secondary Principal Matthew Frahm noted there had been a meeting of the Wellness Committee, which is a pretty representative group of community members, staff and students, who have been focusing on healthy safe behaviors and helping kids make good choices, noting the group has scheduled a mock DWI for this spring and the group is working with Ontario County to schedule a medication drop off for local residents as well as an in-service program with Trooper McIlwaine talking about prescription drugs and substance abuse.

Student representative Eric Cotton noted that Spring sports are just starting, which the students are very excited about, making the feeling in the school very upbeat; AP classes are wrapping up the new curriculum and will begin preparation for the extremely difficult AP exams; the play, Annie Get Your Gun, is about three weeks away and they are starting to finish the set, adding he is looking forward to seeing the play as his younger brother is in it; Eric also noted that last year the mock DWI presentation was a very effective visual as far as convincing students not to drink and drive, adding that the timing of the presentation is vital as it is right before Prom; Mr. Cotton stated he feels the student feeling regarding the new vote for the capital project is much more mixed for the second vote, noting that at the 1st vote the majority of students were against the project and this time he feels it is more evenly split, with the main issue being the change in location for the main offices and the main entrance, adding he was doing his best to inform students of the facts regarding the capital project.

Board Member Michael Boggs presented the Facility Committee report, noting there had been a great turnout at the last two community forums, adding there were a lot of good questions and he felt they had cleared the air in a lot of areas of misunderstanding, stating he felt very good about both of the sessions and wanted to thank everyone on the board, as well as Kim and Ann for doing a great job with the presentations and fielding questions.

John Murphy presented the BOCES Board meeting report, noting he was very happy to hear Superintendent Ward state that the aid for the non-instructional programs would not be cut as that was a big topic of discussion at the BOCES Board meeting, adding that by doing things like Workman's Compensation, and gas and electric contracts cooperatively, BOCES had saved over eight million dollars for those involved. Mr. Murphy also noted that Dr. Marinelli stated some of the grant money that Governor Cuomo is proposing, for example \$500 million dollars to improve efficiency, would not benefit most of the rural upstate districts such as ours as we are already bare bones, noting Governor Cuomo's example of a District on Long Island that employed one principal and fourteen assistants for fourteen hundred High School students, so that District would be able to cut seven assistants and thus receive the grant money where a District such as ours with one principal and no assistants cannot cut anymore than we have, noting that most of the upstate schools are already at their most efficient point and thus would not be eligible for any of the grant money.

Board Member Margo Ulmer thanked Secondary Principal Matthew Frahm for updating the High School course catalog to reflect the clarification in school policy regarding not only the sign-up procedures but also the allocation of credits that lead to the diploma, noting that the wording was much clearer and much more complete. Mr. Frahm gave credit to guidance counselor Monica Kastner for the changes that were made, noting that Mrs. Kastner had worked very hard to put the information together.

Approval:
Minutes of
Reg Mtg of
Mar 2, 2011

Motion: Mona Sage-Cardinale

2nd: Margo Ulmer

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

Regular Meeting of March 2, 2011

Voting Yes: 8

Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Approval:
Legal Notice
of Propositions
for Bus
Purchase &
Library
Trustees

Motion: Mona Sage-Cardinale

2nd: Michael Boggs

Resolved by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The following notices shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and election:

AND NOTICES ARE ALSO GIVEN that the following propositions will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

PROPOSITION # 2

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NAPLES CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE 65-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS AND ONE 66-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$203,703, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, AND THAT SUCH COSTS, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS; AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH TAX, DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS MAY BE NECESSARY NOT TO EXCEED SUCH ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST SHALL BE ISSUED, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE IN THAT METHOD.

2. At such meeting taxes to be levied by installments will be proposed providing for payment of the acquisition of school buses at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of not to exceed \$203,703. Such taxes shall be levied upon all the taxable property of the District, shall be levied in annual installments and shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

3. The District Clerk or the Clerk’s designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PROPOSITION # 3

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at such election the vote upon a proposition will be presented to the residents of the Naples Central School District for the election of two (2) members of the Library Board of Trustees of the public library to serve a term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 2011 and expiring on June 30, 2016 to succeed Gail Musnicki and Colleen Betrus, whose terms expire on June 30, 2011.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of Library Board of Trustees shall be filed with the District Clerk of said

