

BOARD MEETING: Regular
DATE: Wednesday, January 7, 2009
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Naples High School Cafeteria

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adopt Agenda of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2008
- IV. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2008
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2008
- V. Superintendent's Update
- VI. Public Comments
- VII Phase I Status Report
- VII Board of Education Information
 - Report of Legal Committee
- IX. Bus Vote
- X. Appointment
 - Advisors
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 - CSE & CPSE Placements
 - Substitutes
 - Business / Financial
- XII Executive Session

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2009

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education of Naples Central School held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:02 p.m. in the Naples High School Cafeteria.

Members Present: Michael Boggs
Bruce Capron
Joseph Callaghan
Barbara Howard
Mona Sage Cardinale
Keith Swank
Margo Ulmer

Members Absent: Judy DiRaddo
David Till

Also Present: Gerald Macaluso, Brenda C. Keith, Pamela Jo Claes and Tess Crawford.

Guests: Dahl T. Schultz, Christine Arsenault, Dustin Davis, Kyle Huff, Alex Cotes, Daniel Robinson, Kathryn Rybczak, and Rocky Dean.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Board President Keith Swank. Mr. Swank led those present in the reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Swank stated a press release will be sent to the school newspapers for publication, updating the public on the progress of our Superintendent search, also the firm of Castallo & Silky will be updating the board at an upcoming board meeting on the continuing Superintendent's search process.

Motion: Barbara Howard

2nd: Mona Sage Cardinale

Approval is given to adopt the agenda of the regular meeting of January 7, 2009 as amended:

Appointment: Advisor: Indoor Soccer, Matthew Johnson

Executive Session for the purpose of discussing current litigation.

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Motion: Michael Boggs

2nd: Barbara Howard

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2008 are hereby accepted as presented.

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Motion: Barbara Howard

2nd: Margo Ulmer

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2008 are hereby accepted as presented.

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Approved:
Agenda
as Amended

Accepted:
Minutes
Regular Meeting
12/10/2008

Accepted:
Minutes
Regular Meeting
12/17/2008

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January 7, 2009

Interim Superintendent Gerald Macaluso stated he had e-mailed information to the board pertaining to the board meeting schedule for the next two months, including regular and special board meetings, and the meeting for the Superintendent Search interview process, adding he would continue to provide the board any information relevant to those meetings. Mr. Macaluso mentioned at 5:00 pm on February 3rd, constituent groups will meet for training in preparation for interviewing Superintendent candidates, with the board training to follow at 6:30 pm.

Superintendent Macaluso presented information pertaining to questions asked at the last board meeting regarding the purchase of school buses:

1. The cost of a bus purchase in 2010 as opposed to 2009: In 2010 the price of the bus alone, without the engine, will increase by 4%. The price of the engine will increase anywhere from \$2,500 to \$8,500 due to the new emission controls that are being mandated.
2. What other districts are doing in light of the economic situation: School Districts are ordering their buses as they have done in the past due to future bus/engine prices and they do not want to lose the ongoing transportation aid and thus jeopardize the revenue picture for future buses. (Based on information from our sales representative who has 50 districts.)
3. Is New York Bus Sales offering any dealer incentives, comparable to the auto makers, for bus purchases in 2009?: Dealer incentives have not even been discussed at the company level.

On the basis of the information provided, Superintendent Macaluso recommended the board authorize the purchase of a minimum of one bus, potentially two buses, as per the information provided.

Head Bus Driver Rocky Dean presented information pertaining to the current bus fleet. Mr. Dean stated the two buses the district would be trading in are ten years old and out of 750 buses inspected by the Department of Transportation in our area, they are the only standard shift buses, adding other districts in our area, with the exception of Canandaigua, replace their buses on an eight-year schedule rather a ten-year schedule.

Mr. Dean stated the district currently has one spare bus, explaining that a spare bus is used when a regular bus breaks down and a replacement is needed. Board member Barbara Howard asked what the process is for disposing of the older buses. Mr. Dean stated the district trades the older buses in for value against the price of a new bus. Board member Bruce Capron asked what the major cause of wear is for a bus. Mr. Dean stated rust is the biggest problem, especially in the frames and spring hangers, adding the Department of Transportation inspectors are very stringent in their inspections and do not like buses greater than 10 years of age. Mr. Macaluso added that if there are any rust spots on the bus that can be poked through with a rod then the DOT considers the bus structurally unsound and the bus is pulled from use. Discussion followed pertaining to the information presented.

Public Comment: None

Interim Superintendent Gerald Macaluso commended the students in attendance for coming to the Board of Education meeting even though school had been closed due to the weather.

Deputy Superintendent Brenda C. Keith presented the Phase I status report as Kevin Clark of Christa Management is out of state. Mrs. Keith presented a list from Christa of the projects in both the Elementary and High Schools;

what work has been completed and what work is remaining in each building, adding that there was quite a bit of work completed over the Christmas break, including the Kitchen fire suppression system in the elementary and high schools; additional asbestos abatement in the High School; as well as some painting in the high school copy room. Mrs. Keith stated Hunt & Christa would be doing the final update at February's regular meeting.

Board member Mona Sage Cardinale asked if Christa and Hunt would automatically be the contractors we would use on a possible Phase II project. Mrs. Keith stated that would not be the case, that the board would appoint the contractors for any new project. Interim Superintendent Gerald Macaluso stated at Seneca Falls the board had used the same engineer for each of seven building projects however the general contractor was put out to bid, adding that hiring, by law, is based on the price of their bid. Board member Joseph Callaghan added that Hunt Engineers had been very helpful and very knowledgeable in working with the Board during the development of Phase I of the Construction project to determine what was aidable; how to change items to receive additional aid, etc.

The Board Legal Committee reported they had met with a representative of Harter, Secrest & Emery regarding school legal bills and expenses incurred over the past few years. Board member Barbara Howard stated the legal committee requested that future bills be categorized according to specifications board to give the board a better handle on what individual items or category of items the school is spending their legal budget on. Mrs. Howard stated that in addition, the Chairman of the committee will be receiving a copy of the invoice when it is sent to the superintendent for payment so there is a direct link from the legal firm to the board, adding that the committee is continuing to review the information and will have additional recommendations in the future. Board member Barbara Howard stated some of the categories include: Labor contracts for CSEA, NTA, Administrative Unit, Superintendent, and Business Administrator; Any litigation such as that related to Windmills; Personnel issues including student and or staff; and general litigation.

Motion: Barbara Howard

2nd: Joseph Callaghan

Motion is approved to untable the motion to authorize an a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the Naples Central School District on March 3, 2009 to authorize the acquisition of two (2) 65-Passenger School Buses.

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Board President Keith Swank read the modified resolution for the proposed vote to allow the purchase of two buses on March 3, 2009 in the Naples High School Library. Discussion followed regarding to the motion. Board member Bruce Capron requested information pertaining to the aid ration for the purchase of the buses. Interim Superintendent Gerald Macaluso stated aid ratio is approximately 67%. Deputy Superintendent Keith stated the school sets up a statutory installment bond, usually spread over a 4-5 year period, adding the aid flows over a five year period. Mrs. Keith stated the number of buses the school runs is related to the fact that our district covers in excess of 110 square miles, adding the school tries to keep the time for each run under an hour. Discussion followed pertaining to information presented.

Approved: Untable Motion

Motion: Bruce Capron
2nd: Joseph Callaghan

Approved:
Proposition:
Bus Vote:
3/3/2009

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. A special meeting of the qualified voters of the Naples Central School District shall be held at High School Library in said District, on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the proposition described in the notice of special meeting hereinafter set forth.
2. Said special meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
NAPLES CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Naples Central School District shall be held at High School Library in said District, on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

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 TWO (2) 65-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$204,306; AND THAT SUCH SUM OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SHALL BE RAISED BY THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, WITH SUCH TAX TO BE PARTIALLY OFFSET BY STATE AID AVAILABLE THEREFOR; 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.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots to vote on the propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid special district meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such special district meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday and Sunday). An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of such special district meeting.

DATED: January 7, 2009 Pamela Jo Claes, District Clerk
 Naples, New York Naples Central School District, New York

3. 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 \$204,306. 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.
4. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to publish a copy of said notice of special meeting in two newspapers having general circulation within the School District in the manner prescribed by law for publication of notice of the annual meeting of the School District.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Duly put to a vote as follows:

AYES		NAYS	Motion Carried
Michael Boggs	Mona Sage Cardinale		
Bruce Capron	Keith Swank		
Joseph Callaghan	Margo Ulmer		
Barbara Howard			

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Motion: Bruce Capron**2nd:** Michael Boggs

The following Extra-Curricular appointments are approved for the 2008-2009 School Year:

<u>Special Assignment</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>
Fashion Design Club	Johnson	Katherine
SADD	Leone	Nicholas
Indoor Soccer	Johnson	Matthew

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Motion: Margo Ulmer**2nd:** Barbara HowardUpon the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Gerald Macaluso approval is given for the Consent Agenda items: **Personnel - Appointments: Substitutes**I. Appointmentsa. Per Diem Substitutes

Name	Position	Address
Clinton DeVinney	Teacher	6250 North Vine Valley Road, Rushville, NY 14544
Brendan Murphy	Teacher	6999 Harpers Ferry Road, Wayland, NY 14572
Corina Sampson	Teacher	PO Box 257, Honeoye, NY 14471
Mark Spencer	Teacher	PO Box 201, Middlesex, NY 14507

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Motion: Barbara Howard**2nd:** Mona Sage Cardinale

Approval is given for student placements as per the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Motion: Barbara Howard**2nd:** Joseph CallaghanUpon the recommendation of Interim Superintendent Gerald Macaluso approval is given for the following Consent Agenda item: **Business / Financial**

Treasurer's Report: September 2008

Treasurer's Report: October 2008

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

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Board member Bruce Capron requested information pertaining to the possible effects on the 2009-2010 School Budget of the decline in interest income due to the decrease in interest rates.

Motion: Michael Boggs

2nd: Barbara Howard

The Board shall adjourn from Regular to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for discussion pertaining to current litigation.

Voting Yes: 8 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Executive Session

Time out of Executive session: 8:35 p.m.

Board member Bruce Capron suggested the Board of Education hold a general discussion pertaining to what the philosophical values of the Naples Central School District are and how those values influence the development of the school budget. Mr. Macaluso stated the meeting would be to ask what the Board of Education wants to do; How are we currently providing student services?; What are the financial obstacles that we may be facing in the upcoming year that we haven't faced before.; what is it that we must examine in order to minimize the impact on the core values of the Naples Central School District, adding this would be a general discussion, not a decision making session.

A Budget Workshop was set for Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Naples High School Cafeteria for the purpose of discussing general budget strategies for the development of the 2009-2010 school budget.

Motion: Barbara Howard

2nd: Mona Sage Cardinale

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2009 is hereby adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Voting Yes: 7 Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Dated this 7th day of January, 2009.

Pamela Jo Claes, School District Clerk