

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SANDY CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SALISBURY STREET  
SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK

**Date:** January 8, 2009

**Kind of meeting:** Regular

**Place:** Sandy Creek Board Room

**Board Members Present:**

Creg Ivison  
Brian MacVean  
Deanna Soule  
Mike Hovey  
Jean Bonhotal  
Steve Haskins (entered 7:18 p.m.)

**Others Present:**

Stewart R. Amell  
Shelley H. Fitzpatrick  
Sue Ann Archibee  
Joanne Shelmidine  
Maureel Shiel

John Shelmidine  
Rob Ferguson

**Board Members Absent:**

John Clark

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Creg Ivison, Board President, called the meeting to order at p.m. in the Board Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was observed for the loss of our students. Joseph Dillenbeck and Riely Pottenburgh perished in a tragic fire, and Brandon Ostman passed on due to an illness.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Maureen Shiel, High School Principal conducted a presentation on K-12 Character Education.

**Board Member Steve Haskins entered at 7:18 p.m. during the presentation.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

None.

**RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:**

Motion made by Soule, seconded by Hovey, that the Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the Consent Agenda.

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Education Meeting held December 11, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF THE CSE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

New York State Education Law and Part 200 of the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education empower Boards of Education to provide suitable educational programs for students with disabilities, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education.

The Committee on Special Education has determined that the children listed on the attached possess disabilities to a degree sufficient to warrant placement in a Special Education Program.

Based upon the committee's decision, the Board of Education accepts the Committee on Special Education's recommendations, and will provide these children with the appropriate programs.

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The approval of the Clerks and Treasurer's Report for the period of November 1, 2008 – November 28, 2008.

The approval of the Extracurricular Activity Report for the period of November 1, 2008 – November 28, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL PURCHASES:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS/ABOLISHMENTS,  
RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, AND APPOINTMENTS:**

**AUTHORIZATIONS/ABOLISHMENTS:**

None.

**RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS:**

None.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS:**

To approve the following **Math Rising Stars Program/Title I Program Teachers:**

- Grade 3 – Sarah Orr & Brandie Norton
- Grade 4 – Ann Robbins & Nancy Liszewski
- Grade 5 – Sue Bartlett & Sue Abrams
- Grade 6 – Kip Yerdon

To approve the following **Early Intervention Reading Program/Title I Teachers:**

- Grade 1 – Deborah Klotz
- Grade 2 – Judy Allen
- Interventionist – Daneé Rollins

To approve the following **After School Program (Math & Early Intervention Reading Program) Coordinator:**

Nichole Maitland

**REPORTS:**

Board Committee Reports/Comments:

Stewart Amell reported on the Curriculum and Assessment (CDEP) subcommittee and its progress.

There were no updates to report on the Extra Curricular subcommittee.

There were no updates to report on the Facilities and Operations subcommittee.

Stewart Amell and Shelley Fitzpatrick reported on the Finance subcommittee and its progress.

There were no updates to report on the Transportation subcommittee.

John Shelmidine was present to discuss the Oswego County BOCES Board of Education.

Creg Ivison reported that the Oswego County School Board Association had not met recently.

Stewart Amell presented the Superintendent's Reports/Comments.

Sue Ann Archibee presented the Elementary Principal's Report/Comments.

Joanne Shelmidine presented the Middle School Principal's Report/Comments.

Maureen Shiel presented the High School Principal's Reports/Comments.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Stewart Amell and Shelley Fitzpatrick presented the 2009-2010 Budget and Budget Calendar and Considerations (Goals).

The 2008-2009 Master Substitute List was presented for quarterly review.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

It was moved by MacVean, seconded by Bonhotal, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve additions to the **2008-2009 Master List of Substitutes for Instructional Staff and Support Staff**, pending fingerprint approval.

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Motion carried

It was moved by MacVean, seconded by Bonhotal, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt the **2009-2010 Budget Calendar and Considerations (Goals)**.

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Motion carried

**Executive Session:**

It was moved by Soule, seconded by Haskins, to enter into executive session at 8:22 pm in regards to two (2) particular personnel matters.

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Motion carried

It was moved by Bonhotal, seconded by Hovey to go out of executive session at 8:49 p.m.

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Motion carried

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

The Board of Education considering the information supplied to it regarding an employee of the Sandy Creek Central School District, on motion of Haskins, seconded by Hovey, it is

RESOLVED, that the charges be preferred against an employee of the Sandy Creek Central School District in accordance with Civil Service Law §75 and the employee be given notice of such charges. Michael Sherwood is hereby appointed hearing officer. Because of the need to proceed expeditiously, request for proposals have not been made but it is noted that Mr. Sherwood has the background and qualifications to serve as hearing officer and has acted in the past as hearing officer for other boards of education

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Motion carried

The President advised the Board of Education that since it had determined probable cause in relation to the charges against a school employee, it could now determine whether the tenured school employee should be suspended under the provisions of Education Law § 3020-a. After discussion, and on motion of MacVean, seconded by Haskins, it was

**RESOLVED**, that the person against whom the Board of Education has found probable cause under the provisions of Education Law § 3020-a be suspended pending a hearing on the charges of Stewart R. Amell and a final determination thereof in accordance with Education Law § 3020-a.

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Motion carried

**Executive Session:**

It was moved by MacVean, seconded by Bonhotal, to enter into executive session at 8:53 pm to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Motion carried

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Soule, seconded by Bonhotal, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

**Future Board Meeting Dates**

Worksession Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2009

Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley H. Fitzpatrick  
District Clerk