

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

DATE: May 6, 2009

PLACE: Cafeteria, Middle/High School

President Craig called to order at 6:30 PM the Annual Budget Hearing for presentation of the proposed 2009-2010 Budget and introduction of the School Board candidates.

Mrs. Craig thanked community members for attending the meeting.

Mrs. McPhail, Superintendent of Schools reviewed the State of the District, staffing overview, expense highlights, and revenue highlights. She stated that the proposed budget total is \$16, 548,922, the increase in the budget is 1.92% and the projected average increase on the tax levy is 1.2%. She then reviewed the Budget Newsletter.

Mrs. Craig asked for questions and comments from the district residents in attendance. Questions and discussion followed.

Mrs. Craig announced that there is a Candidates' Night on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria and there are four (4) candidates for three (3) three-year terms. She then introduced the School Board candidates: Anthony Scalici, Susan Mulligan, Noreen Polus, and Mikal Sky-Shrewsberry.

Mrs. Craig closed the hearing at 7:15 PM.

Clerk

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

DATE: May 6, 2009

KIND OF MEETING: Regular

PLACE: Cafeteria, Middle/High School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rosemary Craig, President, Susan L. Mulligan, Vice-President,
David C. Borgstrom, Paula M. Greene, Theresa J. Russo,
Anthony J. Scalici

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary B. Leonard

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Jo A. McPhail, Superintendent of Schools
James A. Collison, Business Manager
Amy B. Kukenberger, Interim High School Principal
Michael G. Cring, Middle School Principal/Director of PE,
Health and Athletics
Teresa L. Gorman, Elementary Principal

President Craig called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

Tim Feury asked a question about a sentence on the Absentee Ballots. Mikal Sky-Shrewsbury asked about the committee for the sixth grade study. Carl Wenner asked about the School Based Health Center and reproductive health. Bill Michaels presented information regarding a school uniform program.

Mrs. Craig turned the meeting over to Dr. Christopher Kjolhede, Pediatrician, Bassett Healthcare, for a presentation on the School Based Health Center. Dr. Kjolhede reviewed trends of total visits and mental health visits, enrollment numbers, services provided, and the dental program. Questions and discussion followed. Mrs. Craig thanked Dr. Kjolhede for his presentation.

Mr. Scalici left at 8:47 PM.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2009.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan presented the following warrants: SN-80 dated April 29, 2009, WN-81 dated April 24, 2009, and SN-82 dated April 28, 2009, for Board information.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the Quarterly Extracurricular Report for the period January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. A copy of this report is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Motion carried.

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Mr. Scalici returned at 8:50 PM.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Dr. Borgstrom, moved approval of the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES and the Broome Tioga BOCES 2009-2010 Firm Commitments, as presented.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scalici, moved to accept the Ice Cream and Milk bids for the 2009-2010 school year and award the Milk bid to Crowley and the Ice Cream bid to Huff Ice Cream, as recommended by Mr. James Collison.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan stated that the bids for the capital project will be opened on May 21, 2009.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement of Mrs. Gail Walrath, Food Service Helper, effective January 3, 2010, with thanks for her many years of service.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Greene. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve the following adjustment in Bus Driver salary for compensation for an extended run as follows: Gregory Bergene - \$4655 – Unadilla Valley and Laurens effective April 23, 2009 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mr. Scalici. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an increase in hours for Mr. William Harra, Computer Technician, from 5 ½ hours per day to 7 hours per day, effective July 1, 2009.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cooperstown Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve a decrease in hours for Ms. Melissa Pashley, Typist, from 8 hours per day to 7 ½ hours per day on days when school is not in session, effective July 1, 2009.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the administrative assignment of the following substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year: Cynthia Mitteager – Teacher and Kim Santoro – Teacher Aide and Cafeteria Worker.

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Mr. Scalici, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved approval of the following Middle School textbooks:

Science Explorer: Cells and Heredity, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009.

Science Explorer: Earth's Waters, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009.

Science Explorer: From Bacteria to Plants, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009.

Ayes 6

Noes 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Scalici stated that Bob Hage will be the facilitator for the 6th grade study group. He also outlined the goal of the group, the guiding questions/topics, the group composition, and the time commitment for meetings.

Dr. Borgstorm announced the following District events: May 4-15 – AP Exams, May 4-8 – Seventh Grade Immersion, May 7 – Elementary Spring Concert at 7:00 PM, May 14 – Scholastic Awards Ceremony at 7:30 PM, and May 15 – First Grade Fun Night 7:00 – 9:30 PM.

Mrs. McPhail presented the End of Year Schedules for the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.

Ms. Gorman talked about writing awards, 5th grade science projects, 4th grade science tests, the playground, the Kid Garden, Feeling Good Mileage Club, 2nd grade dental sealants, and PTO appreciation lunch. Mrs. Kukenberger talked about the Driver Safety presentation, Fashion and Art Show on May 8th, Chemical Hygiene & Safety training, National Merit Finalist, and publication of a Ruggles essay. Mr. Cring talked about 7th grade immersion, 6th grade Medieval Festival, 8th grade State test, ELA test scores, teachers featured in Upstate Life magazine, middle school concert on May 20th, and athletics.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. McPhail, Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meetings on April 21, April 24, and April 28, 2008, and the recommendation of the Committee on Preschool Special Education as listed in the minutes of the meeting on May 1, 2009.

Ayes 6

Noes 0

Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved approval of the Agreement Between The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital and Cooperstown Central School, to provide School Based Dental Services dated April 23, 2009. A copy of the Agreement is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Ayes 6

Noes 0

Motion carried.

Noreen Polus asked about the milk contract in regards to growth hormones. Diane Ducey asked about the 6th grade study group. Mikal Sky-Shrewsberry asked about the timeline for the 6th grade study group and proposed another objective for the study.

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Under President's Comments, Mrs. Craig announced the following: LOWV Candidates' Night on May 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the middle/high school cafeteria, the Budget Vote and School Board Election on May 19, 2009 from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM in the N J Sterling Auditorium, and the next regular Board meeting is May 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Greene, seconded by Mrs. Mulligan, moved to recess to executive session for personnel in order to discuss the employment history of particular persons and benefits for administrative and confidential employees at 8:28 PM.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Borgstrom, seconded by Mrs. Greene, moved to return to the business of the regular meeting at 9:50 PM.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Mulligan, seconded by Dr. Russo, immediately moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Motion carried.

Clerk