

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DEIRDRE BURNS
MARK FLEISCHHAUER
LISA ROSENTHAL
DIANE KANTAROS (arrived 8:05 pm)
DIANE LYONS
LAURA SCHULKIND
DEIRDRE d'ALBERTIS**

OTHERS PRESENT:

**JOSEPH PHELAN, TOM BURNELL,
MEMBER OF THE PRESS, MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC**

Regular Meeting

1.0 Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order in the High School/Middle School Library at 7:32 pm.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Public Hearing on the Proposed School Budget for the 2014-15 School Year and Regular Meeting*

**VOTE: 6 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis);
0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT (Kantaros)**

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 Public Comment

None

4.0 Reports and Discussion

4.1 Principal Reports

Chancellor Livingston Elementary

Mr. King reported that Spirit Day – Hat Day on March 28 was a great success, with 75-80% participation from students as well as staff. The theme for Common Language for All is “Perseverance,” where classes will be discussing finishing on a good note (especially with state exams and the end of the school year coming up). The Principal for the Day fundraiser cutout of Mr. King in the lobby has been gathering great interest from students who have been greeting it and taking pictures of it all week. Mr. King reported that students are preparing for the Spring concerts which will be presented to parents and peers throughout May, leading up to Special Friends Day on May 23rd.

Students had an opportunity to travel through the seasons following the sun, learning about Earth relationships, climate, and the causes of change by visiting the inflatable planetarium brought by Lisa DiMargo from Impact Education arranged by the CLS Science Department.

Mr. King provided feedback on the 3-5 ELA State Assessments. Although the tests were slightly longer, the time frame for students taking the test was improved. Mr. King announced upcoming events such as Staff Appreciation Day sponsored by the PTSO on April 29, NYS Math Assessments starting April 30, and Kindergarten screening coming up in May.

Bulkeley Middle School

Dr. Davenport reported in Mr. Kemnitzer's absence. The Math state assessments will be administered starting April 30. Once again, with the support of Dr. Davenport and the high school staff, measures have been taken to ensure an optimal testing environment.

As 8th grade students finish their study of WWII, students will view a documentary film about nuclear testing performed around Bikini Atoll during Operation Crossroads in 1946. The Academy Award nominated film, titled Radio Bikini, was directed by Robert Stone, a parent of one of our 8th grade students. Mr. Stone will also speak to the classes about the making of the film. On May 2, BMS welcomes Dr. Patricia Wright, along with several of her graduate students and colleagues, as well as Broadway actors with the group Zara Aina, to speak to our 6th and 7th grade students about their work in Madagascar. The private viewing of the movie "Island of Lemurs: Madagascar" in 2D will not be available until late August. BMS was recently contacted by a curriculum design specialist working in Madagascar who is looking to build similar connections between middle and high schools in his region and the Binghamton area. Teachers have been collaborating with the Library Media Specialist, Diane Linenbroker, developing library and research skills in students, with a focus on supporting the common core shifts. In 8th grade, students have recently completed a research project on WWII, 7th grade students have completed a study on labor laws and working conditions in the early 1900's and are beginning a project on the Civil War, and 6th grade students are about to begin their "Top 100" project; studying the most influential people in history.

On May 8, our Spring concert season will open with the Spring band concert at 7:00 pm. On May 28, 7th and 8th grade band members will travel to NYC to view a performance of the Woody Allen musical, Bullets over Broadway.

Rhinebeck High School

Dr. Davenport congratulated the cast, crew, and advisors of Young Frankenstein! Two of our CTI students attended the Skills USA competition last week in Syracuse. The SkillsUSA Championships is the showcase for the best career and technical students in the state and nation. They will compete against students from around the state in their areas of technical expertise and are adjudicated by panels of professionals. Four of our seniors were recognized for their academic excellence by NYS and received scholarships from the state.

The GSA sponsored the day of silence on April 11 to bring attention to bullying and harassment and to promote a safer school environment. Sixty-five students signed

up to participate. The National Honor Society sponsored a blood drive on April 9. In a few weeks, we will begin administration of approximately 180 AP exams. Due to the hard work of teachers, students, and the support of the community, the high school again has been named to the Washington Post's list of "America's Most Challenging High Schools" for 2013. The Guidance Office has begun the scheduling process for the 2014-15 school year. The Senior Citizen Prom, sponsored by the RTA, takes place this Saturday. High school students volunteer to wait on tables for community service. SATs will be administered on May 3. Dr. Davenport announced upcoming events such as the RHS Band Concert on May 7, the Junior/Senior Prom on May 23, and the HS choral concert on May 29.

4.2 Board Committee Reports* **Communications Committee**

Mrs. Schulkind reported that the Communications Committee created a questionnaire for Board of Education candidates to complete for the Annual Budget Newsletter to help District voters in making an informed decision. Mr. Jensen reported to the committee the feedback from families that have chosen to enroll their students outside the district. A parent's comment about his perception of the school's involvement with substance abuse education sparked a lengthy conversation. President Burns suggested that the District take the lead to rejuvenate the collaboration with the Town to discuss common issues. The committee discussed Mr. Phelan's concern that this be stigmatized as a "school" issue and not as a "community" issue. The committee has agreed that a third party facilitator will be the key component to the success of any parent survey administered by the District. The Committee has begun reviewing school websites in order to put together a list of what Rhinebeck's website should like and how to best make this portal a tool for students, parent, and community.

Policy Committee

Ms. Rosenthal reported that the Policy Committee discussed proposed policies for a policy regarding Staff Complaints and Grievances and a policy for Meal Charges as well as the continued review of all district policies. The proposed policies will be reviewed by the Board and administrators at the next meeting. As the committee reviews policies, most need no action except for the recommendation to amend Policy #2350 to include "Other" as an item, to confirm to Board practice.

5.0 Comments

5.1 Good News

Mr. Phelan reported that it was a privilege to attend a luncheon at SUNY New Paltz where the District was recognized for our on-going and long standing participation in their student teaching/internship programs.

5.2 Old Business

Mr. Phelan reported that the District has two vacant seats on the Board of Education but has only received one petition for candidacy. The Board had a short discussion on the possibility of a write-in campaign. Ms. Rosenthal suggested that the Board

think about what can be done to enhance communications regarding Board service to members of the community. She proposed that incumbents who choose not to continue their service after their term expires to state their intentions during a Board meeting. She believes that this may give an additional impetus to someone who may be considering running for the Board. Mrs. Schulkind suggested that the Communications Committee take this item up for discussion.

[Dr. Kantaros arrived.]

A short discussion followed as to the options the District has if it does not have enough candidates to fill vacant seats on the Board.

5.3 Public Comment

None

5.4 Other

Mr. Phelan and President Burns will be attending a Chamber of Commerce breakfast to share information regarding the District.

Mr. Phelan spoke about his recommendation to change to a more up-to-date transportation software package that will bring the District potential savings in the future. Although no action item is needed, Mr. Phelan asked for Board input because the District will need to make a decision soon in order to have it ready for the Fall.

The Board discussed the impact of sports and the maintenance of the District's fields. Mr. Phelan added that the District is taking good care of the fields but that the fields are heavily used which is why some sports are played at CLS.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the following consent items:

6.1.1 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to declare the attached items as surplus for disposal.*

6.1.2 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the CSE and CPSE recommendations.*

6.1.3 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the Treasurers' Report (General Fund and Extra Classroom Fund, March 2014).*

6.1.4 Motion upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the schedule of Staff Pay dates for the 2014-15 school year. (See attached.)*

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

- 6.2 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to cast one (1) vote for Thomas Hurley as a candidate in the annual election of members of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES).*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d’Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.3 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to cast one (1) vote for Michael Riehl as a candidate in the annual election of members of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES).*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d’Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.4 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to adopt a resolution to direct the District Clerk to cast one (1) vote to approve the Dutchess County BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$4,233,350 for the 2014-15 school year.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d’Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.5 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to extend the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Rhinebeck regarding facilities use through August 31, 2015.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d’Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.6 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to appoint the following individuals, whose names were provided by the Dutchess County Board of Elections, in the capacities and for the pay rates so noted, for their employment with respect to the conduct of the Budget Vote and Board Election on May 20, 2014 in accordance with the requirements and guidelines of the Dutchess County Board of Elections:
- Elections Inspectors Trained on Use of Optical Scan Voting Machines:
Jill McKibben, \$150; Linda McAteer, \$150
 - Voting Machine Technician: Mark Doctoroff, \$150
- VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d’Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.7 Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the list of additional emergency conditional substitute teachers and substitute non-instructional staff for the 2013-14 school year.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

- 6.8** **Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the Rhinebeck Crew Team overnight trip to the New York State Scholastic Rowing Association Championships in Saratoga, NY on May 9-11, 2014, at no additional unbudgeted cost to the school district.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.9** **Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Jean Florio to score the 2013-14 Grade 4 NYS Science Assessments.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.10** **Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Kathleen Smith to the position of Teacher Aide, assigned to the Bulkeley Middle School, effective April 22, 2014 through June 19, 2014, at 6.5 hours per day, at a salary of Step 1 (\$20,301, pro-rated), in accordance with the ANIE Salary Schedule for 2013-14.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.11** **Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to clarify the resignation date for the purpose of retirement of Vincent Nugent, William Worrell, Linda Sutherland, Susan Dumais, Liz Irwin, and Margaret Todisco, as stated by each, and as already accepted by the Board of Education, to be effective *the close of business on* June 30, 2014.*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED
- 6.12** **Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board voted to accept grant awards from the Rhinebeck PTO in the total amount of \$1,133.38, as stipulated. (See attached.)*
VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

7.0 Proposed Executive Session

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 8:28pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board appointed Joseph Phelan as Clerk Pro Tempore.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 8:53 pm.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by Fleischhauer, seconded by Rosenthal, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:54 pm.

VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Fleischhauer, Kantaros, Rosenthal, Lyons, Schulkind, d'Albertis); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Bovee
District Clerk

Joseph Phelan
Clerk Pro Tempore