

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Mary B. Bailey, President

Sherry Snow, Vice President

MEMBERS – Scott Bombard, Robyn Pray, Susan Richards, David Whitford

ABSENT – James E. Martineau, Jr.

ADMINISTRATION – Paul D. Savage II, Aimee Defayette, Matt Rogers, Phil Mero, Kurt Munson, Dean Lincoln, Ginene Mason

FACULTY & STAFF – Scott Brow, Donna Douglas, Jennifer Knapp, Randy Pray, Sue Bjornstad, Andy Johnson

CALL TO ORDER – President Mary Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Mary Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – No one present

BOCES BUDGET PRESENTATION – Ron Clamser, CVES School Business Executive, reported to the Board on the CVES 2012-2013 Budget Process/Timeline, Preliminary Revenue Loss, Reductions in Staff, Cost-Saving Accomplishments through Negotiations and reviewed a draft of the 2012-2013 Capital Budget Projection and Administrative Budget and Retiree Health Insurance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Superintendent Savage recognized the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and students of the District for the many wonderful events and fundraisers that have occurred over the past few months. He stated the spirit and generosity of our school district is second to none.

VISITORS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President Mary B. Bailey called the meeting back to order at 7:37 p.m.

MINUTES – On motion by David Whitford seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED, to accept as presented, the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 16, 2011, and the Special Board Meeting held on December 2, 2011.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – President Mary B. Bailey acknowledged the following non-instructional applications: Jessica Fenton and Lana Washburn.

AUSABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Jennifer Knapp, Co-president of the AVTA, reported that as the winter break approaches, they would like to acknowledge the hard-work and dedication of the many teachers who are busy with fun nights, concerts and fund-raisers for charities. She said as the week winds down, teachers know they will be busy trying to find teachable moments in all the excitement of the impending holidays. She also thanked administrators and the Board of Education for their support of their endeavors and wished them a truly happy holiday.

TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2011 as presented.

APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated February 16, 2011, through December 2, 2011, as presented.

APPROVE SPECIAL BUS VOTE – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON, ESSEX AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 16, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON A PROPOSITION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, the AuSable Valley Central School District (the "School District") is considering undertaking the purchase of two 65-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$108,000 each, one 30-passenger bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$50,000, and one seven-passenger van at an estimated maximum cost of \$22,000 for an aggregate maximum total sum not to exceed \$288,000 (collectively, the "Buses"); and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Buses constitutes a "Type II Action" pursuant to Section 6 NYCRR Part 617.7 of the Regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended (the "SEQRA Act"), no review under the SEQRA Act is required and the purchase of the buses does not require a permit from the Adirondack Park Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to seek the authorization of the duly qualified voters of the School District to acquire the Buses;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the School District as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby calls a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the School District to be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the AuSable Central School Middle School – High School Cafeteria, at which time the polls shall be open between the hours of noon and 9:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot on the following proposition:

Proposition No. 1

"Shall the Board of Education of the AuSable Valley Central School District (the "School District") be authorized to purchase two 65-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$108,000 each, one 30-passenger bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$50,000, and one 7-passenger van at an estimated maximum cost of \$22,000 for an aggregate maximum total sum not to exceed \$288,000, and obtain the necessary funds therefore by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the School District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law with such tax to be partially offset by state aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax by the issuance of up to \$288,000 of debt obligations of the School District?"

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the School District in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law.

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP FOR STAC SERVICES – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve an agreement with Management Advisory Group for STAC services, as presented.

PERSONNEL – President Bailey asked if there were any items in the Personnel Section that Board members wished to be considered separately.

On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Robyn Pray and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section except 13.C Consider Appointment of Teaching Assistant – 40%, 13.D Consider Appointment of Teaching Assistant – 40%, and 13.E Consider Tenure Appointment.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as a substitute on an emergency conditional basis pending fingerprint clearance through OSPRA, effective December 21, 2011: Jessica Fenton

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as a substitute who has fingerprint clearance, effective December 21, 2011: Amber Arnold

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME TEACHER AIDE/STUDENT AIDE

RESOLVED, to appoint, Erin Kelley to the Part-time Teacher Aide/Student Aide position (2 hours per day), at the Middle School-High School retroactive to November 7, 2011, through March 9, 2012; salary to be Step 1/hourly (\$10.10 per hour) based on the Agreement between AuSable Valley Central School and the CSEA 2010-2012. Mrs. Kelley has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA.

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED, to grant the request for a leave of absence to Katrina Strack, Permanent Substitute, per her letter dated December 9, 2011.

APPOINTMENT OF TEACHING ASSISTANT – 40% - On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Robyn Pray and carried unanimously, this item was tabled definitely.

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TENURE APPOINTMENT – On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Robyn Pray and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Aimee Defayette in the Administrative tenure area effective January 22, 2012.

VISITORS – None

ADJOURNED – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Douglas, Clerk
Board of Education