## Sherman Central School Board of Education REGULAR MEETING February 10, 2010

TIME & PLACE: Board Room, 5:30 PM Colleen Meeder, President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Bates, Randall Boland, Gary DeLellis, Colleen Meeder

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sandy Harvey

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Thomas Schmidt, Kaine Kelly, Kimberly Oehlbeck, Tracie

Cederquist, Christine Burdick

Regular meeting called to order by the president at 5:31 PM. Pledge of allegiance and roll call were taken with 4 board members present, 1 absent.

ORDER, PLEDGE & ROLL CALL

Christine Burdick conducted a power point presentation outlining the future of the special education department.

PRESENTATION (Special Education)

R. Boland moved to approve Minutes of the 1/11/10 regular meeting. Second by B. Bates, carried 4-0.

APPROVE MINUTES

B. Bates moved to approve the Treasurer Reports for the period ending 12/31/09. Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0.

APPROVE TREASURER REPORTS

G. DeLellis moved to approve a consent agenda including the Cash Disbursement Reports for period ending 1/31/10, Extra-Curricular Treasurer Reports for period ending, and the Financial Reports for period ending 1/31/10. Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Schmidt, Superintendent, reported on the planning stages of the proposed building expansion which would include a cafenasium (to eliminate the long lunch serving times), 2 new classrooms, new floor finishes, updated science classrooms, and remodeling of lobby entrance and athletic field. BP Donegan is checking into the financing of the project. If all the figures are in it may be possible to go to the voters in May. The State has cut some of our funding. Fixed costs such as TRS & ERS are now available. The legislators were at the Far West meeting for conversation and Mr. Schmidt will be attending the upcoming Lobby Day sessions.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Kelly, Principal, announced that Kelly Maleski has received the NYSAAET Western Regional Teacher Award and an article in the Post Journal has been published about her. The NAEP federal assessment test has been administered to seniors in social studies and ELA. Kim Textor (BOCES) will guide staff through the Jump Start program to assist our students in ELA and Math testing. Meetings with parents of middle school students who are failing multiple classes are continuing with the guidance department to help redirect their academic path. Plans are proceeding with the Chautauqua County Sheriff Department and Star Flight to hold a mock crash scene and investigation for our high school students before the prom and graduation season to stress to them what could result if they were drinking and driving. Parents will also be invited to attend the event with their child. Mr. Kelly is involved with the CCSPA in drafting a position paper to be presented to SED to help find ways for small rural schools to share services with one another in lieu of merging. SAANYS and BOCES will also be participating. A draft of the new fitness center guideline and participant agreement was presented for review.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Kim Oehlbeck, Business Manager, presented the board with budget figures including instruction section, special education costs, analysis of speech services, cost savings that could be realized with shared services, and athletic gear costs. There was also a preliminary review of revenues.

BUSINESS REPORT

G. DeLellis moved to approve the following CSE placements as per the recommendation of the CSE chair:

CSE PLACEMENTS

 Student #
 Program

 20561
 PT 1 x 30 I/wk, OT 1 x 30 I/wk, OT 1 x 30 group/wk

 20081
 Resource Room 5 x 40/wk, OT 1 x 30 I/wk

 9520
 Resource Room 5 x 40/wk

 20130
 OT 1 x 30 group/wk

 20180
 Resource Room, 5 x 60/wk, OT 2 x 30 group/wk,

Second by G. B. Bates, carried 4-0.

- B. Bates moved to adopt the 2010-11 School Calendar. Second by G. DeLellis, carried 4-0. (Attached)
- G. DeLellis moved to adopt the following resolution to purchase two (2) school buses at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

The following notice shall be added to the notice of annual meeting and board election: AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will be submitted for voter approval on May 18, 2010.

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SHERMAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) 65-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE COST OF \$200,000, LESS TRADE-IN VALUE, IF ANY, 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.

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 not to exceed \$200,000. 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.

Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0. Note: The oldest bus now in the fleet rotation is 6 years old.

- G. DeLellis moved to approve the 2010-11 BOCES Budget in the amount of \$699,470.99. Second by B. Bates, carried 4-0.
- B. Bates moved to add the law firm of Harris-Beach Attorneys at Law to the annual appointments for school district attorney for the 2009-10 academic year. Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0.
- R. Boland moved to approve Jennifer Taylor as a conditional substitute pending proper fingerprint clearance for the 2009-10 academic year in the food service and cleaning departments. Second by G. DeLellis, carried 3-1 (G. DeLellis).
- R. Boland moved to appoint Savannah Alday to the probationary position as part-time bus aide for the districts' handicap bus. Compensation shall be \$7.45/hour with benefits as per part-time employment (health insurance premium would be 50% payable by employee). Second by B. Bates, carried 4-0.
- R. Boland moved to appoint Joel Fisher as the Baseball Coach for the 2010 season. Compensation shall be \$1,601.60 (calculation is .8 scale of Step 1 \$2,002). Second by G. DeLellis, carried 4-0.
- B. Bates moved to accept, with thanks and regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Diane Paul as School Bus Driver effective April 23, 2010. Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0.
- G. DeLellis moved to approve Laura Wiggers as a conditional uncertified teacher substitute pending proper fingerprint clearance for the 2009-10 academic year. Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE

P/T BUS AIDE (Alday)

BASEBALL COACH (Fisher)

RESIGNATION (D. Paul)

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE

## **Board Comments**

- B. Bates commented on the violation of the new gym policy by an outside group. The administration will investigate. Favorable comments have been received regarding the new look in the gym and the athletic banners that are adorning the walls. G. DeLellis attending the legislative breakfast bringing up additional funding for building maintenance for districts with Mr. Parment, and also Wicks Law.
- G. DeLellis moved to suspend the regular order of business to enter into executive session at 7:45 PM to discuss contract negotiations, personnel, and litigation. There maybe items to take action on at the return to regular session. Second by B. Bates, carried.

Executive session ended at 10:25 with a return to the regular order of business.

- B. Bates moved for the district to offer a one-time retirement incentive to the members of the Sherman Teachers' Association. Such incentives shall be \$25,000.00 and meet all conditions as per the Memorandum of Understanding with the Teachers' Association. Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0.
- G. DeLellis moved to approve salary increases for the non-contractual positions below for the 2010-11 academic year to take effective July 1, 2010.

Christine Burdick CSE/Curriculum Coordinator

Kimberly Oehlbeck Business Manager

Michael Shimmel
Tracie Cederquist
Technology Coordinator
Supt. Secretary/ District Clerk

Laurie Rubner Account Clerk
Susan Hayes Principal Secretary
Pamela Fisher Guidance Secretary

Steve Persons Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

Phil Peck
Roger Warner
Deanie Thorsell
June Barringer

Head Bus Driver
Bus Mechanic
School Nurse
Cafeteria Manager

(SCS 40% /CLSC 60%)

Second by B. Bates, carried 4-0.

G. DeLellis moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 PM. Second by C. Meeder, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Cederquist District Clerk