

**Sherman Central School
Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2011**

TIME & PLACE: Board Room # 118

PRESIDING: Colleen Meeder, President

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Lyon

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Schmidt, Kaine Kelly, Kimberly
Oehlbeck, Tracie Cederquist, Christine Burdick

The President called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited and board member roll call was taken with 4 members present, 1 absent.

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE
ROLL CALL**

Brian Bates moved to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 18, 2011. Second by G. DeLellis, carried 4-0.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

G. DeLellis moved to approve the consent agenda including: cash disbursements for the period ending 1/31/11, treasurer reports for period ending 1/31/11, extra-curricular treasurer reports for period ending 1/31/11, and financial reports for period ending 1/31/11. Second by B. Bates, carried 4-0.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Mr. Kelly, Principal, provided an analysis of Driver Education. (att.) Next meeting the board will have to select the best program for our students in the coming years. The shared in-service with Panama and Clymer is set for 2/22/11 in Panama featuring a theatric presentation from Wavelength. (att.) Mr. Kelly and Emily Deuink, Health Instructor, attended a meeting with the Chautauqua Co. Department of Health and Tapestry, on mental health service, teen pregnancy and STD prevention measures available to our middle school through the Tapestry Grant (5 year process). Mayor Patterson has held several meetings with our administration regarding the federal grant for feasibility study for wind energy in our area. The grant is being re-done and the district will be assisting by gathering information from local farms and others to help provide a bigger picture of why Sherman is an ideal place for this project (FFA students).

**PRINCIPAL
REPORT**

Mr. Schmidt, Superintendent, was approached by the Business First who would like to run a feature story on our elementary science department. The 5-year plan provided by Habiteria was reviewed and rated by priority of need. A decision whether to go ahead with a proposed building project or do a performance contract will need to be made at the next meeting. The State school aid cut was significantly larger than expected. We are 7th lowest in wealth in WNY with revenue lose totaling \$557,000. Increases in salaries, ERS, TRS, health insurance and utilities alone total \$219,000. Staff will be asked to redo their requisitions and to prioritize again. Administration has stopped any additional spending for the 2010-11 school year now. Our cost per pupil is \$8,171/child (13 out of 18 in Chautauqua County). The County average is \$9,020 and the State average is \$17,173. During these dire times we will continue to provide the best education possible to our students.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Mrs. Oehlbeck, District Treasurer, provided budget breakdown information for review by board members on Administrative, Program, and Capital areas. The proposed BOCES Budget is \$763,815.62 (*Att.*)

**DISTRICT
TREASURER
REPORT**

Mr. Schmidt provided a breakdown of many services that we already share with our neighboring district and municipalities. The Ag and Tech areas no longer overlap their curriculum, so sharing in these areas would not be feasible.

SHARED SERVICES

B. Bates moved to adopt the following policies effective immediately:

Policy # 7618 – Response to Intervention (RTI)

Policy # 8260 – Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Second by G. DeLellis, carried 4-0.

**APPROVE
POLICIES**

The first readings of the following policy and policy updates were held.

New Policy - #5511 Reserve Funds

Policy Update - #1334 Duties of the External Auditor

Policy Update - #1336 Ex.Curr. Treasurer & Faculty Auditor Duties

Policy Update - #2120 Board Member Training

Policy Update - #5410 Purchasing

Policy Update - #5510 Accounting of Funds

Policy Update - #5520 Ex.Curr. Activity Fund

**1ST READING
POLICY &
UPDATES**

B. Bates moved to approve the following CSE placements per the recommendation of the CSE Chair:

**APPROVE CSE
PLACEMENTS**

Student #

Program Change

20207

15:1 Math 5 x 40/wk, 15:1 ELA 5 x 40/wk,
Resource Room 5 x 40/wk, Speech 1 x 30 G and
1 x 30 Ind/wk, Counseling 1 x 30 Ind/wk

20679

Resource Room 5 x 40/wk, Counseling 1 x 30
Ind/bi-weekly

Second by C. Meeder, carried 4-0.

G. DeLellis moved to adopt the following resolution to purchase **two (2) school buses** (Make – International, Dealer - Leonard Bus Sales – 1 handicap bus \$130,910.97, 1 - 65 passenger bus \$117,485.59) for a total cost not to exceed \$249,000.00.

**ADOPT
RESOLUTION FOR
BUS PURCHASES**

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 17, 2011.

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 \$249,000, 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 of not to exceed \$249,000. 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.

The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above to the notice of the annual meeting of the School District. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Second by B. Bates, carried 4-0.

Note: The new State law - districts can no longer replace a school bus and receive State aid unless the bus is 10 years old and has 125,000 miles on it. Also if our fleet efficiency level isn't met our aid can drop by 5%.

**NOTATION –
AID ON BUSES**

B. Bates moved to adopt the 2011-12 academic calendar attached. Second by G. DeLellis, carried 4-0.

**ADOPT
CALENDAR 2011-12**

R. Boland moved to approve the Corrective Action Plan for Management letter (attached) for the 2009-10 school year. Second by B. Bates, carried 4-0.

**APPROVE
CORRECTIVE
ACTION PLAN
LETTER**

B. Bates moved to approve the following as emergency conditional uncertified substitutes for the 2010-11 school year:

**APPROVE
SUBSTITUTES**

Gail Williams (Teacher)
Loren Mayshark (Teacher)
Amy Graham (Teacher Aide)
Melissa Gormley (Teacher Aide)
Elaine Wiggers (Food Service Worker, Bus Driver)
Janet Snow (Nurse)

Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0.

G. DeLellis moved to approve the funds transfer of \$30,497.44 from the General Fund to the Trust and Agency Fund for payment of sick day accumulation reimbursement to Tim Johnson. Second by C. Meeder, carried 4-0.

**APPROVE FUNDS
TRANSFER FOR
RETIREMENT**

C. Meeder moved to nominate Gary DeLellis to become a candidate for the BOCES Board of Education. Second by B. Bates, carried 3-0-1 (G. DeLellis).

**BOCES BOARD
NOMINATION**

G. DeLellis moved to enter into executive session at 7:22 PM to discuss negotiations with support staff and CSEA. Second by R. Boland, carried 4-0.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Executive session – out @ 8:36 PM

G. DeLellis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Second by B. Bates, carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE AND
ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Cederquist
District Clerk