

HALDANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

7:00 pm - MUSIC ROOM

- A Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- B Roll Call
- C Special Presentations
 - 1. Scholar Athlete Awards – Football Team, Boys’ Varsity Soccer Team, Girls’ Varsity Soccer Team, Girls’ Varsity Volleyball Team
 - 2. Girls’ Volleyball Team – 2007 New York State Class D Champions
- D Reports
 - 1. Superintendent
 - Budget
 - Internal Auditors
- E Questions/Comments About Special Presentations from the Public (10 minutes)
- F Consent Agenda
 - 1. Minutes of Board of Education Meeting held on November 20, 2007
 - 2. Warrants – November, 2007
 - 3. Approval of Sixth Period Assignment – Dennis Sciba
 - 4. Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Teacher – Aleida Foulk
 - 5. Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide – Leanne Kearns
 - 6. Appointment of Mentor – Kelly Kilpert
 - 7. Request for Textbooks to be Designated as Surplus & Obsolete
 - 8. Approval of Merger Agreements with Garrison School – Girls’ Modified Soccer and Modified Football, 2008-2009 School Year
- G Correspondence
- H Unfinished Business
- I Communication from the Public (10 minutes)
- J New Business
 - 1. CSE/CPSE Recommendations
 - 2. Resignation of District Clerk
 - Azita Miller
- K Communication from the Public
- L Adjournment

**HALDANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007**

The Haldane Central School District Board of Education met on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 in Workshop Session in the Merritt Building. Vice President Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. o'clock Prevailing Time and then led all present in The Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Campbell appointed Dr. Mark Villanti as Clerk Pro Tem in the absence of the Clerk. On roll call, those present were: Vice President Bruce Campbell, Trustee Makaria Gallagher, Trustee Michael Junjulas and Trustee Evan Schwartz. President David Merandy was absent.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Clerk Pro Tem
Roll Call

On a motion made by Trustee Junjulas, seconded by Trustee Gallagher, and carried unanimously, the Board convened into Executive Session at 6:35 to discuss contractual matter.

Executive Session

On a motion made by Trustee Schwartz, seconded by Trustee Junjulas, and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 7:05 P.M. There was no action taken during this Executive Session.

Regular Session

At this time also present were Business Manager Anne Dinio, Elementary School Principal Mrs. Maggie Davis, Middle School Coordinator Mrs. Julia Sniffen, Director of Athletics/Dean of Students Ms. Susan Reid, Interim Director of Special Education, Dr. Turchetti, Director of Facilities, Wayne Robinson, and visitors.

The Board observed a moment of silence for the recently deceased Officer Darrell Burris and Mr. Fred Nastasi.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Sniffen presented the ATLAS report.

Special Presentations

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

1. Dr. Villanti presented the Superintendent's Report.
2. Mrs. Davis presented the Elementary school Report.
3. Mrs. Sniffen presented the Middle School Report.
4. Ms. Reid presented the Athletic Report.
5. Dr. Turchetti presented the Special Education Report.
6. Mr. Robinson presented the Facilities Report.

Informational Report

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Trustee Junjulas, seconded by Trustee Gallagher, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Consent Agenda containing the following items with all noted

Consent Agenda

amendments in bold. Additional information regarding Consent Agenda items are contained in the Supplemental Files.

1. Minutes of Board of Education Meeting held on November 6, 2007.
2. Appointment of Nadia Hagan to the position of long-term substitute Special Education Teacher for Denise Simon effective November 16, 2007 for the duration of Mrs. Simon's absence. Ms. Hagan will be compensated at the rate of \$85.00 per day for the first 21 days of consecutive substitute work. Commencing on the 22nd day, Ms. Hagan would be paid at Step 1 of the BOE-HFA Contract retroactive to the first day of her long-term substitute assignment. Ms. Hagan has met the fingerprinting requirements as mandated by the State.
3. Appointment of Gail Kroener to the position of substitute Elementary Special Education Coordinator to replace Denise Simon effective November 16, 2007 for the duration of Mrs. Simon's absence. Mrs. Kroener will be paid in accordance with the stipend indicated in the BOE-HFA Contract (\$2475, pro-rated.)
4. Appointment of Philip D'Amato to the position of per diem substitute teacher at the approved substitute rate (\$75.00/day.) This is a conditional appointment contingent upon a fingerprinting/criminal background check clearance.
5. Appointment of Christine Donovan to the position of home tutor for the 2007-2008 school year at the non-certified rate of \$40.00/hour.
6. Appointment of Ashley Murphy to the position of coach for the Modified Girls' Basketball team for the 2007-2008 school year at the rate indicated in the BOE-HFA Contract (\$2835.) Ms. Murphy has met the fingerprinting requirements as mandated by the State.
7. Donation in the amount of \$850.76 from Sportography, Inc. for the purchase of white boards and rugs for elementary classrooms, and approved an increase in the general fund budget.
8. Award the bid for playground equipment to Game Time, c/o Marturano Recreation Company, as per the attached Quotation #54897/54899 in the amount of \$14,652.60 to be paid using Grant #100702 from the Haldane School Foundation.
9. Award the bid for #2 fuel oil to Pidala Oil Co., Inc., 3524 Route 9, Box 249, Cold Spring, New York at the barge rate +.0450 for the 2007-2008 school year.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

1. Coding – Foundation Grants
2. NYSSBA Dues
3. Capital Projects

Workshop Topics

The Board received questions and comments from the public.

Public Dialogue

On a motion made by Trustee Junjulas seconded by Trustee Adjournment
Gallagher, and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned from
Regular Session at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Mark Villanti, Clerk Pro Tem

Date of Approval

Initials

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
 FROM: MARK VILLANTI
 BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2007
 RE: WARRANTS – NOVEMBER, 2007

The Board of Education has been provided with Warrants for the period November 1 through November 30, 2007 as follows:

| Warrant Number | Fund | Total |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 9 | General Fund | \$273,463.03 |
| 4 | Cafeteria Fund | \$ 313,137.85 |
| 3 | Construction Fund | \$ 58,415.59 |
| 5 | Trust & Agency | \$369,287.15 |

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the Warrants as indicated above for the period November 1 through November 30, 2007.

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: MARK VILLANTI
BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2007\
RE: APPROVAL OF SIXTH PERIOD ASSIGNMENT

Special Education teacher Dennis Sciba is recommended for a pro-rated sixth period assignment effective December 5, 2007 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. This assignment is the result of the education needs of a 504 student who has recently been classified. Our current resource room is at capacity in accordance with IDEA.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves a pro-rated sixth period assignment for Dennis Sciba, effective December 5, 2007 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the rate indicated in the BOE-HFA Contract \$5265.63 (pro-rated.)

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: MARK VILLANTI
BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2007
RE: APPOINTMENT OF PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER

Aleida Foulk has applied for the position of per diem substitute teacher. Ms. Foulk will graduate from SUNY New Paltz in December 2007 with a degree in Art Education. She is currently completing her student teaching with Ms. Cendali in the elementary school.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education appoints Aleida Foulk to the position of per diem substitute teacher at the approved rate (\$76.00/day.) This is a conditional appointment contingent upon a fingerprinting/criminal background check clearance.

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: MARK VILLANTI
BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2007
RE: APPOINTMENT OF PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER AIDE

Leanne Kearns has applied for the position of per diem substitute teacher aide. Ms. Kearns is a student at Quinnipiac College. During the summer of 2007, Ms. Kearns held the position of teacher aide for a special needs student.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education appoints Leanne Kearns to the position of per diem substitute teacher aide at Step 1, Grade I (\$12.21/hr) of the BOE-CSEA Contract. Ms. Kearns has met the fingerprinting requirements as mandated by the State.

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: MARK VILLANTI
BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2007
RE: APPOINTMENT OF MENTOR

Kelly Kilpert is recommended to the position of Mentor to a substitute special education teacher in the elementary school. Mrs. Kilpert will work with Nadia Hagan, who has been approved to fill in for Denise Simon during her leave, in area of special education.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education appoints Kelly Kilpert to the position of Mentor for Nadia Hagan effective December 4, 2007 for the period of time that Ms. Hagan substitutes for Mrs. Simon (approximately two months.) Mrs. Kilpert will be paid in accordance with the Mentoring Agreement (2 inservice credits or \$1000 (pro-rated.)

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: MARK VILLANTI
BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2007
RE: APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE TEXTBOOKS AS
SURPLUS AND OBSOLETE

The following textbooks are recommended to be designated as surplus and obsolete:

Making Music your Own – Levels 7 & 8 – General Learning Corporation, 1968
40 sets

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the designation of the following textbooks to be surplus and obsolete:
Making Music Your Own - Levels 7 & 8, General Learning Corporation, 1968, 40 sets.

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: MARK VILLANTI
BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2007
RE: APPROVAL OF MERGER APPLICATIONS FOR GIRLS
MODIFIED SOCCER AND MODIFIED FOOTBALL,
2008-2009

The Haldane and Garrison School Districts will again cooperate in forming the following teams for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Girls' Modified Soccer
- Modified Football

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the merger between the Haldane and Garrison School Districts for girls' modified soccer and modified football for the 2008-2009 school year.

HALDANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Department of Pupil Services

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Villanti
PREPARED BY: Department of Pupil Services
RE: CSE/CPSE Placement Recommendations
BOARD MEETING: December 4, 2007

The CSE/CPSE has met on the following student(s) who have been initially referred and the evaluations are pending:

Student Identification Number

CSE N/A

The CSE/CPSE has met on the following student(s) who met the criteria to a degree significant to warrant special education services as specified in the attached report (initial referral, classified as Special Education):

Student Identification Number

CSE N/A
CPSE N/A

The CSE/CPSE has met on the following student(s) who have not been found to meet the criteria to a degree significant to warrant special education services as specified in the attached report (initial referral, not classified):

Student Identification Number

CSE N/A
CPSE N/A

The CSE/CPSE has met on the following student(s) and is recommending that s/he continue to receive special education services as specified in the attached report (continuation of program reviews):

Student Identification Number

CSE 112031, 61407, 200671, 40327, 40238, 40039

CPSE N/A

The CSE/CPSE has met on the following student(s) and is recommending that s/he be declassified from special education services as specified in the attached report:

Student Identification Number

CSE N/A

CPSE N/A

The CSE/CPSE has met on the following student(s) who has exited from special education services as specified in the attached report:

Student Identification Number

CSE N/A

CPSE N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education as indicated above.

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: MARK VILLANTI
BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 4, 2007
RE: RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT CLERK

Azita Miller has submitted her letter of resignation from her position as District Clerk effective February 29, 2008.

Mrs. Miller has served the Board of Education with dedication, commitment and excellence since February, 2002. She will be greatly missed by the Board, Administration, Staff and Community members.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Azita Miller from her position as District Clerk effective February 29, 2008, thanks her for her outstanding service to the District, and wishes her well in future endeavors.

THE BALANCE: Quality-Cost



- “We will provide an exemplary education while maintaining a fiscally responsible budget”

HCS D BUDGET OVERVIEW

- What are the budget assumptions that will guide central office in preparing its preliminary budget?
- What are the key elements of the instructional program that this budget will support?
- What format will be used to present the budget?

BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

¶ LAST YEAR THE STATE BUDGET PROVIDED A 3% INCREASE IN FOUNDATION AID BUT FORMULA INCREASES IN CATEGORICAL & REIMBURSEMENT AID.

¶ GOV. SPITZER HAS SPOKEN ABOUT REDUCING THIS TO A 2% MINIMUM FOUNDATION AID.

¶ AN ON TIME BUDGET IS UNCERTAIN.

¶ THE ADDITION OF THE PARK LANDS TO OUR REVENUES IS ON-GOING, BUT THE BUMP IS ONE YEAR ONLY.

BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

¶ RECEIVING THE AUDIT REPORT IS IMPORTANT TO BUDGET PLANNING.

¶ A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH WILL BE TAKEN IN THE ESTIMATES FOR EXPENSES AND AID PROJECTIONS

¶ THE FEDERAL & STATE GRANT ALLOCATIONS HAVE BEEN REDUCED

¶ BOCES AND SPEC ED CAPS WERE LIFTED LAST YEAR. WE EXPECT NO CHANGES.

¶ WE MAY EXPERIENCE INCREASES IN VALUATION DUE TO AN INCREASE IN SENIOR HOUSING

PROGRAM NEEDS

- ¶ THE SUPERINTENDENT WILL DISCUSS PRIORITIES WITH BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS. WE WILL REPORT BACK TO THE FULL BOE .
- ¶ OUR OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET APPEARS UNDERFUNDED.
- ¶ BUS PURCHASES ARE NEEDED & SHOULD BE EXPECTED ANNUALLY.
- ¶ WE ARE REVIEWING THE NEED TO CREATE A SATELLITE LIBRARY -2.0 AT THE MABEL MERRIT BUILDING FOR THE HS.
- ¶ WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

THE BIG FIVE (not quite as big)

- *HEALTH CARE: INCREASES ANTICIPATED AT APPROXIMATELY 7%*
- *TRS (Pension fund) WILL RISE SLIGHTLY.*
- *ERS INCREASES WILL REMAIN FLAT.*
- *ENERGY COSTS SHOULD INCREASE.*
- *SPECIAL ED. COSTS REMAIN PROBLEMATIC FOR ALL DISTRICTS.*

BUDGET FORMAT

SHOULD THE BUDGET BE PRESENTED IN TOTAL & REVIEWED BY SIMILAR FUNCTION?

WHAT PROGRAM REPORTS IS THE BOE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT? WE SHOULD HAVE PRESENTATIONS IN ANY AREAS OF INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO PRESENT A ROLL OVER BUDGET UNTIL AFTER JANUARY.

WE WILL ASK THE BOE TO APPROVE A BUDGET CALENDAR AT THE NEXT MEETING.

QUESTIONS

- WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT LAST YEAR'S BUDGET FORMAT AND WHAT CHANGES WOULD THE BOE LIKE TO SEE FOR THIS YEAR?

