

**PROPOSED  
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**APPROVED MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF EDUCATION  
of the  
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Held in the Senior High School, Room 11  
Conklin, New York, County of Broome

**MEMBERS** Ms. Suzanne Vimislik

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Mary Haskell  
Mr. Rusty Storm  
Mr. Robert Strick  
Mr. Joseph Walker  
Mr. Robert Sullivan  
Mr. Thomas Donnelly, Jr.

**ALSO** Mr. Gerardo Tagliaferri, Superintendent

**PRESENT:** Dr. Renée Stalma, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Mark Gorgos, Legal Advisor to the Board  
Mr. Ethan Berry, Business Executive  
Ms. Diane Kalmen, District Clerk  
Mrs. Maureen Kline, Director of Special Services (CSE)  
Ms. Erin Eckert, Donnelly Principal  
Ms. Denise Wickham, Middle School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Mrs. Kathy Hattala, English Teacher High School; SVTA Representative

Mrs. Suzanne Vimislik, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the salute to the American flag.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE** – Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, to accept into record the attendance for the October 16, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Donnelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #1** – No Comments

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mrs. Vimislik reported that the boys' varsity soccer team has won their division and will be going to the sectionals. The Wall of Fame ceremony is being held on October 19.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to acknowledge receipt of the September Financial Reports. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Tagliaferri

**School Board Recognition Week** – Mr. Tagliaferri read a proclamation from Governor Andrew Cuomo for School Board Recognition week October 28 through November 1, 2013.

**Report – Biennial Special Education District Plan** – Mrs. Kline reviewed the Biennial Special Education District Plan. Mr. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strick, that the Biennial Special Education Plan: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2015 be reviewed and approved. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

**Resolutions** – Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Haskell, to approve the following resolutions:

Special Education Recommendations – that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education:

- Authorize the 3 services recommended on the CPSE list 10/15/13

- Authorize the 25 services recommended on the CSE list dated 9/12–9/25/13

Resignations – that the following resignations be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Karie Slavitsky	Secretary/Middle School	9/24/13
Colleen Roberts	Food Service Helper/Donnelly	9/17/13
Patty Fian	Head Boys' Swimming & Diving Coach/Athletics	10/7/13
Patty Fian	Pool Supervisor/Athletics	10/7/13
Teresa Steflik	Asst. Boys' Swimming & Diving Coach/Athletics	9/10/13

Leaves of Absence – that Matthew Mindemann, High School Teacher, be granted a leave of absence to begin on or about December 4 through December 18, 2013, using FMLA; that Susan Shamberger, Donnelly Elementary Teacher, be granted a medical leave of absence to begin on or about October 10 through November 1, 2013, using FMLA; that Steven Decker, School Psychologist, be granted a leave of absence to begin on October 3 through November 4, 2013, using FMLA.

Instructional Appointments – that the following instructional appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certified</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
Benjamin Amorese	Teacher	Initial – Mathematics 7-12	\$41,848	10/17/13	10/17/16
Breanna Giblin	Teacher	Initial – SWD 1-6	\$43,848	10/17/13	10/17/16

Non-Instructional Appointment – that the following non-instructional appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
David Romeo	Custodian – Provisional/Facilities	\$8.03 Per Hour	10/28/13

Long-Term Substitute Instructional Appointment – that the following long-term substitute instructional appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject/Position</u>	<u>Long-Term Assignment</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Angela Ciaravino	LTS – Guidance Counselor	10/11/13 – 12/16/13 (Colleen Squire)	As Per Board Policy

Instructional Substitute Appointment – that the following per diem substitute appointment be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kathleen Cederholm	Substitute Teacher – Certified	As Per Contract	10/17/13

Non-Instructional Substitute Appointments – that the following non-instructional substitute appointments be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Shirley Walsh	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$7.25 Per Hour	10/17/13
Colleen Roberts	Substitute Food Service Helper	\$7.25 Per Hour	10/17/13
Ryan Wiggins	Substitute Aide	\$7.25 Per Hour	10/17/13
Dewitt Brundage	Substitute Bus Driver	\$10.19 Per Hour	10/17/13

Activity Advisors – that the appointment of paid activity advisors as listed for the 2013-14 school year be approved:

<u>High School</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
	Art Club	Joyce Russell	As Per Contract
	Band/Percussion Ensemble	Meggan Olds	As Per Contract
	Chem Free Prom Party	Charles Hutchinson	As Per Contract
	Class of 2014	Shauna Cody	As Per Contract
		Tammie Manning	As Per Contract
	Class of 2015	Norman Cline	As Per Contract

Class of 2016	Kathy Hattala	As Per Contract
	Erica Brauer	As Per Contract
Class of 2017	Sydelle Steward	As Per Contract
	Kristen Blabac	As Per Contract
Drama	Lorraine Buckley	As Per Contract
	Kathy Hattala	As Per Contract
	Norman Cline	As Per Contract
French Club	Sharon Rowe	As Per Contract
Games Club	Patricia Westgate	As Per Contract
Gay Straight Alliance	Mary Ellen Fennimore	As Per Contract
Honor Society	Kathy Hattala	As Per Contract
	Gianni Cordisco	As Per Contract
Jazz Ensemble	Gail Markstein	As Per Contract
Mathletes	Liz McGrath	As Per Contract
Mock Trial	Jody Butts	As Per Contract
	Bret Naccarato	As Per Contract
Peer Leaders	Heather Fitzgerald	As Per Contract
	Matthew Mindemann	As Per Contract
SADD	Jennifer Potter	As Per Contract
	Sharon Repp	As Per Contract
Select Strings	Eileen Miller	As Per Contract
Spanish Club	Diana Drew	As Per Contract
Ski & Board Club	Daniel Kosick	As Per Contract
Spirit	Michaeline Rader	As Per Contract
	Debra Merrell	As Per Contract
Student Council	Elizabeth Strnatka	As Per Contract
	Karen Lyke	As Per Contract
Technology Club	David Pavlick	As Per Contract
Yearbook	Michaeline Rader	As Per Contract
	Karen Lyke	As Per Contract

#### Middle School

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Yearbook	Terri Howard	As Per Contract
Weather Watch	Matthew Schneider	As Per Contract
YES! Leads	Dan Kosick	As Per Contract
	Bill Leudemann	As Per Contract
Honor Society	Eric Holmberg	As Per Contract
	Jennie Sherman	As Per Contract
Mathways to the Stars	Andrea Gresko	As Per Contract
	Lorraine Buckley	As Per Contract
	Brian Staiger	As Per Contract
Art Show	Bridget Bevacqua	As Per Contract
	Bassem Eldakar	As Per Contract
Student Council	Bassem Eldakar	As Per Contract
	Connie Ziemski	As Per Contract
Odyssey of the Mind	Ashley Feltes	As Per Contract

#### Donnelly

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Fitness Club	Diana Homoleski	As Per contract
PARP	Cheryl Butcher	As Per Contract
	Erin Foster	As Per Contract
Odyssey of the Mind	Laura Pilotti	As Per Contract
Art Show	Christine Sumner	As Per Contract
	Bridget Bevacqua	As Per Contract

<u>Brookside</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
<u>Position</u>		
PARP	Beth Bieber	As Per Contract
Science Fair	Beth Bieber	As Per Contract
Art Show	Christine Sumner	As Per Contract

Extra Class Stipends – that the extra class stipends for teachers as listed for the 2013-14 school year be approved:

<u>High School</u>		
<u>English</u>		
Matthew Mindemann	6 <sup>th</sup> class – 3 days in a cycle - AIS	\$1,250
<u>Social Studies</u>		
Norman Cline	5 <sup>th</sup> class (Dept. Chair) 3 days in a cycle – AIS	\$1,250
<u>Science</u>		
Brian Staiger	6 <sup>th</sup> class – Earth Science	\$2,500
Richard Cleary	6 <sup>th</sup> class – Biology	\$5,000
Sharon Repp	6 <sup>th</sup> class – Biology	\$5,000
William Egan	6 <sup>th</sup> class – Physics	\$5,000
Sydelle Stewart	6 <sup>th</sup> class – Chemistry	\$5,000
<u>Middle School</u>		
Mary Therese Ostanek	6 <sup>th</sup> class – Science at High School	\$5,000
Teresa Steflik	6 <sup>th</sup> class – Basic Foods at High School	\$5,000

2013-14 AV Coordinator – that Krista Clapper be approved as the High School Audio-Visual Coordinator at a stipend of \$1100, for the 2012-13 school year.

2013-14 Mentors – that the following mentor coordinator and mentors be appointed for the 2013-14 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Margaret Guyette	Mentor Coordinator	As Per Contract	2013-14 School Year
Anthony Ruffo	Mentor	As Per Contract	2013-14 School Year
Kelly Dyson	Mentor	As Per Contract	2013-14 School Year
Denise Miller	Mentor	As Per Contract	2013-14 School Year

2013-14 Literacy Leaders – that the following revisions to the July 9, 2013 Board approved Literacy Leader appointments for the 2013-14 school year be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Christine Titus	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Amy Cortes	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Erin Foster	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Sheri Brewer	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract
Sara Gorton	Literacy Leader	As Per Contract

2013-14 Math Leaders – that the following appointments for the following personnel for the 2013-14 school year be approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Stephen Potter	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Cathy Ayres	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Guilio Porcari	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Shawn Baldwin	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Marcy Herrick	Math Leader	As Per Contract
Jill Wilson	.5 Math Leader	As Per Contract
Kate Tokos	.5 Math Teacher	As Per Contract

Brookside Food Service Line Disposal – that Whereas, the Susquehanna Valley Central School District has Food Service related equipment from Brookside Elementary that no longer has value to the District since they are obsolete and are being replaced, let it be resolved that the Board of Education directs the District Purchasing Agent to enforce Administrative Regulation #5250R, “Sale and Disposal of School District Property,” to remove these items. Furthermore, via this resolution, the Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent, as stated in Administrative Regulation #5250R to: first sell these items to the party willing to pay the highest price; second, if these items cannot be sold, to donate them to another public school or charitable organization; and, third, if these items cannot be sold or donated to dispose of them as trash.

Brookside Food Service Line – that be it RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Food Services, that the Susquehanna Valley Board of Education approve bid SV2013-2014:06 for a new Food Service Line at Brookside Elementary School and that it be awarded to the Joseph Flihan Company of 418-426 Broad Street, Utica, New York 13504 at a bid price of \$22,800.00.

School Tax Reimbursement – that be it Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that following receipt of an executed Application for Corrected Tax Roll from Kevin Keough, Director of Broome County Real Property, dated September 13, 2012, that the tax amounts for the 2012-13 tax year be adjusted as follows:

Name:	Newman Marc & Elizabeth
Tax Map #:	176.13-1-24
Assessment:	Changed from \$550,000 to \$408,000
Taxes Due:	Changed from \$21,711.91 to \$16,106.29
Refund:	\$5,605.62
Reason:	Reduced Assessment

Be it further resolved, that the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget be increased by \$5,605.62 (A 1964-400.99.104 Refund of Prior Year Taxes): Source of Funds is the Tax Certiorari Reserve (A 86400).

Budget Transfers – that the following budget transfers be approved:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A2110.130-05-202	A2110.120-01-200	\$45,679.00
A2110.121-05-202	A2110.121-01.200	\$72,840.00
A2110.120-04-201	A2110.121-04-201	\$29,666.00
A2110.130-05-202	A2250.150-01-400	\$45,213.00

Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

**Information** – Mr. Tagliaferri updated the Board on Phase II of the Capital Project. The Facilities Advisory Committee met on October 15 and went over the schedule for the public presentations and the mailings for the Capital Project referendum being put before the voters in December. The Superintendent’s goals have been drafted and Mr. Tagliaferri requested a meeting with the Superintendent’s Evaluation Committee. Mr. Tagliaferri and Dr. Stalma will be attending a meeting on October 23 for a P-Tech grant. The Administrative Cabinet will be meeting on Monday, October 21 to work on the 2014-2015 budget.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Dr. Stalma

Dr. Stalma reviewed the training that took place on the Early Release Day on October 10 and the Superintendent’s Conference Day on October 11. Christine Choi, Race to the Top Data Services Coordinator at Broome-Tioga BOCES/South Central RIC, gave a presentation to all instructional staff on Data-Driven Instruction on October 10.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – Dr. Stalma and Mrs. Vimislik attended the Broome-Tioga School Boards Association business meeting on October 9.

**VOICE OF THE ADMINISTRATORS** – Ms. Wickham reported that the boys’ soccer, golf and cross country teams have won their division. The Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony is on October 19. Senior Night for girls’ volleyball is October 17, girls’ swimming is October 18 and varsity football and cheerleading is October 19. The Athletic

Department is working with the Booster Club to replace the banners in the gym. The fall sports season is ending and winter will be starting. Athletic teams have been participating in Breast Cancer Awareness month. Local singer Jared Campbell performed at the Olweus anti-bullying program kick-off event on September 27 at the Middle School. The Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheons will be held on November 19 and December 17. The SLOs are complete at the Middle School.

Mrs. Eckert reported that October is fire prevention month and the Kirkwood Fire Company presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Local singer Jared Campbell performed at the Olweus anti-bullying program kick-off event on September 24. The Halloween Parade is being held at 2:00 pm on October 31. Everyday Superheroes will be the focus of PARP in November. The PTA Fall Fun Night is scheduled for October 25 and the Kiwanis will be providing pumpkins.

Mrs. Kline reported that professional development for teachers and administrators is in full swing. Lead Evaluator training is being held on October 17.

**SVTA** – Mrs. Hattala reported that the auditorium looks amazing after renovation work. SVTA thanks the Board for their work with the contract. Teachers will be cleaning the roadside for a community service project. Mrs. Hattala reported that all the money raised through fundraisers goes to the scholarships that SVTA gives out at graduation. On November 23 they will be having a craft fair to raise funds for the scholarships.

**VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2** – No Comments

Mrs. Haskell asked about providing help to parents on the new math modules as she has heard some frustration from parents as they try to help with homework. Mrs. Eckert reported that parents can go online to EngageNY to the parents section. Dr. Stalma stated that they will look into ways to help parents.

**Executive Session** – Mr. Donnelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the Board of Education meet in Executive Session to discuss specific personnel matters. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

At 7:49 p.m. the Board recessed

At 7:59 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session

At 8:27 p.m. the Board returned to Regular Session

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Mrs. Haskell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon vote the motion was approved unanimously. (7 yeses)

There being no further business, Mrs. Vimislik adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Kalmen  
School District Clerk