

Members present: Gordon, Hudson, Mauro, Oriola,
Sosnow, Weiner, Winchester

Members absent: _____

Admin: Baughman, Bourgeois, Shea

Admin Absent: _____

Also: R. Grastorf, T. Newell, J. Rickert, S. Schechter

I. President Sosnow called the Regular Meeting of the Niskayuna Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome

II. Reports

Reports

Superintendent Baughman: extended an invitation to the Board for parent night at the new Explorers Program on October 21 at 6PM; indicated that there will be a Cap. Region BOCES Career & Technical School Open House on October 20 at 6PM on the Albany Campus; there will be a Community Coalition meeting at NHS Media Center on October 8 4:15PM to discuss plans for the November 4 forum on "Talking to Teens..."; stated the District will suspend use of "BMI" in relation to physical fitness tests; indicated plans are underway for Reflective Garden at NHS-meeting scheduled October 7 at 1:30PM in the conference room; Glenclyff sewer line groundbreaking was October 5; shared that the construction project is 80% complete and further project finance updates will be provided at the upcoming October 19 Board meeting; New Teacher reception will be held October 19 at 5:45PM at Crossroads followed by a Regular Board Meeting in the NHS Media Center, which will include a Students First Presentation by Craig Elementary students; School Board recognition week is October 19-23, 2009 – School Board members will attend NYSSBA Annual Convention in NYC from October 15-18.

The Board was represented by one or more members at the following: CAPSBA dinner where Public Health Commissioner, Dr. David Pratt, presented H1N1 information; Lew Moskowitz retirement dinner; Health curriculum meeting; NHS, Van Antwerp PTO meeting; PTO Council meeting; appreciation reception for M&O at the WTRY Road garage; modified football game; Hillside Back to School Night; NHS Freshman/Newcomer dinner.

Board Reports

Tracey Newell, Van Antwerp Social Studies teacher, rendered to the Board a presentation depicting her experience during her trip to Mongolia, sponsored by Civics Mosaic.
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Civics Mosaic Trip
– Mongolia

III. Comments from the Community

Community
Comments

There were no comments from the community.

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IV. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following actions ... Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 7-0.

A. ...minutes of the Regular meeting of September 14, 2009 per ASM VI, A...

B. ...the following (amended) personnel actions per ASM VI, B (less Item F)...

*= emergency conditional appointment pending State Education fingerprint clearance

A. Instructional – Appointment – Permanent Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elementary Academic</u>		<u>Probation</u>	<u>Cert. Status</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<u>Special Tenure Area</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Initial</u>		
Eldridge, Benjamin	Mathematics 7-12	11/6/09-11/6/11	Initial	M-5-56	

Eldridge

B. Instructional – Appointment – Replacement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Finkelstein, Rachel	English/HS	9/17/09-approx. 3/26/10	1.0	M-1

Finkelstein

C. Instructional – Additional Assignment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>FTE Adjustment</u>
Sausa-Gatta, Michelle	Music	9/1/09	.025

Sausa-Gatta

D. Instructional – Adjustment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Palmer, Alison	TA/Craig	9/1/09	From 25 to 28.75 hrs/wk.
Gold, Cherie	TA/Craig	10/5/09	From 15 to 20 hrs/wk.
Neary, Kristen	Counselor/HS	July/Aug. 2009	5 days/contract rate

Palmer
Gold
Neary

E. Instructional - Grant Position (2 yrs)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Mein, Christina	TA PD Trainer	2009-2011	\$1500/yr
Harper, Chrissy	TA PD Trainer	2009-2011	\$1500/yr
Smith, Kathleen M.	IEP Staff Trainer	2009-2011	\$1500/yr

Mein
Harper
Smith

F. Instructional – Stipend Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Stipend Amount</u>
Sive, Alfred	SS/HS	9/09-1/29/10	\$3,000

G. Non-Instructional-Probationary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Patrignani, Christina	ESI/Iroquois MS	10/6/09	\$27,500

Patrignani

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Tier 3 Advisors

Bloom Dave – 1 st semester	Amnesty International	Tier 3
Warren, Pete – 1 st semester	Amnesty International	Tier 3
Prebish, Tracy – 2 nd semester	Amnesty International	Tier 3
Edgar, James	Anime	Tier 3
Ebert, Fred	Best Buddies	Tier 3
Stanton, Jessica	Best Buddies	Tier 3
Paquette, Jill	Chem Demo	Tier 3
Alcantara, Victor	Chess	Tier 3
McDowell, Russ	Cinema and Fine Tea	Tier 3
Lindsay, Janice	DECA	Tier 3
Scott, Paul	Environmental Studies	Tier 3
Bloom, Dave	Flare	Tier 3
Lester, Tom	Flare	Tier 3
Ainslie, Jane	French Club	Tier 3
Martin, Amy	French Club	Tier 3
Joyce, Ann	Game Club	Tier 3
Prebish, Tracy – 2 nd semester	German Club	Tier 3
Carosella, Joe	German Club	Tier 3
Jennings, Chris	Horticulture	Tier 3
Miller, Meghan	Latin Club	Tier 3
Grasek, Stephanie	Math Club	Tier 3
Stopera, Michelle	Mock Trial	Tier 3
Hirota-Morris, Rosemary	Model UN	Tier 3
Hirota-Morris, Rosemary	Multi Cultural Club	Tier 3
Desimony, Rich	Nisky Garage	Tier 3
Borges, Linda	Pep Club	Tier 3
Joyce, Ann	Raise and Give	Tier 3
Youngs, Shawna	Raise and Give	Tier 3
Steinberg, Charisse*	SADD	Tier 3
Carroll, Kate*	SADD	Tier 3

***For SADD – Each receive full pay – grandfathered**

Samoscott, Joe	Science Olympiad	Tier 3
Sherman, Peggy	Science Olympiad	Tier 3
Gardiner, Caroline	Spanish Club	Tier 3
Black, Pat	Start (recycling)	Tier 3
Gribben, Jack	Tech Club	Tier 3
DeCesare, Carl	Tech Club	Tier 3
Giaccone, Jacqueline	Youth to Youth	Tier 3
Mooney, Brian	Niskayuna Recording Club	Tier 3
Kinney, Ashley	High School Mentors	Tier 3
Steinberg, Charisse	Natural Helpers	Tier 3
Neary, Kristen	Natural Helpers	Tier 3
Pizzino, Christina	Students Advocating for a Positive Environment	Tier 3

Other Assignments

Sohail Syed	Speech & Debate Administrator	\$2,500
O'Connell, Michael	Speech & Debate Coach	\$1,000

Non-Paid Advisor Assignments

Dagostino, Dawn	Ski Club	Non-Paid Advisor
Caffrey, Tom	Niskayuna Outing Club	Non-Paid Advisor
Ormsbee, Jeff	Niskayuna Outing Club	Non-Paid Advisor
White, Carol	Creative Writing Club	Non-Paid Advisor

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Recognized clubs without school sponsorship: non-paid advisors

Borges, Linda	Actions	Non-Paid Advisor
Stahl, Polly	Visibility	Non-Paid Advisor
Warren, Pete	Muslim Student Association	Non-Paid Advisor

Borges
 Stahl
 Warren

K. **Appointment of Approved Staff – These staff have received fingerprint clearance from SED**

Armstrong, Jean	Substitute Teacher
Bartman, Candice	Substitute Teacher
Barton, Heather	Substitute Teacher
Bennett, Penny	Substitute Teacher
Brewster, Jeffrey	Substitute Teacher
Brown, Andrew	Substitute Teacher
Carioto, Joseph	Substitute Teacher
Carr, Gail	Substitute Teacher
Cipoletti, Deanna	Substitute Teacher
Dawson, John	Substitute Teacher
DeLozier, Patricia	Substitute Teacher
Desira, James	Substitute Teacher
DiDonato, Dennis	Substitute Teacher
Edick, Laura	Substitute Teacher
Emler, Stephen	Substitute Teacher
Escobar, Diego	Substitute Teacher
Finley, David	Substitute Teacher
Gannon, Vanessa	Substitute Teacher
Griner, Allison	Substitute Teacher
Gronau, Jaclyn	Substitute Teacher
Hughes, Melissa	Substitute Teacher
Jackson, Kathleen	Substitute Teacher
Kalasinski, Amy	Substitute Teacher
Kosakowski, Katelyn	Substitute Teacher
Madigan, Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher
Majeed, Aseel	Substitute Teacher
Martin, April	Substitute Teacher
McKinlay, Luanne	Substitute Teacher-Speech
McTernan, Carol	Substitute Teacher
Mullen, Kelly	Substitute Teacher
Murray, Alicia	Substitute Teacher
Nealon, Mary	Substitute Teacher
O'Clair, John	Substitute Teacher
O'Connell, Patrick	Substitute Teacher
Patrignani, Christina	Executive Secretary I
Perry, Christine	Substitute Teacher
Quesnell, David	Substitute Teacher
Reynolds, Erin	Substitute Teacher
Ribbeck, Megan	Substitute Teacher
Rodriguez, Jun	Substitute Teacher
Seymour, Colleen	Substitute Teacher
Schweizer, Tom	Substitute Teacher
Vazal, Heather	Substitute Teacher
Wagner, Daniel	Substitute Teacher
Wallant, Nora	Substitute Teacher
Wallner, Leah	Substitute Teacher
Westphal, Jaclyn	Substitute Teacher
Wojtala, Linda	Substitute Teacher
Zukowski, Krista	Substitute Teacher

Those staff having
 received NYSED
 Fingerprint
 Clearance through
 10/5/09

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L. Reappointment of Emergency Conditional Staff – 9/1/09 – 10/5/09 These staff have not been cleared by SED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Workman, Heather	Substitute Teacher

Workman

M. Retirement – Non-Instructional

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Sadow, Phyllis	Cook/Manager/Craig	12/26/09	29+

Sadow

V. Instruction

Instruction

A. The Board discussed "Last Friday" enrollment results.

Last Friday Results

VI. Business

Business

A. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2009 as per ASM VI, A. Mrs. Oriola seconded. Carried 7-0.

Treasurer's Report

B. Mrs. Mauro moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Approve the transfer of funds for the month of July 2009 as per ASM VI, B. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 7-0.

Transfer of Funds

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VII. Personnel

- A. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the following Teaching Assistants for tenure, effective per tenure date listed as per ASM VII, A. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 7-0.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>EVALUATOR</u>	<u>TENURE DATE</u>
Paula Miller	Birchwood Elem.	Debra Berndt	11/7/09
Deborah Marsan	Rosendale Elem.	Lauren Gemmill	11/7/09

- B. Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the payment of \$3,000 to Alfred Sive for teaching an additional .4 Social Studies classes for the first semester of 2009-2010 school year as per ASM VII, B (as amended). Mrs. Gordon seconded. Carried 7-0.

VIII. General

The Board discussed Resolutions to be voted upon at the upcoming NYSSBA Annual Conference.

IX. Other

- A. The Board discussed travel plans for the upcoming NYSSBA Annual Conference in NYC.

X. Executive Session

Mr. Winchester moved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, convene to Executive Session to discuss items related to CSE, CPSE, specific personnel, contracts and legal matters. Mr. Hudson seconded. Carried 7-0.

XI. Adjourn & Reconvene

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:24 p.m.

XII. Authorize Recommendations

- A. Mr. Weiner moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize the recommendations of the CSE, CPSE and 504 Committee and agreed-upon amendments and approve Executive Session minutes of *September 14, 2009*. Mr. Winchester seconded. Carried 7-0.

XIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Personnel

Miller
Marsan

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NYSSBA
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Discussion

Executive Session

Adjourn

Reconvene

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Recommendations

Adjourn

