

UNADILLA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013, IN THE
UV LIBRARY AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

S. Cooper, J. Elliott, J. Gray, W. King, Sr., and K. Rumovicz

MEMBERS ABSENT:

T. Emrich and V. Gregory

ALSO PRESENT:

R. Mackey, Superintendent, F. Johnson, Secondary Principal, C. Harper, Elementary Principal, Lee Supensky, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, M. Brown, Business Official, and D. Taylor, District Clerk

VISITORS: D. Taranto and M. Thall

Presenters: A. Williams and S. Cleveland

Students: H. Christian, C. Jones, M. Alford

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Cooper followed by a salute to the flag.

POSITIVE POINTS HIGHLIGHTED by S. Cooper, Board President

Positive
Points

- ▶ Thank you to the faculty, staff and students who recognized the Board of Education during *School Board Recognition Week*.
- ▶ Thank you to Mr. Johnson for the LINKS Plan presentation at the October meeting. Mrs. Cooper asked Mr. Johnson to express the Board's appreciation to the entire LINKS Team for their hard work and dedication.
- ▶ Thank you to all of the families who helped to make our Common Core Parent night such a big success on November 18. Thank you to the teachers and aides who worked very hard on their presentations.
- ▶ The next Senior Social Supper Club is scheduled for December 17 at 4:30 p.m. More than 60 seniors attended in November.
- ▶ Congratulations to Barb Murphy who will be retiring as a teacher aide on December 20 after serving 14 years in the district.
- ▶ Thank you to Lisa Rifanburg for serving as a long-term substitute in the 12:1:1 classroom during Mrs. Green's leave of absence. Her last day will be on January 8.
- ▶ Middle and High School students were recognized for making the honor roll.
 - ... Middle School: Principal's List - 12%; High Honor - 18%; Honor Roll 19%;
Total: 49%
 - ... High School: Principal's List - 6%; High Honor - 14%; Honor Roll - 18%;
Total: 38%

Upon motion made by J. Gray, seconded by J. Elliott, the Board reviewed and accepted the following Special Education Minutes, as submitted

Special Education
Minutes Reviewed
& Accepted

A. 504	10/29/13
B. CPSE	10/17/13, 10/29/13, & 11/07/13
C. CSE	10/17/13, 10/29/13, 11/01/13, 11/06/13, & 11/07/13

VOTE: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 2 CARRIED

REPORTS TO BOARD - Written reports submitted as follows:

Reports to Board

Christopher Harper - Elementary Principal

Topics included: Celebrations; Christmas Spirit from UV (Gently Used Book Drive, Project Santa, Non Perishable Food Drive); Data Driven Instruction; and Difference between Formative assessment and Summative assessment.

Mr. Harper/
Elementary
Principal

In addition to the written report, Mr. Harper noted the following:

- ▶ HS students are collecting change for the Chenango County Toys for Tots program to replace toys which were destroyed in a fire.
- ▶ Elementary school is holding a Gently Used Book Drive for Grades PreK-5. These books are distributed in the Gently Used Book Giveaway at the FFA Holiday Store.

Franklin Johnson - Secondary Principal

Topics included: Positive Points; Student of the Month Assemblies; Promoting Academic Success; Future Path; Technology Update; FFA Holiday Store; Professional Development; and Important Dates/Events; Student of the Month Agenda; and Frequently Asked Questions Regarding AIS during Study Lab.

Mr. Johnson/
Secondary
Principal

In addition to the written report, Mr. Johnson reported as follows:

- ▶ The Guidance Office was holding a financial aid workshop in the cafeteria this evening.
- ▶ The format has changed for our student of the month assemblies. The agendas are now student-centered instead of adult-centered. Student Council President, Stefan Foster is Master of Ceremonies during the HS assembly and in MS teachers rotate each month as hosts. Students are not only recognized for academics, but also for their involvement in clubs and sports.
- ▶ Mr. Johnson attended the 2nd annual New Berlin Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony held on Sunday, December 8. Senior student Kiran Borst spear-headed the event last year.

Lee Supensky - Special Education Report

Topics included: Positive Points; Athletics; Special Education; Chart with December Special Education Numbers 2013; Charts with Total Number of Students served by teachers. In addition to the written report, Mr. Supensky reported as follows:

Mr. Supensky/
Director of Pupil
Personnel

- ▶ Commented about how well the Boys' Basketball team played in the Sherburne tournament.
- ▶ Great participation in sports this year.

Michael Brown, School District Treasurer

Report included:

- ▶ Comprehensive Budget Status Report - 10/31/13
- ... FUND A - GENERAL FUND

Mr. Brown/
Treasurer

- ... FUND C - SCHOOL LUNCH FUND
- ... FUND F - SPECIAL AID FUND
- ▶ Budget Transfer for FUND A- Schedule 1 - 10/21/13
- ▶ Internal Claims Auditor Reports - 10/2013 & 11/2013
- ▶ Extraclassroom Activity Fund Balance Report - 10/31/13 & 11/30/13
- ▶ Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Report
- ▶ Food Service Director's Report
- ▶ Topics included: Minimum Wage; Tax Collection; Budget Process; Use of Buses; and Vehicles

Mr. Brown/
Treasurer
(Continued)

In addition to the written report, Mr. Brown noted the following:

- ▶ A Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, at 3:15 p.m. An update regarding the cameras is on the agenda. In addition the committee will meet with the local fire and police departments to review the Sandy Hook report.

Mrs. Cooper thanked those who are serving on this important Safety Committee.

The above written reports will be kept on file in the District Office for a retention period of three years.

Reports on
File for 3 Years

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon motion made by J. Elliott, seconded by W. King, recommendations A-F were presented for approval as consent agenda items, with the exception of A. 1. (*resignation of P. Cypress which was removed*).

Superintendent's
Recommendations

- A. That Personnel Recommendations be accepted in accordance with the attached listed, identified as Exhibit "A". (*resignation of P. Cypress was removed*).
- B. That the Board approve the Agreement with Upstate Cerebral Palsy, Inc., as printed, and authorize the Board President to sign the document. A brief discussion followed.
- C. That the Board accept the School Tax Collector's Report for 2013-2014, as printed.
- D. That the Board approve the transportation request of Mrs. Simon Mullet to transport her five children to The Amish School during the 2013-2014 school year.
- E. That the Board approve the senior class trip to Honor's Haven Resort & Spa in Ellenville, NY, scheduled for February 18 - March 2, 2014, provided that the appropriate number of chaperones attend.
- F. That the Board approve the Safety Patrol trip to Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, PA, scheduled for May 10 - 13, 2014, provided that the appropriate number of chaperones attend.

Personnel
Recommendations
Accepted

Agreement/
Cerebral Palsy
Approved

Tax Collector's
Report Accepted

Transportation
Approved

Senior Trip
Approved

Safety Patrol
Trip Approved

VOTE A-F: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 2 CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Superintendent's Update:

- ▶ Board/Administrators' Talking Points: Talking Points
 - ... Opt-out of Testing - There is a statewide movement that began on Long Island, NY of parents writing letters to school to opt their children out of state testing and testing used in the evaluation of teachers. We had one request in September which was reviewed by our school attorney. Districts can not opt out of testing.
 - ... High Stakes Testing - Those who oppose the CCSS and the common core modules also oppose what they have called "high stakes tests." They define this as tests given to children solely for the purpose of giving teachers part of their APPR evaluation score each year. At UV, we have no exams that are given solely for that purpose.

- ▶ October Talking Points: October Talking Points
 - ... Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
 - ... Common Core Modules

- ▶ Recap of BOCES Educational Forum held on November 14: BOCES Forum

Mr. Mackey, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Emrich, Mrs. Rumovicz, and Mrs. Cleveland attended the forum. The presenter was Bill Daggett, Ed.D., Founder and Chairman of the International Center for Leadership in Education. Dr. Daggett made a compelling argument for the need to reform our standards and processes in education.

- ▶ Recap of Building Walk-Through held on November 18: Building Walk-Through

Bill Beadle, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, led Board members on a tour of the building and highlighted a few issues. John Elliott and Jason Gray prepared a list of talking points for the upcoming facilities committee meeting, scheduled for December 18.

- ▶ Recap of Parent Night held on November 18: Parent Night

We held our first parent night to help parents understand the shifts of the CCSS and the new work their kids are doing. They left with homework help tips, overwhelmingly enjoyed the evening and want more of them. A copy of the survey results were given to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. Mackey also noted that teachers have been given release time to unpack the modules.

- ▶ Recap of CASSC School Boards Institute November 21 Workshop: CASSC School Boards Institute

Topics included: *Handling Critics at Meetings and Building Public Trust and Healthcare Reform: Implications for Schools*. The speaker on *building trust* shared some strategies to deal with difficult visitors to BOE meetings. The *healthcare reform* speaker shared a comprehensive timeline of the potential implications for schools due to the Affordable Care Act. Vicky Gregory, Tammie Emrich, and I attended.

- ▶ Recap of CCSBA Fall Dinner meeting held on November 22: CCSBA Fall Dinner Meeting

Dr. John Sipple, Director of the New York State Center for Rural Schools and Cornell University Professor, kicked off the evening with *Shared Services between districts, between districts and municipalities and data tool availability*

to enhance local decision making. Douglas Ann Land, Area 4 Director of the New York State School Boards Association, was the keynote speaker. She spoke regarding *Collaboration, Communication & Community Engagement* in telling our rural stories in Albany. Kristin Rumovicz, Vicky Gregory, Tammie Emrich, Bill King, and I attended.

- ▶ Emergency Transportation services to Adult/Residential care facilities: Mr. Mackey reported that the district currently provides emergency transportation services to the Chenango Valley Home and the Bida Adult Home. The NYS Department of Health requires residential care facilities to have written agreements in place and updated every year. Emergency Transportation Services

- ▶ Thank you notes were acknowledged from: Thank You Notes
 - ... St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for the donation of food to the Unadilla Valley Mission Food Pantry (Chobani healthy food drive).
 - ... John and Linda Tuller for the Veteran's Day celebration

- ▶ Public Forum with Commissioner King, Chancellor Tisch, and Regent Tallon in Binghamton on November 25: Public Forum with Commissioner King

While no one spoke 100% supporting the CCSS and recent reforms, the message from SED matches the message we heard from Dr. Daggett; we must change core standards and processes in public education. The reason according to SED: *Education has been short-changing our students, and we need to change.* SED acknowledged that they heard the audience recapping:

 - (a) The CCSS are the right standards, but we need to work on implementation; or,
 - (b) The CCSS are not okay. Regent Tallon and Commissioner King concluded by stating, "we are not going backwards."

- ▶ REMINDERS: Reminders
 - ... Senior Social Supper Club - December 17 - 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - ... Facilities' Committee meeting - December 18 - 5:30 p.m.

- ▶ Mr. Mackey distributed an Enrollment Summary as of November 30 for the Board's information and review. Enrollment Summary

Mrs. Cooper thanked administrators and Board members for attending and participating in programs and professional development.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business at this time.

Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS - No new business at this time.

New Business

VOICE OF THE PUBLIC #2

Voice #2

Board President Cooper reminded those in attendance about the guidelines regarding public participation at Board meetings.

- ▶ Mrs. Debra Taranto presented the Board with three questions regarding the Common Core. Administrators will follow up with a response to Mrs. Taranto's questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 p.m. J. Elliott made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person and to invite Mr. Mackey, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Harper and Mr. Suspensky to attend. Motion seconded by W. King, Sr.

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 2 CARRIED

UNADILLA VALLEY PLEDGE

Unadilla
Valley Pledge

The Board recited the Unadilla Valley Pledge prior to entering executive session:

We are proud, independent, smart, and strong.
We take responsibility for our actions and act in a responsible way.
We are courteous and considerate and treat others the way we want to be treated.
We strive to learn from each other and allow others to learn without being disturbed.
We always give our best to our community, our families, our peers, and ourselves

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion made by W. King, Sr., seconded by K. Rumovicz, the Board returned to regular session at 9:31 p.m.

Return to
Regular Session


VOTE: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 2 CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, President Cooper adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Meeting
Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Donna Taylor, District Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS
Board Meeting of December 9, 2013

***Conditional Appointment Pending Results of Fingerprinting**

A. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS - Exhibit "A"

1. Accept Resignations

Name	Position	Effective Date
Scott Osborne	8 th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	November 13, 2013

2. Appoint Advisor - 2013-2014

Name	Position	Stipend per UVFA Contract (currently in negotiations)
Dorenda Johnson	Mentor Co-Chairperson	

3. Winter Coaching Appointments - 2013-2014

Name/Coach	Coaching Position	Stipend per UVFA Contract (currently in negotiations)
Mark Segina	8 th Grade Boys' Basketball	
Tyler Lloyd	7 th Grade Boys' Basketball	

4. Approve Volunteer

Name/Volunteer	Program
Paul Tuttle	Basketball

5. Approve Substitutes - 2013-2014

Teacher	Heather Davis (Schowe)
Teacher Aide	Heather Davis (Schowe)