QUEENSBURY SCHOOL - DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Queensbury School Board of Education was held on January 9, 2012 in the Elementary School Cafeteria.

President Raymond Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by President Raymond Gordon.

**Members Present:** Raymond Gordon, Doug Beaty, Jill Crombie-Borgos, John Dwyer, Frank Miller (arrived at 8:00 p.m. toward the end of the International Baccalaureate presentation), Christopher Ogden, Superintendent of Schools Douglas W. Huntley, Ed. D., Clerk of the Board John S. DeSanto.

**Members Absent:** Lisa Fedele, Timothy Weaver

**Others Present:** Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Theresa Middleton, Director of Human Resources Amy Georgeadis, High School Assistant Principal Craig Chandler, Middle School Principal Doug Silvernell, Middle School Assistant Principal Rich Keys, Elementary Principal Patrick Pomerville, Elementary School Assistant Principal Jenn Ross, William H. Barton Intermediate School Principal Kyle Gannon, William H. Barton Intermediate School Assistant Principal Jennifer Russell, Director of Facilities and Operations Rob Chapman, and other employees and community members: Jim Coccia, Debbie Hanson, Michelle Discenza, Marnie DeJohn, Tim Dawkins, Trish Fielding, Ian Schwan.

**Presentation:**

- Superintendent Huntley presented the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Feasibility Study to the Board of Education. The IB Diploma is a rigorous two-year program that leads to exams in six different subject areas and is aimed at developing global citizens and life-long learning. The program offers a balanced, inquiry-based curriculum and is noted for its depth, challenge, and international perspective. Students are also required to engage in community service and individual research. An inquiry into the nature of knowledge is also required.

The International Baccalaureate’s mission aligns with the Queensbury’s mission and core values. IB Diploma performance is a predictor of college success. The District is taking the next steps in implementing the IB Programme which include analyzing the requirements and structure of the program and choosing courses to offer, choosing a coordinator, sending teachers on visitations and beginning teacher training. An application for candidacy is to be completed by April 1, 2012. An eighth grade parent information meeting is to be held in the spring. Status as an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School will provide Queensbury students a considerable advantage with college acceptance and college success.
Open Forum:
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- Jim Coccia asked about the health and welfare services provided to children attending non-public schools. Student physicals, nursing services, and the checking of immunization records are some of the services provided.
- Jim Coccia inquired about the Regents classes and the IB Programme. Superintendent Huntley responded that the Regents diploma has diminished standing and the IB Diploma is held in high regard internationally and is a program that will challenge Queensbury students and prepare them for the 21st century in an interconnected and globalized world.

Business Items - Assistant Superintendent for Business

Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, to approve the Administration Building Roof Project work to V & H Construction, Inc. with the lowest written quote in the amount of $22,500 and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the construction contracts on behalf of the School District.

7 voting in favor, 2 absent (Ms. Fedele, Mr. Weaver)

Consent Business Items

Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the following consent business items:

7 voting in favor, 2 absent (Ms. Fedele, Mr. Weaver)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on December 12, 2011.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, the Clerk’s Report, the Internal Claims Audit Report, the General Fund Revenue Report, the Federal Fund Revenue Report and the School Lunch Fund Revenue Report for the month of December 2011.
Motion to accept the following warrants:

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Motion to accept the budget transfers.

Motion to accept the following Support Staff resignations:

Walter Podwirny – Bus Driver – Effective 12/20/11

Motion to approve the following probationary appointments:

Michael Aunchman – Bus Driver – Step 1 – Effective 12/6/11
Theodore Rawson – Bus Driver – Step 1 – Effective 12/12/11
Thomas Brennan – Bus Driver – Step 1 – Effective 12/19/11

Motion to accept the following leaves-of-absence without pay for Support Staff:

Walter Podwirny – Bus Driver – Effective 12/16/11 & 12/19/11
Kathie Chandler – Bus Driver – Effective 12/22/11 (1 ½ hrs) & 1/3/12 – 1/6/12
Gretchen Romenesko – QES Teacher Aide – Effective 2/17/12
Lori Silva – QMS Secretary – Effective 4/13/12

Motion to enter into a contract with Saratoga City School District to provide health and welfare services to children attending non-public schools and residing in the Queensbury School District for the 2011-12 school year. (currently 16 students) ($7,229.28)

Motion to enter into a contract with Glens Falls City School to provide health services for the 2011-12 school year to children attending St. Mary’s/St. Alphonsus’ School and residing in the Queensbury School District in the amount of $31,637.96. (currently 74 students x $427.54)

Motion to accept the Art & Instruction Supply bid in the amount of $12,682.97.
Motion to authorize the surplus and sale or disposal through recycling of the following items:

- Band Saw - Delta 18" vertical style
- Planer - Rockwell - Model # 96-741
- Lathe - Clausing 10" X 24" bed - Model 4904
- Metal Bench with small vise - no descriptive markings

End of Business Consent Items

Educational Items – Superintendent of Schools

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the following reviewed policies and exhibits:

- 4526-E.1 – Student Access Release and Authorization Form
- 4526-E.3 – Substitute Employee – Access Release and Authorization Form
- 4770 – Graduation Requirements
- 4771 – Early Graduation
- 4810 – Teaching About Controversial Issues

7 voting in favor, 2 absent (Ms. Fedele, Mr. Weaver)

Motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Borgos, to approve the following revised policies, regulations and exhibits:

- 4321 – Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York’s Education Law Article 89
- 4526 – Acceptable Computer Use Policy
- 4526-R – Acceptable Computer Use Regulation
- 4526-E.2 – Employee Access Release and Authorization Form
- 4526-E.4 – Web Site Publishing of Student Work
- 4526-E.5 – Proposed Web Page Application
- 4526.1 – Internet Safety
- 4526.1-R – Internet Safety Regulation
- 4526.2 – Web Site Publishing Policy
- 4770-E.1 – Graduation Requirements Exhibit
- 4770-E – Graduation Requirements – Regents Diploma
- 4770-E.3 – Graduation Requirements – Advanced Regents Diploma

7 voting in favor, 2 absent (Ms. Fedele, Mr. Weaver)
Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mrs. Crombie-Borgos, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following exhibit:

5300.55-E – Student Search Form Exhibit

7 voting in favor, 2 absent (Ms. Fedele, Mr. Weaver)

Motion by Mrs. Crombie-Borgos, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, to approve a request by the High School Foreign Language and Social Studies Departments for a trip to England and France during the spring vacation of the 2012-2013 school year with the stipulation that it could be canceled due to world events.

7 voting in favor, 2 absent (Ms. Fedele, Mr. Weaver)

Consent Educational Items

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the following consent educational items:

7 voting in favor, 2 absent (Ms. Fedele, Mr. Weaver)

Motion to accept an unpaid leaves-of-absence for the following:

Susan Zuhlke – QMS Home & Consumer Science Teacher – Effective 1/13/12
Clare Brady – QMS 6th Grade Teacher – Effective 11/22/11
Susan Cunningham – QMS AIS Teacher – Effective 10/7/11
Leah Serbalik – QHS Foreign Language Teacher – Effective 1/12/12 & 1/13/12
Stacy Stannard – QES Kindergarten Teacher – Effective 1/3 through 1/12/12

Motion to approve the following long-term substitute appointment:

Tammy Rescott
Assignment: QHS – Special Education Teacher
Rate: Level 1 BA + MS + 72 graduate credits (pro-rated)
Effective: 1/5/12 - 1/31/12
Certification: Special Education – Permanent
Pre K – 6 – Permanent
Motion to approve the following revised long-term substitute appointments:

**Michael Springer**
Assignment: QES – Kindergarten Teacher  
Rate: Level 1 BS (pro-rated)  
Effective: 12/5/11 – 1/12/12  
Certification: Childhood Ed Grades 1-6 – Initial  
Early Childhood Ed Birth – 2 – Initial

**Catherine Tuohy**
Assignment: QES – AIS Teacher  
Rate: Level 1 BA + MS + 30 graduate credits (pro-rated)  
Effective: 10/19/11 – 2/15/12  
Certification: Students w/Disabilities Grades 1-6 – Professional  
Childhood Ed Grades 1-6 – Professional  
Students w/Disabilities Birth – 2 – Professional  
Early Childhood Ed Birth – 2 – Professional  
Literacy Birth – 6 – Professional

Motion to approve Jessica Donnelly as a QMS/QHS Afterschool Tutor for the 2011-12 school year at the rate of pay of $27 per hour for one student and $38 per hour for two or more students.

Motion to approve an administrative internship for Patrick Gormley beginning January 2012 and ending January 2013. Ms. Kristine Orr will serve as his Mentor.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 11/15/11, 11/17/11, 11/21/11, 12/09/11, 12/12/11, 12/14/11, 12/15/11, 12/19/11, 12/22/11, 1/03/12 and 1/04/12 meetings of the Committee on Special Education and the minutes of the 12/16/11 meeting of the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

**Board Member Comments:**
- Mr. Gordon pointed out that Policy 1800 – Gifts from the Public/Memorials/Recognition is in the process of being updated and a revised policy does not appear on tonight’s agenda
- Frank Miller read a statement regarding Policy 1800 and the recognition section. He questioned the current policy of waiting two years for an employee to be deceased before being honored and felt it would be more meaningful if an honoree was alive to accept this honor.
- Doug Beaty commented on the meeting mentioned in the Friday report with Senators Flanagan and Little and he expressed his displeasure with the lack of substantive changes to unfunded mandates and pension reform.
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- With the review of Policy 1800 and the section on recognition, Jim Coccia stated the current policy does not reference students and it may be appropriate that students are mentioned within this policy.

Informational Items:
- Board President
- Monday, January 16, 2012 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School Closed
- Monday, January 23, 2012 – Capital Project Dedication – 6:30 p.m.
  Location: Middle School Lobby
- Monday, January 23, 2012 – Board of Education Special Meeting/Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
  Location: Administration Building Conference Room
- Monday, February 13, 2012 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
  Location: Elementary School Cafeteria
- Monday, February 27, 2012 – Board of Education Workshop – 7:00 p.m.
  Location: Administration Building Conference Room

Executive session: None

Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

7 voting in favor, 2 absent (Ms. Fedele, Mr. Weaver)

Respectfully submitted,

John S. DeSanto
Clerk of the Board