A workshop and special meeting of the Queensbury School Board of Education was held on October 24, 2011 in the Administration Building Conference Room.

Mr. Raymond Gordon, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Raymond Gordon, President.

**Members Present:** Raymond Gordon, Timothy Weaver, Jill Crombie-Borgos (arrived at 7:13 p.m. during Foothills Council Constitution Presentation), John Dwyer, Lisa Fedele, Christopher Ogden, Superintendent of Schools Douglas W. Huntley, Clerk of the Board John S. DeSanto.

**Members Absent:** Doug Beaty, Cindy Horgan, Frank Miller.

**Others Present:** Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Theresa Middleton, High School Principal Kristine Orr, Middle School Principal Doug Silvernell, Elementary School Principal Patrick Pomerville, Williams H. Barton Intermediate School Principal Kyle Gannon, Director of Student Support Services Sherrie Moses, CSE/CPSE Chairperson Carolyn Manzella, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics Scott Stuart and Communications and Information Technology Specialist Robin Fitzpatrick.

**Presentations:**
- Foothills Council Constitution – Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics Scott Stuart reviewed the proposed changes to the Constitution of the Foothills Council. The Foothills Council Constitution was last revised in 1995 and Council members recently reviewed the document in order to bring it up to date with current practices. Additionally, Mr. Stuart reviewed the proposal on the Greater Amsterdam School District joining the Foothills Council and he discussed the benefits and drawbacks related to their admission.
- Race to the Top (RTTT) and Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Update – Superintendent Huntley and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Theresa Middleton presented an update on the progress and training being done on the Race to the Top and Annual Professional Performance Review initiatives.
- School Quality Review for the Middle School – Superintendent Huntley, Assistant Superintendent For Curriculum and Instruction Theresa Middleton, Middle School Principal Doug Silvernell, and Director of Student Support Services Sherrie Moses discussed and provided information related to the upcoming School Quality Review being done in the Middle School as a result of not meeting adequate yearly progress in the area of ELA for students with disabilities for two years in a row.
- Community Forum – School administrators and board members reviewed the detailed agenda for Community Forum Session #1. The topics for the community forum discussions were discussed and finalized. Live broadcast/webcast options were reviewed.
- Special Education High Cost Students – Director of Student Support Services Sherrie Moses and CSE/CPSE Chairperson Carolyn Manzella reviewed the district’s practices and procedures with out of district special education placements. Additionally, the state aid reimbursement formulas for both private schools and BOCES programs were reviewed with the board.

Open Forum:

Public participation is encouraged. We ask that all speakers both sign in and identify themselves verbally and, if applicable, the organization they are representing, so that they may be recognized by the Board President. For clarity, we ask that all speakers identify the school related matter/topic to be discussed. In order to conduct District Business in a smooth, orderly and timely manner, Open Forum is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with 3 minutes allocated to each speaker. The Board of Education appreciates public attendance and participation at our meetings.

- None

Business Items – Assistant Superintendent for Business

Motion by Ms. Fedele, seconded by Mr. Ogden, to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Queensbury Union Free School District accept the recommended changes to the Constitution of the Foothills Council as proposed during the September 22, 2011 Foothills Council Meeting.

6 voting in favor, 3 absent (Mr. Miller, Mrs. Horgan, Mr. Beaty)

Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Ms. Fedele, to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greater Amsterdam School District be accepted into the Foothills Council effective with the 2012-13 athletic season.

5 voting against, 1 voting in favor, 3 absent (Mr. Miller, Mrs. Horgan, Mr. Beaty)

Motion not carried

Educational Items – Superintendent of Schools

- None

Board Member Comments

- None
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Informational Items:
- Board President
  - Monday, November 14, 2011 – Audit Review Committee – 6:00 p.m.
    Location: QES Media Center
  - Monday, November 14, 2011 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
    Location: QES Cafeteria
  - Thursday, November 17, 2011 – Adirondack Area School Boards - 6:00 p.m.
    Location: Queensbury Hotel
  - Monday, November 28, 2011 – Board of Education Workshop
    Location: Administration Conference Room
  - Tuesday, November 29, 2011 – Tax Cap Presentation
    Location: Glens Falls High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, December 1, 2011 – Community Forum #1 – 7:00 p.m.
    Location: Elementary School Cafeteria

Motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Fedele, to enter executive session to discuss an issue regarding a specific student at 9:31 p.m.

6 voting in favor, 3 absent (Mr. Miller, Mrs. Horgan, Mr. Beaty)

Motion by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, to exit executive session and to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

6 voting in favor, 3 absent (Mr. Miller, Mrs. Horgan, Mr. Beaty)

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
John S. DeSanto
Clerk of the Board

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