

BOARD MEETING: Regular
DATE: Wednesday, February 13, 2013
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Naples Central School Elementary Cafeteria

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2013 (Board Action)
- IV. Executive Session (Board Action)
- V. Amend the Agenda (Board Action)
- VI. Pledge of Allegiance

VII. Public Comments: The Board of Education invites you, the residents of our school community, to feel comfortable in sharing matters of interest or concern that you might have with us. The Board President will be happy to recognize those of you who wish to speak. We would ask that you come forward and please identify yourself before presenting your thoughts.

Those items brought to the attention of the Board during this time may be taken under consideration for future response or action. (*Individual comments will be limited to three minutes.*)

As a matter of courtesy, we ask that issues related to specific School District personnel or students be brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Schools privately. Thank you for this consideration.

Board Reponse: The Board of Education is committed to keeping communication open and transparent. The Board of Education President will be working with the Board and the Superintendent to make every effort to respond to public comments directed to the Board of Education at previous meetings, during the next scheduled meeting.

- VIII. Points of Interest
- IX. Superintendent Recognitions & Updates
 - Capital Project Update
 - Budget Update
 - Department Chair Reports
 - Elementary: Grades UPK-2
 - Elementary: Grades 3 & 4
 - 3rd Grade Play
 - Community Wellness Education
 - Mindset – Chapter 5
 - Special Services: Grades UPK – 6
 - Library Media Specialists
- X. Minutes (Board Action)
 - Regular Meeting of January 16, 2013
- XI. Student Attendance Requirement (Board Action)
- XII. Business (Board Action)
 - 2013-2014 Naples Central School Calendar
 - Discards
 - Basketball Scoreboards with Control Panel
 - Metal Halide 400W Lights
 - 60 Gallon Compressor
 - Policy Approvals
 - 2013-2014 Budget Development Calendar
- XIII. Personnel (Board Action)
 - Retirement Resignation
 - Leaves of Absence
 - Unpaid Leave
 - Appointment
 - Cleaner
 - Elementary Teacher Substitutes
- XIV. Consent Agenda Items (Board Action)
 - CSE & CPSE Placements
 - Practicum Placement
 - Volunteers
 - Substitutes
- XV. Executive Session (Board Action)

Board President William Kelly and Superintendent Ward explained to the guests in attendance that the budget process was just beginning, noting that they are waiting for further guidance from the Comptroller's office regarding the Tax Cap Levy limit and are also gathering information on the projected costs for the 2013-14 school year and looking at how the District can close the projected budget gap, explaining that the District looks at Health & Safety first, then core requirements needed to prepare our students for graduation and for college and career readiness, and then non-core items which also have an important role in preparing our students for life after graduation.

Public Comment:

Keith Swank, Butch Ball, Ted Goodwin, Dan Fuller, Tom Hawks, Dianna Gentner, made statements in support of the Naples Ski Team, noting that skiing is a life-long sport and offering to help the board in finding creative ways to fund the athletic teams, also noting that it is an investment in our students as it has been shown that students who participate in extra-curricular activities are more successful in academics.

Board President William Kelly stated the board will not act in an arbitrary way in developing the budget, noting the board understands how the team feels about their sport and the board will do the best it can for all of the groups, noting the board appreciates their offer of help, adding the District will have a much better idea of the status of the budget at the next two meetings.

Howie Fleischman made statements in support of the Naples Golf Team, noting it is also a life-long sport, indicating the costs for the golf team are minimal as Reservoir Creek does not charge greens fees for the golf team to practice or for matches, noting the Golf Team has operated without a budget for two years, using a fundraiser to cover the costs of equipment such as new balls, shirts, gloves and bags so the District only pays for the coach's salary and transportation to six matches in the Suburban driven by the coach. Mr. Fleischman stated the JV team was cut last year, noting it has hurt the golf program as golf is not a sport you can jump into as a Junior, noting the students need to build up to the Varsity level.

Board President William Kelly noted that the District is part of a sports league therefore some of the decisions affecting the sports teams are determined by the league, adding at times what Naples feels is right may be outvoted by the league. Mr. Kelly commented it is a fight for the District as costs increase and funds are depleting, pointing out that NYS schools are not funded uniformly the same, noting the formula for determining school funding gives down state schools an unfair advantage, stating that downstate schools' big decision may be whether or not to buy an additional polo pony this year while our schools are struggling to maintain basic programs. Superintendent Ward suggested that what the public can do to try and help our District is to advocate at the state level by talking to our Legislators, Assemblymen, and Governor Cuomo, noting there are templates and contact information on the school website at www.naples.k12.ny.us, to use in advocating for the school, agreeing with Board President William Kelly that the culprit of our issue here is that state aid is not being distributed equitably among the school districts. Board President William Kelly stated that politicians are not interested in hearing from school administrators, school teachers or boards of education, noting the only thing the state responds to is the public, encouraging those present to take the time to send a letter out to our representatives asking them to make aid distribution fair for all of the districts so that all students have the same opportunities. Board member Mona Sage-Cardinale thanked the public for attending, stating she feels extra-curricular activities build a more well-rounded individual and is very difficult to weigh out all of the different factors as the board develops next year's budget.

Points of Interest:

Board Member Mona Sage-Cardinale stated on Valentine's Day at 5:30 p.m. on the corner of Main and Reed Streets there would be a group of people participating in the One Million Voices Across America group, unified in dancing in support of "Stop Violence towards Women".

Board Member Ronald Burke stated there was a great swim team article in the Daily Messenger with Student Representative Randon Hoselton on the front page. Secondary Principal Matthew Frahm announced that Student Representative Randon Hoselton was at the Swim Team's sectional prelims and had just set a school record in the 100 meter fly.

Superintendent Recognitions & Updates:

Todd Labarr of Watchdog Building Partners presented the monthly construction project update, stating they had a tremendous amount of demolition take place at the High School and they have started with the installation of footers and foundation walls for the new additions, noting the submittal process is starting and over the last few weeks the contractors have been trying to develop schedules that coordinate with the phasing plan, explaining that they are proposing a revised plan which would allow the kitchen preparation area and serving area to remain intact the entire time of construction, adding the revised plan would help with the sequencing in terms of construction, noting if they receive approval for the changes they will do the work on the High School kitchen over April break. Superintendent Ward stated there were some student tours of the construction site and the students were very excited to see the project.

Department Chairperson Reports:

Department Chairperson reports were presented by Liz Dormer, UPK-2nd Grade; Chris Arsenault, Grades 3 & 4; Colleen Betrus and Katie Infantino, Library Media Specialists; and Priscilla Krueger, Special Services for Grades UPK-6. (Reports attached)

Elementary Principal Kristina Saucke presented an update on the Third Grade Play, stating the play has been a wonderful extra-curricular activity which has been incorporated into the 3rd grade curriculum for a long time, noting that 3rd grade teacher Jean Becker has headed up the play for 22 years. Ms. Saucke stated that earlier this year Mrs. Becker had come to her as a representative for the 3rd grade teachers to discuss concerns about being able to continue having the third grade play, noting this is something that had been discussed over the past several years but this year it came to a head due to the following: 1) Because of the class size of 71 students they would have to have two plays as the stage is not large enough to hold all of the students at one time; 2) As the District had to reduce a Music teacher position, music teacher Julie Austin is not available to be the Musical Director of the play.; 3) The only time the cafeteria is available for practice is in the morning which conflicts with the time when the ELA & Math work is done and with all of the additional requirements the teachers felt they do not have an hour and half of each day to commit to the play. Ms. Saucke stated there is a parent group who has volunteered to head up the play as an after school activity, noting they have sent a letter home to parents looking for parent volunteers to help with a play and they are waiting to see what the parent response will be before they know if the school play will be able to be held, adding that they hope to be able to give the board an update at the March 6th meeting.

Board President William Kelly stated as our district facilities come back on line the District wants to be ready to introduce a Wellness Education program to the community so that we get the greatest community use out of all the new facilities, noting he and Board Member Ronald Burke would like board feedback on the proposed plan at the next Board of Education meeting. Board Member Ronald Burke stated this is only a draft of the proposed program and they are hoping to be able to reach every age level in the community, noting they believe the stronger the

families are, the better the academics are, and they are open to ideas from anyone for the proposed program. Mr. Burke explained that the purpose and intent of the program is to improve school performance through wellness and family support; Increase community use, access and ownership of our new school facilities; Build capacity of our school community through partnerships and use of school and community resources/agencies; Develop programs for our school community that will be economically self-sustaining; Increase community engagement and utilization at Naples Central School through an inviting environment and improved community programs in our school; and improve school and community health through expanded access to school resources and facilities.

Motion: Michael Boggs

2nd: Ronald Burke

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2013.

Voting Yes: 9

Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Motion: Mona Sage-Cardinale

2nd: Gail Musnicki

Resolved, that the Board of Education waives the requirement for Student # 113853 for school attendance through the year in which the student turns seventeen as designated in Policy 7130, on the condition that the student is attending an alternative GED program.

Voting Yes: 9

Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

Motion: Barbara Howard

2nd: Gail Musnicki

Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Business resolutions as presented:

Voting Yes: 9

Motion Carried

Voting No: 0

- Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the proposed Naples Central School 2013-2014 Calendar.
- Resolved that approval be given for the following to be declared surplus property and approval given to discard as per Policy #5250:
 - Two (2) Basketball Scoreboards with Control Panel
 - Eight (8) Metal Halide 400 W Lights
 - Sixty (60) Gallon Compressor
- Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, with no second required as per Policy #1410, hereby approves the following Policies:
 - Policy # 1730: Executive Sessions
 - Policy # 5410: Purchasing
 - Policy # 5570: Financial Accountability
 - Policy # 5660: School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)
 - Policy # 6220: Temporary Personnel
 - Policy # 7330: Searches and Interrogations of Students
- Resolved, that the 2013-2014 Budget Development Calendar is modified as presented.

Motion: Mona Sage-Cardinale
2nd: Barbara Howard

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Naples Central School District Board of Education approves the following personnel item(s) as presented:

Voting Yes: 9 Motion Carried
Voting No: 0

- Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the retirement resignation of Gerald M. Bay, Elementary Teacher, with regret, effective July 1, 2013.
- Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the request of Jack Stover, Elementary Teacher, for an extended paid sick leave of absence, beginning on February 12, 2013 for approximately two to three months.
- Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the request of Lori-Ann Chapman, Teacher Aide, for unpaid sick leave for the following dates:
January 4, 2013 – 2.25 hours February 7, 2013 – 3.25 hours
January 7-25, 2013 – 13.5 days February 4-8, 2013 – 5 days
February 1, 2013 – 3 hours
- Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the request of Darlene Patterson, Teacher Aide, for unpaid personal leave for the following dates:
February 6, 2013 – 1 Day; February 15, 2013 – 1 day; March 6, 2013 – 1 Day
- Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jennifer C. Ranney, 6613 Italy Valley Road, Naples, NY 14512 as Cleaner, at a salary of \$9.25/hour, effective February 14, 2013.
- Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Natalie Ball, 7561 County Road 12, Naples, NY 14512, as Substitute Elementary Teacher, effective February 8, 2013. The certification area and status is Childhood Education Grades 1-6, Initial; Students with Disabilities Birth-Grade 2 and Grades 1-6, Initial. Salary for this position will be Step 1 of the 2012-2013 Distribution Schedule – Bachelors. This appointment is in accordance with and subject to Education Law, the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and the by-laws of the Board of Education.
- Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Alice Buskus, 5760 Wishing Well Lane, Farmington, New York 14425 as Substitute Elementary Teacher, effective March 16, 2013 or earlier as needed, through June 30, 2013. The certification area and status is Childhood Education Grades 1-6, Initial. Salary for this position will be Step 1 of the 2012-2013 Distribution Schedule – Bachelors. This appointment is in accordance with and subject to Education Law, the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and the by-laws of the Board of Education.

Motion: Barbara Howard
2nd: Gail Musnicki

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kimberle A. Ward, approves the Consent Agenda Items as presented:

Voting Yes: 9 Motion Carried
Voting No: 0

- a. Resolved, that the Board of Education approves student placements as per the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

