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ATTICA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2012

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A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the Attica Central School District was held on January 26, 2012, at the Attica Central High School Chorus Room, 3338 E. Main Street, Attica, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Lepsch at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Lepsch-President, Mr. Kehl-Vice President, Mr. Huber, Mr. Lane, Mr. Witkowski, Mr. Mohun

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Beaver

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dziak, Miss Bissell, Mr. Hammel, Mrs. Tomidy, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Green, Mr. Spink (8:55pm), Mr. Clark, Mr. Barber, and Mrs. Breissinger.

1. John Palillo, Chief of Police in Attica introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his experience, including 25 years with the US Marshalls. Chief Palillo indicated he is available to present to the students the law enforcement process of making an arrest. He is always available to answer any questions.
2. Debra Lacey provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive Education Plan and the process it goes through to be submitted to the NYS Education Department. This plan is considered a "living plan" and will be adjusted as needed. It is a two-year process, which allows us to review and adjust our methods. Parent participation and exit criteria for levels 3 and 4 were discussed. Student choices in several of the areas were mentioned.  
**Motion by Mr. Huber, seconded by Mr. Lane, to approve the Comprehensive Education Plan.**  
Item #1112 -094      MOTION CARRIED      6-Yes; 0-No

Chief of Police – J. Palillo

Comprehensive Educ. Plan

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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CONSENT AGENDA

- Dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2012.
- Approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 12, 2012.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2011.
- Approved the senior high extra-curricular financial report dated December 2011.
- Approved the middle school extra-curricular financial report dated December 2011.
- Accepted the retirement notice, with regret, from Kyle Baker, in accordance with the Faculty Association contract, to be effective July 1, 2012.
- Accepted a resignation from David E. Lane from the Attica Central School District, to be effective January 24, 2012.
- Appointed Lawrence Seguin to the substitute cleaner list, pending NYS fingerprint clearance.
- Approved the request for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> gr. Chorus to perform at the Rochester Red Wings baseball game on May 19, 2012.
- Approved the request for the 8<sup>th</sup> gr. Book Club to two field trips associated with literacy.
- Approved the request for the National Junior Honor Society to sell ice cream sundaes at various events throughout the year.

Retire – K. Baker

Resign – D Lane

Sub Clean – L Seguin

Rochester Red Wings

8<sup>th</sup> gr. Book Club

Fundraiser – Natl JHS

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The Board decided that if an item is pulled from the Consent Agenda, it will be voted on separately. If it is not pulled, but briefly discussed for clarification it will be included in the motion for all Consent Agenda items.

Motion by Mr. Kehl, seconded by Mr. Lane, to approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed above.

Item #1112 -095 MOTION CARRIED

6-Yes; 0-No

BOARD INFORMATION	INFORMATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Financial Information: Detail Warrants, Revenue Report, Appropriation Status Report Summary, Appropriation Status Report Detail, Budget Transfer Schedule, Audit Trail Vendor Add, Audit Trail Vendor Update.</li> <li>2. Budget Calendar: Estimate Revenues – Mr. Thompson reviewed the Last Year's Governor's Run Revenue Comparison. It appears that there is a 1.06% increase in aid, which is far from the 4% we were anticipating. We are hoping that there will be some reinstatement and, keep in mind the numbers are going to change. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Dziak participated in a webinar regarding the Governor's budget and of the \$800 million for education, \$265 million is already committed to use during the current year. There is also \$250 million in competitive grants and it will be a huge effort by the legislators to release this money. Mr. Thompson indicated that the discussions with the teacher's association will be held separately for the teacher evaluation process. NYSSBA will hold its legislative breakfast in March. They are being asked to hold it earlier, so if the legislators agree, there will be time for them to help. State Aid 2012-13 Budget – these figures will change. We are continuing to promote contacting our legislators to advocate for a more equitable distribution of aid.</li> </ol>	<p>Budget</p>
BOARD DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Food Service Program – Ms. Wicks, Food Service Director gave an overview of the food service program. She indicated that when she started her goals were to get the program out of debt and to update the equipment. She indicated both of those goals have been accomplished. Ms. Wicks stated that she reviews input from many different sources, including federal regulations, school staff, health department, cooperative extension, State Education, parents and students in trying to put out a product that meets all the regulations and that the students will eat. She reviewed many dietary aspects of different items, such as sodium content, portion size, fat free milk, etc. She believes that teaching the children to make healthy choices in the elementary grades will show those students willingly making the healthy choices at the higher grade levels. She has worked with a dietician and a consultant to try new things in the cafeteria, such as the taste testing to introduce new foods to the students. Ms. Wicks indicated that the vending machine laws in NYS are the toughest in the country. She has changed the content of the machines over the years to eliminate some of the unhealthier products. It was mentioned that not all high school students are required to eat in the cafeteria, some will have extra-curricular meetings or get extra help during the lunch time periods. Ms. Wicks indicated that paperwork requires a lot of her time. Signage in the cafeteria was briefly discussed. She indicated she does keep up on new ideas and exchanges information with other school food service directors at meetings.</li> <li>2. Public Relations – Mr. Witkowski provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding public relations. It stressed good communication with everyone</li> </ol>	<p>Food Service Program</p> <p>Public Relations</p>

and promoting good will with the public. It should not be advertising. The possibility of forming a new committee was mentioned. Mrs. Lepsch suggested this be revisited at the goal setting session.

**OPEN ITEMS**

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Review of Open Items List.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

**SUPER. UPDATE**

The 2% property tax cap booklet prepared by the Empire Center for NYS Policy, was handed out. We will use these in our budget presentations. We have placed tonight's materials on the website and will commence with packets available for purchase according to FOIL at the next board meeting. It was determined a board retreat conducted by NYSSBA will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup> and will be a 6-8 hr. session. It was also determined that the board picture for the yearbook will be taken on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Reports**

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Prospect Elementary - 4<sup>th</sup> gr. Math club meets on Wednesdays after school and the 4<sup>th</sup> gr. ELA club will meet soon. Review report cards that will be going home soon. We have elementary students participating in the 2012 Upper Atlantic Regional Sport Stacking Championship Tournament this Saturday at Gates Chili High School – teachers and administrators from our district will be assisting in the management of the event.

Sheldon Elementary – The culminating activity for our fourth gr. classes unit in the integrated content areas of science, social studies, math and literacy relating to the rain forest will be a play with their interpretation of The Great Kapok Tree performed for an assembly. Mrs. Tomidy recently met with the MS/HS food service staff to update them on the efforts of our PBIS initiative and PRIDE Matrix. Survey results were shared with them and the goal was to keep them informed of our efforts and ask for their feedback.

Middle School – An important initiative in the Middle School is increasing student awareness, understanding and engagement in the NYS assessment process. Not only will this increase the buildings overall performance success, but it will assist students in planning for their High School course of study, scheduling and career investigation. As the second marking period is ending, we will be meeting to review student performance, schedule necessary parent-teacher conferences and develop action plans that will assist in continuing and improving student success.

Sr. High School – HOBY Leadership applications are being collected – one girl and one boy from 10<sup>th</sup> gr. Will be selected to represent ACS. January Regents exams are underway with January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> designated as testing only days in the High School. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual pancake breakfast will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Sr. High School FFA members will be reading to students at Prospect and Sheldon Elementary schools the week of March 19-23 for National Agriculture Week. 310 students attended the Winter Ball. Mr. Hammel indicated that a group of students supervised by Mrs. Hann are producing video announcements that are viewed by the student body on Friday mornings. The video was played.

**Motion by Mr. Witkowski, seconded by Mr. Huber, to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION for CSE/CPSE recommendations, matters concerning current litigations, and negotiations 9:18 p.m.)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Item #1112 -096

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6-Yes; 0-No**

**OPEN SESSION**

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The Board Reconvened REGULAR SESSION at 9:40 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Kehl, seconded by Mr. Witkowski, to approve the CSE/CPSE  
implementation of the CSE/CPSE recommendations from their meeting(s).  
Item #1112 -097 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No

Motion by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Huber, to adjourn the meeting (9:41 ADJOURN  
p.m.)  
Item #1112 -098 MOTION CARRIED 6-Yes; 0-No


Respectfully submitted,  
Denise L. Breissinger, District Clerk  
Board of Education  
Attica Central School District

BRIDGE

PROSPECT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Bryce Thompson, Superintendent  
Board of Education

From: Kelly L. Bissell, Principal 

Date: January 30, 2012

Re: Nurse Recommendation

After posting for the Nurse vacancy, which was created with the retirement of Cynthia Roth, we received seven applications. A review of the resumes was conducted and it was decided to interview three of the candidates. Upon contacting the three candidates to interview, one was unavailable for the interview, so the committee interviewed the other two candidates. The Superintendent then conducted interviews with these candidates.

It was determined by both the committee and the Superintendent that Melissa Dispenza be recommended for the Nurse position. Miss Dispenza holds an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing and she is a New York State Licensed Registered Nurse. She has extensive experience working in a school environment, as she has been long-term subbing in the Nurse position for the past year. During this time, Miss Dispenza has developed a positive and trustworthy rapport with our students, staff, and parents. I look forward to continuing to work with Miss Dispenza and believe that she will be a talented addition to our staff.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Mr. Bryce Thompson, Superintendent  
Board of Education

From: Kelly L. Bissell, Principal 

Date: January 30, 2012

Re: Long-term Substitute

I am pleased to recommend Miss Rachel Mackiewicz as a long-term substitute in the area of Physical Education. Miss Mackiewicz has been substituting for Mr. Michael Pasquarella in this position since December 12, 2011 and has reached 20 consecutive days. She possesses her initial teaching certificates in the areas of Physical Education, Health Education and Personal Trainer Assisting 7-12.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

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TO: MR. BRYCE THOMPSON  
RE: 2011-2012 SPRING COACHING POSITIONS AND SCHEDULE  
DATE: JANUARY 23, 2012

I am requesting Board of Education approval for the following Spring Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year.

BASEBALL  
Varsity-----Dennis Leyden  
Junior Varsity----Rob Cusmano  
Modified-----OPEN

SOFTBALL  
Varsity-----Jeff Cusmano  
Junior Varsity----Jessica Mauer  
Modified-----OPEN

GOLF  
Varsity-----Lance Bannister

TENNIS  
Varsity-----Bill Sikes  
Modified-----Barb Hoffman

TRACK  
Varsity-----Anthony Ianni  
Assistant-----Adam Landphair  
Modified-----OPEN

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*(Handwritten initials: C.S.)*

# ATTICA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mr. Bryce Thompson  
FROM: KENNETH HAMMEL, PRINCIPAL - SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
RE: Substitute Teacher Recommendation  
DATE: 2/1/12



Please accept my recommendation that Suzanne Donohue be added to the substitute teacher list pending NYS fingerprint approval. Suzanne earned her Associate's degree in Science from GCC and a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego in Psychology. She also has 9 graduate credits in Psychology from UB. Suzanne has experience working with individuals with special needs and understands developmental levels and how they impact learning. Thank you for your consideration.

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TO: Mr. Bryce Thompson  
FROM: KENNETH HAMMEL, PRINCIPAL - SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
RE: Substitute Teacher Recommendation  
DATE: 2/1/12



Please accept my recommendation that Matt Pileggi to be added to the substitute teacher list pending NYS fingerprint approval. Matt earned his bachelor's degree from Keuka College in Psychology and is currently enrolled in the School Counseling program at SUNY Brockport. Matt currently subs at Penn Yan and Holley at various grade levels. Thank you for your consideration.

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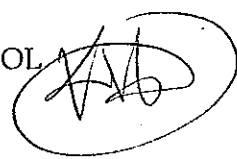
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TO: Mr. Bryce Thompson  
FROM: KENNETH HAMMEL, PRINCIPAL - SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
RE: Substitute Teacher Recommendation  
DATE: 2/1/12



Please accept my recommendation that Joseph Walsh be added to the substitute teacher list pending NYS fingerprint approval. Joseph earned his Bachelor's degree from the National Labor College in Labor Education along with graduating from UA Apprentice Instructor Training Program at Michigan State University. He has also earned credits from SUNY Millard Fillmore College and the Erie County Technical Institute. Joseph worked as the Director of Training and Apprenticeship for the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #22 and was a Journeyman Steamfitter prior to that. His vast experience would serve as an asset and a resource to our learning community. Thank you for your consideration.

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TO: Mr. Bryce Thompson  
FROM: KENNETH HAMMEL, PRINCIPAL - SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
RE: Substitute Teacher Recommendation  
DATE: 2/1/12



Please accept my recommendation that Danielle Martzolf be added to the substitute teacher list pending NYS fingerprint approval. Danielle earned her Bachelor's degree in Health/Physical Education/Coaching from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Danielle has student taught at all grades K-12 and understands the importance of fitness and sports in the educational environment. She is certified in CPR, First Aid, and Lifeguarding. Thank you for your consideration.

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January 31, 2012

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Enclosed, please find a request from Lori Bifarella to attend the WSSA Sport Stacking World Championships on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. She is requesting conference days for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> to complete this endeavor. I am in support of this request and feel that it is a positive reflection on our entire school district. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Kelly Bissell*

Kelly Bissell

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January 31, 2012

To: Kelly Bissell

From: Lori Bifarella

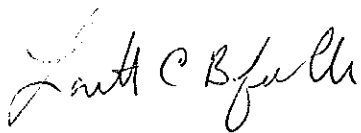
Re: 2012 WSSA Sport Stacking National Championships

Kelly;

As per our previous conversations, Pola Metz, Bob Fox and the WSSA have once again requested me to work at the 2012 Sport Stacking Championships in Colorado March 24, 25. My attendance annually completes my requirements as a member of the World Sport Stacking Association Advisory Board which allows me the opportunity to give our local students a chance to set/break world records on their home court without our local families having to incur travel expenses to go across the country to do so. I will be helping to facilitate Pre and Post tournament duties at this year's event. I would like to formally request March 22-26 to complete this venture. (3/ 22 and 3/26 are travel days)

(NOTE: The trip will be no cost to the school district)

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Bifarella". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lori Bifarella