HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – March 21, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dennis Egan, Thomas Derouchie, Stephen Dupree, William McConvey, Thomas O’Bryan, Gail Rogers Rice, Ralph Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Hallie Bond, John Swanston

OTHERS PRESENT:  Stephen Shafer, Leslie LaRose, Carol Lavoie

CALL TO ORDER:  at 7:03 PM at the North Franklin Educational Center in Malone and at the Adirondack Educational Center in Saranac Lake (conducted via videoconference)

PLEDGE TO FLAG:  was led by President Egan

BUSINESS MATTERS:
- Minutes of the regular meeting held on 2/21/13 were approved as presented.
- Treasurer’s Reports, Budget Control and Analysis of Revenue Reports for all funds for the month of February were approved as presented.

ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:12 PM to discuss negotiations with the CSEA and the Administrative unit, and the employment status of two individuals.

LEFT EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:26 PM.

PERSONNEL:
- Part-time and Occasional Employees were approved as follows:
  - Substitute – Instructional Employees (Effective upon receipt of fingerprint clearance)
    - Leigh Chapman – Teacher, Teaching Assistant
    - Patricia Healey – Teacher, Teaching Assistant
    - Brenda St. Hilaire – Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Clerical
    - Nicole White – Teacher, RN
  - Extra Program Employment
    - Kim Bruso – Special Education Teacher (Up to additional 100 hours)
    - Lori Buno-Taylor – Home/School/Community Coordinator (2 days)
  - Part-Time Teacher of the Deaf
    - Tracy Scharf (Up to 10 hours)
  - Part-Time School Psychologist
    - Julie Miller (Up to 20 hours)
    - Christopher Van Houten (Up to 20 hours)
  - Proctor Examiners
    - Tommy Marshall
    - Ashley McDonald
    - Susan Walczak
- A leave of absence was approved for Tara Ellis, Registered Professional Nurse.
Authorization was given for the District Superintendent to fill all vacancies for the 2012-13 school year:
- Cleaner 50%
- Employment and Training Assistant
- Library Media Specialist 85%
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Registered Professional Nurse (Eff. 9/1/13)
- Secretary to Program Administrator
- Teacher of the Blind and Partially Sighted
- Teaching Assistant (Eff. 9/1/13)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
- The tentative 2013-14 Budget in the amount of $20,228,408 was approved for presentation to the component school districts. Arrangements were discussed for the Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2013 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Adirondack Educational Center in Saranac Lake. The Clerk indicated she was in receipt of the following nominations for the three (3) BOCES membership vacancies for the three-year terms of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016 in connection with the Annual Election scheduled for April 16, 2013: Christine Blumberg (Long Lake CSD), Stephen Dupree (Malone CSD) and Thomas O’Bryan, (St. Regis Falls CSD)
- The 2013-14 Calendar for the FEH BOCES, the 2013-14 Non-Instructional Calendar for 12-month employees and 2013-14 Paydates were all approved.
- The Board accepted the written Claims Audit Report for the period of December 13, 2012 – March 7, 2013.
- Board Members and Administrators were authorized to attend the following awards ceremonies at the expense of the BOCES:
  - Academic Excellence Awards Banquet – June 9, 2013, Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid
  - CTE in Quadri-Lakes Area – Monday, June 10, 2013, 9:00 AM, NCCC Gymnasium
  - New Vision in Quadri-Lakes Area – Monday, June 10, 2013, 11:00 AM, Adirondack Medical Center (Redfield Room)
  - CTE in North Franklin County Area - Monday, June 10, 2013, 9:15 AM, Franklin Academy
  - New Vision Law & Government in North Franklin County Area – Thursday, June 13, 2013, 9:00 AM, Centenary Methodist Church
  - New Vision Health in North Franklin County Area – Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 10:00 AM, Alice Hyde Medical Center, Conference Room
- The Red Roof Salon in Chateaugay, NY was approved as a work site.
- A Policy Against Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment was adopted to replace the former Policy Statement on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.
- Authorization was given for the President and/or District Superintendent to sign the Agreement with NYS Department of Health in connection with the Early Intervention Services.
- Student travel was approved as follows:
  - New Vision Health (AEC) – Tour of New England Medical Centers – May 9-10, 2013, Lebanon, New Hampshire and Boston, Massachusetts
- Approval was given for disposition of BOCES personal property.
- Board Members and Administrators were authorized to attend the Bill Daggett Presentation scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2013 commencing at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Academy Auditorium in Malone.
- The Board received the results of the Fuel Oil Bid Awards for 2013-14 and approved Option Plan C (Fluctuating bid price) for both the AEC and NFEC.
- Mr. Shafer provided an update on the plans for security upgrades at both AEC/NFEC.
ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

• Leslie LaRose reported on the AEC National Technical Honor Society’s Induction Ceremony held at 6:00 PM at the AEC on Thursday, March 21, 2013.
• The Board was reminded of the upcoming Administrators Negotiations Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:24 PM

Carol J. Lavoie
District Clerk/Board of Education
3/25/13