

Roxbury Central School  
Board of Education Meeting  
March 12, 2008

A regular meeting of the Roxbury Central School District Board of Education was held on March 12, 2008.

Present: Phil Zorda, Ed Fersch, Jim Cuttita, Vic Barraclough and Will Finch.  
Superintendent: Dr. Craig G. Carr  
Principal: Thomas J. O'Brien  
Treasurer: Jean M. Menchen  
Secretary: Cherie Serrie

President Zorda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions to agenda:

1. Executive Session –
  - To discuss personnel histories and contracts for particular employees.
  - Superintendent's Evaluation

Dr. Carr acknowledged receipt of a letter of resignation from Vic Barraclough from the Board of Education, effective March 12, 2008 at 11:59 pm. Dr. Carr and the all members of the Board thanked Vic for his many years of service to the district.

Nancy Noonan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented the ONC BOCES administrative budget.

Karen Bramley (grade 2) and Kristin VanBenschoten (grade 4), gave an overview of the new reading program "Literacy by Design".

Dr. Carr led the discussion on the first public budget review. Jean Menchen reviewed additional budget items with the Board. The next public budget review will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the treasurer's report for February, 2008. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treas. Report**

Vic Barraclough moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the annual notice of public hearing, budget vote and election, as amended. (See attachment to minutes). Motion approved unanimously.

**Public Hearing Notice**

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the purchase of a Dodge Grand Caravan. Motion approved unanimously.

**Mini-Van Purchase**

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve a motion to approve refunding, adopt the refunding resolution (see attachment to minutes) and to publish the notice of estoppel (see attachment to minutes). Motion approved unanimously.

**Refunding  
Notice of Estoppel**

Vic Barraclough moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve budget transfer schedule #5 in the amount of \$7,100. Motion approved unanimously.

**Budget Transfers**

Jim Cuttita moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the bills for audit as follows:

**Bills**

	General Fund	cks	School Lunch	cks
Feb.	\$ 12,138.81	2	\$ 124.68	0
Mar.	\$ 271,023.97	75	\$ 9,034.85	14

Motion approved unanimously.

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the extra-classroom account report for February, 2008. Motion approved unanimously.

**Student Fund**

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Jim Cuttita to approve the minutes of the meeting from February 14, 2008. Motion approved unanimously.

**Minutes**

Public Comments: None

President's Report:

1. A thank you note from Brenda Hill was received for the sympathy flowers sent to her family.
2. Reminder that the "Head of the Class" meeting will be on 3/27/08 in Binghamton.
3. The BOCES annual meeting will be held on 4/1/08 at NCOC. Jim, Will, Ed, Phil and Dr. Carr are planning to attend.

Superintendent's Report:

1. The "discovered building" has been accepted at the state level. A certificate of occupancy has been issued.
2. The annual fire inspection report has been accepted by the State.
3. Dr. Carr discussed the video documentary on Dora Fowler being produced by students from SUCO for the Catskill Regional Teacher's Center.

Board Comments and Questions:

1. Vic Barraclough spoke about his years serving as a Board of Education member. The Board thanked Vic for his years of service to the school and community.
2. Ed Fersch wanted to congratulate the junior high Science Olympiad team for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the regional competition. They will now compete at the state level. Ed also wanted to congratulate the boy's varsity basketball team on the Section 4 championship and the coaches, staff, chaperones, students, bus drivers and community who showed support and sportsmanship at all games
3. On May 14, the Board of Education approved the following correction to these minutes:

Mr. Cuttita and Mr. Barraclough objected to the display of an anti-war symbol on school property because it makes a political statement.

Mr. Cuttita spoke of the anti-war and counterculture history of the symbol and asked the board to look it up. He also related his personal experience with anti-war and anti-military demonstrations during the Viet Nam war era.

Mr. Barraclough stated he was a Viet Nam veteran and knew this symbol well. Recently he saw this symbol being displayed at a demonstration in opposition to a Marine recruiting station. He said that he agreed with all that Mr. Cuttita said.

Mr. Cuttita objected to the manner in which the peace bracelets were obtained. The bracelets were not purchased but received after making a donation to a cause. He believes this to be improper and is informing the board on this matter.

Mr. Fersch stated he saw nothing wrong with the use of a peace symbol as part of an elementary school curriculum in teaching children to find ways to deal with arguments. He also said that the peace bracelets were purchased from the vendor with the lowest price.

Old Business:

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Will Finch to approve the following:

**Policies**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Roxbury Central School District is authorized by Education Law Section 1804 to adopt by-laws and policies as necessary for the effective and orderly operation of the schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has revised its policies and made certain revisions and changes thereto; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following policies as per the Erie BOCES numbering system which shall be made part of the Board's Policy manual: Policies numbered 5682, 6550, 7242, 7243, 7311, 7313 and 7314 and,

BE IT RESOLVED that the policies adopted shall supercede all previous policies adopted by the Board of Education covering the same topics. Specifically the adopted polices supercede all of or portions of policies 5311.4, 5425, 5500, 5680, 8212, 9520.3, 9520.5, 9530.2, and 9820.2, in the NYSSBA numbering system, and,

BE IT RESOLVED that in the event any policy, part of policy or section of the by-laws is judged to be inconsistent with law, inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction, or is invalidated by a policy or contract duly adopted by this Board, the remaining by-laws, policies, and parts of policies shall remain in full effect.

Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Vic Barraclough  
to approve the following personnel items:

**Personnel**

1. Rescind motion appointing Thomas Faraci and Sue Cole as golf coaches for spring, 2008.
2. Jon Barber as spring golf coach at \$1,327.00.
3. Robert Nash, Grand Gorge, NY as boy's modified baseball coach for spring, 2008 pending completion of first aide, CPR and fingerprint clearance as required by SAVE legislation, at \$1,439.

Motion approved unanimously.

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Will Finch to  
approve the following building use requests:

**Bldg. Use Requests**

- Community Chorale of Catskills (every Sunday evening beginning on 3/2/08)
- FIFA Youth Soccer – John McDaniel

Motion approved unanimously.

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Vic Barraclough  
to approve the CSE recommendations for the  
following students: # 2133, 2888, 2884, 2114, 2544,  
and 2849. Motion approved unanimously.

**CSE Recommendations**

Vic Barraclough moved, seconded by Will Finch  
to accept donation of funding to purchase AutoCAD  
LT 2008 software from Lamont Engineering.  
Motion approved unanimously.

**Auto CAD Donation**

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Will Finch moved, seconded by Ed Fersch to approve the application for a charter club for the Varsity Ski Club. Motion approved unanimously.

**Varsity Ski Club**

Will Finch moved, seconded by Ed Fersch to enter into executive session at 9:30 pm to discuss the following:

**Exec. Session**

- To discuss personnel histories and contracts for particular employees.
- Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion approved unanimously.

Ed Fersch moved, seconded by Vic Barraclough to come out of executive session at 10:33 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

**Out Exec. Session**

No action was taken during executive session.

Vic Barraclough moved, seconded by Will Finch to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

**Adjourn**

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Cherie Serrie, Secretary

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Phillip Zorda, BOE President

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Craig G. Carr, Superintendent