

**Horseheads Central School District
Work Session of the Board of Education
Multi-Media Center
High School South Wing
September 17, 2009**

Present: Apgar, Brinthaupt, Buck, Frederick, Gaylord, Holleran, Jacobus, Lively, Lynch, Strollo

Also Present: Bailey, Christiansen, Hillman, Learn, Marino, Stager, Stuart, K. Williams

Absent:

Call to Order: President Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes

Moved by Apgar, seconded by Jacobus.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Session of September 3, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education be approved by the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education as submitted.

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Board President's Remarks

President Lynch welcomed everyone from the community and the presenters to tonight's meeting. He stated after 7.1 Presentation – Schulmberger Project, the Board members will have the opportunity to ask questions which is meant for Board members only. President Lynch stated members from the public may make comments or ask questions during the Questions and Comments Public Section of the agenda. He explained the time to speak is limited to three minutes per person as it is a thirty minute topic. If necessary a motion may be made by the Board to extend it another fifteen minutes.

Agenda Changes

President Lynch stated there will be an Executive Session to review Collective Negotiations under the Civil Service Law.

Questions and Comments from the Public

Eleanor Adam, 11 Cortland Lane, commented regarding the Schlumberger Project. She asked if the roads will be able to handle the weight of the trucks and who will make the repairs and maintain the roads?

Julie Spicer, 104 Bauman Hill Terrace, inquired as to the safety and well-being of our children, particularly those who attend Ridge Road Elementary School and those who play various sports and attend physical education classes at the Holding Point Complex. She further stated Horseheads has always taken pride in their hiring of staff and has set high standards for the District which makes her wonder if the School District asked the Horseheads Village Board to not forgo the completion of an Environmental Impact Study being done on this project. Why is this not being done when it is of such a high importance to this project when there are so many hazardous waste chemicals that will be transported to and from this site? Mrs. Spicer urged the Board to ask the Village to have this study done before any further work is done in getting this up and running.

Maureen Ferrell, 336 Langdon Hill Road, Erin, stated her main concern with the Schlumberger Project is the potential threat to District students and employees in conjunction with the facility being located at the Holding Point. She is worried that the Village Trustees and the Planning Board members are being pressured to expedite the proposal by not requiring a full Environmental Impact Statement as part of the State's SEQR process.

Doug Coshner, 109 Foster Avenue, stated the Schlumberger Project has the potential to bring wealth and jobs to the community, but before this happens the Village Board needs to make sure that all bases are covered regarding the safety and health of the residents of the community, how will traffic be affected, what will the increase of toxic fumes to the atmosphere do to our children's health? Schlumberger is profit driven and has put this element before the Village trustees for recommendation. Mr. Coshner wants the Board to request copies of the plans, safety data sheets of materials that will be stored and transported to and from there along with how school nurses will be trained for the symptoms of illnesses that could result from this project.

Lori Cass, 22 Redwing Lane, urged the School Board to urge the county and the state to use the emission control devices on the trucks. She stated that whatever needs to be done to reduce any possible pollution to the water and the air supply has to be done.

Ruth Young, 204 Sayre Street, stated the young people are desperate for work therefore they are in full support of this project whereas the older age group is advocating for caution with the Schlumberger project. She felt that most of the young people who attended last week's meeting were there at the urging of the Schlumberger personnel department, the Southern Tier Economic Growth Director, the subcontractors and the Chamber of Commerce. She asked the Board to examine the Green Collar Economy and at what total cost this

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project cost the taxpayers. Why isn't the Village insisting on a Environmental Impact Assessment of this project? What will the immediate economic benefits be to the community if a Cost/Benefit analysis is completed? Why hasn't a public disclosure of the chemical used in hydraulic fracturing of the water been made public?

Susan Multer, 3005 Watkins Road, is very concerned about the health and safety of the children due to the closeness of Ridge Road School to the site where hundreds of trucks that will be going in and out of the site for years to come. Mrs. Multer encouraged the Board of Education to ask the Horseheads Trustees to demand that they have the will and courage to encourage them to put a diesel filter on the trucks.

Michael Swasta, 411 Watkins Road, is deeply concerned about the potential threat to the Horseheads students, staff and community members if this project is approved. The Board members need to look at the details and the impact on the school district, gather enough information on the project as they can about the project to make an informed decision. He stated that the Board needs to contact the counterparts and other school districts across the country to learn how their community was impacted by such a project. He stated the Board needs to engage in problem solving, investigate how this project will affect our water supply, how it will affect Storm Water Management, what will the on-going review process consist of and has the assessment of impacts on the community and its residents been thoroughly reviewed?

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Frederick.

RESOLVED, that the Questions and Comments Section of the Meeting be extended for another fifteen minutes which approved by the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education. The session will conclude at 7:50 PM.

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There were no more questions or comments from the public.

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Awards, Honors and Recognition

Superintendent Ralph Marino recognized the following honors and achievements:

- The following students for reading an incredible number of pages this past summer as part of the Intermediate School's 2nd Annual Dr. Skill's Summer Reading Challenge: Abbey Whitney, who read 3,983 pages and won the grand prize in the challenge.
 - o Meghan Thomas – 3,894 pages
 - o Matt Labato – 3,021 pages
 - o Matthew Salisbury – 2,526 pages
 - o Ashley Thomas – 1,308 pages

Adult challenge winners:

- o Jan Przybylski – 7,348 pages
 - o Janet Nykiel – 7,251 pages
 - o Marty Strong(also known as Dr. Skills) – 5,145 pages
- Superintendent Marino stated he is very impressed with these results.
- The High School Marching Band's percussion group for leading the parade at Strong Kids Safe Kids event at the Chemung County Fairgrounds in August. He is very proud of them.
 - Fifth-grader Brian Brigham's heroics this summer. Brian saved a three-year old boy from drowning. Superintendent Marino is very proud of him for putting his own safety aside to save this little boy.
 - Board Member Mary Anne Holleran noted that she attended one of the Intermediate School's presentations on expectations. She stated it was an excellent presentation.

Presentations

George Miner and Glen Harvey, along with officials from Chemung County, the Village of Horseheads and Bergmann Associates(Schlumberger's Engineering Firm) provided the Board and the public with information regarding the Schlumberger Project. The overview of the project consisted of what Schlumberger does and does not do, the process the trucks use to enter and exit the site, the traffic pattern of the truck traffic along with the pattern of the public, water safety, the handling and storage procedure for explosives and radioactive materials, the wetlands, wildlife and the community. Noise impact and air quality assessment along with the State Environmental Quality Review Act(SEQR) were reviewed.

President Brian Lynch thanked the officials for providing the Board and the public with a very thorough report. He stated that he, Board Member Mark Brinthaup and the Superintendent toured the facility. One of his concerns was the possibility of trains being used and what would the cars carry. He would also like to have MSD sheets for all the chemicals that would be involved in this project.

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He also inquired as to what type of action plan is there in the case of an explosion. Emergency Management Director Mike Smith stated his office has been very much involved in this project. Chemung County has an emergency plan that deals with hazardous material response plan. The Horseheads Fire Department has received a list of the MSD sheets and has reviewed them and worked very closely with the Village of Horseheads and the County. He further stated that Ridge Road and Wygant Road will not be used by the trucks. Also the Environmental Impact Study is not being required because the engineers have provided the county with a very thorough study exceeding the requirements of an Environmental Impact Study.

Board Member Mary Beth Frederick stated the Emergency Plan the county had been provided with sounds reasonable. She inquired as to the transportation of the chemicals and if they are now being done on a daily basis. Mike Smith stated it isn't any different than when couriers take radiological chemicals to and from doctor offices on a daily basis. The only difference would be trucks transporting in mass quantities.

Board Member Jim Jacobus wanted to know how many trains per day or week will travel through the Village. Presently, it is estimated there will be at least twenty a week but this will be determined based on the delivery schedule. Board Member Jacobus is concerned as this will affect the High School's use of the fields during gym class as the students have to cross the tracks to have access to the fields. He is very concerned for the student's safety when crossing the tracks and the possibility of a student being hit by a train.

Vice-President Michael Buck stated his largest concern centers around the Environmental Impact Study. He inquired as to the process that would be left to put this study together before the project is given final approval. It was stated there is a set schedule that needs to be followed such as meetings(at least 2) have to be advertised and held. Schlumberger has met all the requirements of an Environmental Impact Study in the paperwork that has been provided to the Village and the County. Vice-President Buck asked if this is a way of avoiding those apparent simple steps that need to be taken because of the possible fear of the unknown results. The agencies have not demanded it so it has not been done. If it were to be done, it could take at least eight months to a year to complete which is the reason Schlumberger provided the Village and the County with a full and very comprehensive report of the project. Horseheads Mayor Don Zeigler stated Schlumberger will be presenting to the Horseheads Village Board on September 21st at which time the Board will then make a determination within a two-week period its final decision.

President Brian Lynch thanked the officials and engineers for presenting the Board with a very thorough presentation of the Schlumberger Project.

Superintendent’s Report

Update on the District Initiatives

Superintendent Ralph Marino presented the Board with an Update on the District Initiatives. The Long-Term Strategic Planning Process will be completed December 2009. Curriculum Mapping(Pre-K-12th) – some was done over the summer with the creation or revision of maps. The Special Education Program Review is going really well. There are no changes. Office of Student Services Efficiency Study is moving forward with additional work with Dr. Walmsley. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Program Review is in process. The Superintendent and Virginia attended a meeting on this review earlier today. Technology – the wireless project is completed. Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten Pilot is on-going. The Transportation Department Software is fully operational and working well. A great relationship has been built with BOCES. A plan needs to be in place by July 1, 2012 regarding the Response to Intervention(RTI) Task Force. Comprehensive ELA Approach/Process/Program, Pre-K-6, Common Quarterly Benchmark Assessments, PreK-8 have a tentative completion date of September 2013. The Student Management Software System form SASI to School Tool Program has a tentative completion date of July 1, 2011. The Professional Learning Community and Instructional Leadership met on June 29th and August 29th to bring teachers and leaders up to date. Completed Initiatives include the Early Childhood Task Force, Pre-K through 8th Grade Differentiated Curriculum Task Force for Higher-Level Learning, Student Extracurricular Activities Code of Conduct, \$15.3 Million Capital Project, Student-Athlete Code of Conduct Only(15 Pages) and the School District Picture RFP. Future Initiatives include District-Wide Shared Decision-Making Team Pilot.

Report on the First Two Weeks of School

Superintendent Ralph Marino stated it has been a fantastic two weeks of school. Last week went really, really well. The transportation has been remarkable considering the size of the District and that there is 100% bussing for all students.

School Readiness Program(SRP) County-Wide Presentation

Superintendent Ralph Marino stated the meeting on September 29th has been cancelled due to needing more clarity from Washington on finances.

President’s Report

Revised List of Presentation Topics for the Second Board Meeting of Each Month

Moved by Apgar, seconded by Stollo.

RESOLVED, that the Presentation Topics for the Second Board Meeting of each month be approved by the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Board President Brian Lynch brought the Presentation Topics for the second Board Meeting of each month to the Board for final approval. He stated Summer School has been moved to the October 22nd meeting and Schlumberger Project was added to tonight's meeting.

Appointing of the Voting Delegate and Alternate to the 2009 NYSSBA Annual Meeting

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Brinthaup.

RESOLVED, that Board Member Rose Apgar be appointed by the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education as the Voting Delegate to the 2009 NYSSBA Annual Meeting.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Board President Brian Lynch brought the appointment of Rose Apgar as the Voting Delegate to the 2009 NYSSBA Annual Meeting to the Board for Board action.

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Strollo.

RESOLVED, that Board Member Mary Ann Holleran is appointed by the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education as the Voting Delegate Alternate to the 2009 NYSSBA Annual Meeting.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Board President Brian Lynch brought the appointment of Mary Ann Holleran Alternate as the Voting Delegate to the 2009 NYSSBA Annual Meeting to the Board for Board action.

Board of Education Mid-Year Retreat Date

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Board of Education’s Mid-Year Retreat that is scheduled for January 14, 2010, from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Multi-Media Center, High School South Wing.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Board President Brian Lynch brought to the Board for Board action the date of January 14, 2010, from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Multi-Media Center, High School South Wing, as the Board of Education Mid-Year Retreat.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Update on H1NI Planning Efforts

Tony Stager, BOCES Health and Safety Specialist, updated the Board on plans and preparations to battle the H1N1 (swine flu) virus. District officials attended a meeting with the Chemung County Health Department and other schools earlier in the day which was a follow-up to a larger meeting that was held this summer. They discussed the logistics of offering free immunization clinics in the county’s schools. Tony also reported that elementary school nurses have been visiting classrooms to review proper hygiene procedures with students. Messages and information are also being shared with secondary students on TV screens in schools. Human Resources Director Judy Christiansen stated the nurses continue to go into each of the classrooms to focus on hand washing in order to prevent the spread of germs. Superintendent Marino stated he will send a letter to the parents regarding the flu with the process of how students will be vaccinated.

MST Connect Summer Science Fair

Assistant Superintendent Alice Learn gave an update on MST Connect, a regional collaboration among schools, higher education and BOCES to promote interest in math, science and technology. This summer, the second Regional Summer SciFair was held and the group has begun offering after-school SciFairs in spring and the fall. Last spring, twenty-two students in grades 5-8 participated in the first after-school offering.

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High Teach High School(Jay Hillman)

Director of Secondary Education Jay Hillman reported on the work of the design team for a regional High Tech High School. Their goal is to create a four-year technical high school. Representatives from BOCES, school districts and higher education groups including Cornell, Alfred University and Cornell are participating on the design team. Both Jay and High School Guidance Department Chairperson Mary Ann Schmitt are part of the design team as well. He stated the goal of the school is to prepare students to go on to college or to go into the work force.

School Business Administrator’s Report

Increase in Appropriations(RE: Teaching American History Seminar)

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Frederick.

WHEREAS, the appropriation expenditure for fiscal year 2009-2010 was approved and set on May 19, 2009.....AND.....

WHEREAS, the Horseheads Central School District has insufficient appropriated expenditures for this service.....THEREFORE.....

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2009-2010 budget be increased by \$13,662.00 and this increase be funded by the reimbursement to revenue code A980-2705.

The appropriation for the following codes should be increased:

A2110-99-0131	\$13,662.00	Secondary Instructional Summer Work
A980-2705	\$13,662.00	Revenue – Donation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District authorize the expenditure of the sums set forth in the budget in the total amount of \$68,4563,956.02.....AND.....

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such changes in appropriations become effective September 17, 2009.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Business Administrator Michael Stuart stated the Horseheads Central School District received \$13,662.00 from Jamestown City School District for participation in the Teaching American History seminar. Fourteen of our secondary teachers participated in this federally-funded project July 6-10, 2009. The grant provides a teacher stipend for our District at a rate of \$33.00 per hour up to 30 hours at the summer seminar.

Treasurer’s Reports(June and July)

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Frederick.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the June and July Treasurer’s Reports as submitted.

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Business Administrator Michael Stuart brought the June and July Treasurer’s Reports to the Board for Board action. Director of Human Resources Judy Christiansen stated on the second page of the report the rate of \$33.00 per hour is the contractual rate, whereas, on the back page the \$29.00 per hour is the actual amount.

Treasurer’s Reports(June and July)

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Frederick.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the June and July Treasurer’s Reports as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Business Administrator Michael Stuart brought the June and July Treasurer’s Reports to the Board for Board action.

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Extra-Curricular Treasurer’s Reports(High School and Middle School)

Moved by Brinhaupt, seconded by Frederick.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Extra-Curricular Treasurer’s Reports(High School and Middle School) as submitted.

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Business Administrator Michael Stuart brought Extra-Curricular Treasurer’s Reports(High School and Middle School) to the Board for Board action.

Director of Human Resources Report

Director of Human Resources Judy Christiansen stated there isn’t a report.

Director of Student Services Report

Special Education Review Update

Director of Student Services Kim Williams updated the Board on the Student Services Office’ reorganization and the on-going implementation of curriculum-based measures by special education teachers. She stated Kelly Squires and Theresa Woodworth are in full swing. They had their first CSE meetings last week and are doing a good job. The Nurse’s Team is going to all the faculty meetings to talk about the CIM process.

Student Representative’s Report

Update on High School Activities

Senior Nicole Gaylord, this year’s student representative on the Board, gave a report on events that are occurring at the High School. She reported on the success of the second annual Freshman First Day, picture day, parents’ night and the senior magazine sales. She stated the quota for the magazine sales is \$510 per student with a class goal of \$132,010.

Legislative Liaison Report

Chair Rose Apgar reviewed the proposed 2009 Resolutions to be discussed and voted on at the New York State School Boards Association annual conference in October.

Report from the Visitation Committee

Chair Rose Apgar stated there is no report.

Report from the Athletic and Extra-Curricular Committee

Chair Mark Brinthaup stated there is no report.

Report from the Audit Committee

Internal Audit Corrective Action Plan

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Stollo.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Internal Audit Corrective Action Plan as submitted.

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Chair Mary Beth Frederick brought the Internal Audit Corrective Action Plan to the Board for Board action. The next meeting will be held on October 8th at 6:00 PM.

Report from the Finance Committee

Chair Jim Jacobus stated the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's Board Meeting and reviewed all the items under Agenda Item 11 the School Administrator's Report. The Committee continues to discuss the five-year project financial plan. High School Principal Karen Donahue has been invited to the next meeting to present some ideas as to what to do with the excess funds from the Senior Class.

Report from the Outcomes and Assessment Committee

Chair Michael Buck stated the Committee discussed Data Dashboard, an on-line data source, AP results were reviewed and plans to move forward on the Pre-K/Kindergarten Review.

Report from the Planning and Development Committee

Chair Pam Stollo stated the first meeting will be held on October 6th at 4:00 PM.

Report from the Policy Referral/Review Committee

Chair Mary Beth Frederick stated policies will be presented at the next Board meeting for their first reading.

Questions/Comments from Board Members

Board Member Mary Beth Frederick inquired if the DataDash Board information will be publicized in a newsletter or put on the network for public access.

President Brian Lynch stated the website will be the first place it will be put. She also stated the Open House that Sue Carney held at the Middle School was very impressive.

President Brian Lynch stated there was a lot of information shared at tonight's presentations and stated as a Board we are not able to directly act on the project. However, we can discuss it and is something that we need to stay up to date on. We also need to be diligent with any questions that we have that pertain to our school community.

Adjournment

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Frederick.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting adjourned from its Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:16 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Moved by Frederick, seconded by Jacobus

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting go into Executive Session at 9:20 PM.

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Moved by Frederick, seconded by Jacobus.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting adjourns from Executive Session at 9:42 PM and reconvene to the Public Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:43 PM.

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Moved by Brinthaup, seconded by Frederick.
RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education adjourns from the Public Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:44 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Respectfully Submitted By:

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District Clerk

