

LYNCOURT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 9, 2008  
6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Lawrence Salamino called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held in the Library Media Center Board Room.

Present: Lawrence Salamino, Julia Rivero, David Florczyk, Michael Leonardo and Joseph Tartaro.

Absent: None

Also Present: Michael Schiedo, Superintendent  
James Austin, Principal  
James Stevens, School Business Administrator  
Katie Mahoney, Lyncourt Director of Special Education

Visitors: Heather Resseguie, Lyncourt teacher  
Nick Bova, Lyncourt teacher  
Ryan Bolsei, Lyncourt teacher  
Marlene Beyers, Lyncourt teacher  
George Vasilev, Lyncourt teacher  
Jeanette Finocchiaro, Lyncourt teacher  
Jennie Prunner, Lyncourt resident  
Brenda Johns, Lyncourt teacher

Approve Addendum to Agenda and Make it Part of Official Order of Business. There was no addendum to the agenda.

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At this point in the meeting, Michael Schiedo was sworn in as the Superintendent of Schools for the Lyncourt Union Free School District. District Clerk James Stevens administered the oath.

**"I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Superintendent of the Lyncourt Union Free School District to the best of my ability."**

## II. Public Comments

The Lyncourt Union Free School District Board of Education welcomes and encourages public input and comments. Board meetings are open meetings held in public, but are not public meetings in the sense of traditional town meetings. The Board accepts and understands its obligation to represent and to listen to the community. As such, specific times for public comments are offered at the beginning and near the end of every Board meeting. Members of the public are also encouraged to contact Board members before or after board meetings to express concerns. The Board reserves the right to encourage or exclude comment at any other time. Public comments, at Board meetings, are welcomed within a controlled forum format, as facilitated by the Board President, which does not permit open discussion of confidential issues, such as, but not limited to, student discipline and personnel performance. Issues of a confidential nature would be forwarded to the superintendent for further review and response.

There were no public comments at this time.

## III. Consent Agenda

**MOTION** made by Julia Rivero, seconded by Joseph Tartaro, the following resolutions were offered:

- A. Minutes
  - 1. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on August 5, 2008.
  - 2. Approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education on August 19, 2008.
- B. Financial
  - 1. Approve the Claims Auditor Report for Warrants #2009002 - 2009009.
  - 2. Approve the July Treasurer's Report.
  - 3. Approve the 2007-2008 Year-to-Date Budget Reports.
  - 4. Information: 2007-2008 Year-to-Date Revenue Status Reports.
  - 5. Approve the 2008-2009 Year-to-Date Budget Reports.
  - 6. Information: 2008-2009 Year-to-Date Revenue Status Reports.

VOTE:

AYES - 5

NAYS - 0

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**IV. Educational Presentation**

A. New Faculty Introductions: James Austin

Principal James Austin introduced the following individuals who are newly employed as teachers and/or teaching assistants in the school district. Each person addressed the Board and shared with them their personal and educational backgrounds and goals, as well as their interests. They are all very glad to be at Lyncourt and they are very impressed with the school district. These individuals are Heather Resseguie, Nick Bova, Ryan Bolsei, Marlene Byers, Jeanette Finocchiaro and Brenda Johns

B. Opening Day: James Austin

James Austin described the events of the Opening Day stating that it went smoothly. He met with the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and discussed the expected code of conduct with them. James is very impressed with the spirit of cooperation and solidness of the administrative team at Lyncourt. He also informed the Board that a fire drill was conducted on Monday, September 8, and that it went well.

**V. Old Business**

A. CNYSBA 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: September 24, 2008 – Information/Discussion

Superintendent Michael Schiedo initiated discussion about the upcoming CNYSBA dinner meeting which will be held at OCC with Debbie Sydow, Ph.D., President of OCC as the guest speaker. District attendees will be Julia Riverso, David Florczyk, Michael Leonardo, Joseph Tartaro and Michael Schiedo.

**VI. New Business**

A. Voting Delegate: October 18, 2008, NYSSBA Annual Meeting – Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo discussed the selection of the voting delegate for the NYSSBA Annual Meeting which is being held in New York City. Lyncourt will not be sending a representative(s). Convention voting was discussed. Board members need to be present and there is no proxy or electronic voting. Julia Riverso commented that this is because motions can be changed during the voting process, and voting members need to be present to assure proper procedure.

B. St. Daniel Request – Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo discussed with the Board the St. Daniel Request to put a message on the Lyncourt UFSD sign located in the front lawn of the school. This request was denied consistent with not allowing any other organizations to put messages on the board. It was agreed upon that only school related messages be displayed on the sign.



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B. Buildings & Grounds Preparation Update – Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo updated the Board about the Buildings and Grounds school preparation process. Staff worked 10 hour days during the week before school, with 4 hours of work being done on Labor Day. 27 classrooms were painted during the summer. Landscaping work is being done to the front of the school—this work includes pruning, edging of the planting beds, freshening the mulch with black mulch, lawn and sidewalk edging work and changes in some plantings. Michael Alexander, Custodian II, began employment with the school district on August 11.

C. New Teacher/Staff Orientation – Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo discussed with the Board the new teacher/staff orientation which was held on Thursday, October 28. This went very well, and the new employees enjoyed their day at Lyncourt UFSD.

D. Enrollment – Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo discussed the enrollment report in the Board packet. Total enrollment, including PRE-K is at 351. Discussion ensued about the impact of the PRE-K program upon incoming kindergarten students. Teachers have observed that students who have attended PRE-K are very well prepared for academics and easily adjust to the school routine.

E. 2008 Fall Conference: October 5-7, 2008: Information/Discussion

Michael Schiedo will be out of the school district on October 5-7. This is the annual NYSCOSS conference in Saratoga.

**VIII. Board Members' Reports**

A. Member Reports

1. Legislative Liaison
2. Budget Committee

There were no Board Member reports.

B. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed at this time.



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**XII. Personnel**

**MOTION** by Joseph Tartaro, seconded by David Florczyk, to accept personnel recommendation 1 through 17.

1. The superintendent recommends the acceptance of the resignation (for retirement purposes) of Charles Huff, from the position of Custodial Worker I, effective September 1, 2008.
2. The superintendent recommends the acceptance of the resignation of Stephanie Sisto from the position of Special Education Teaching Assistant, effective August 25, 2008.
3. The superintendent recommends the change in position of Walter Zielinski from Custodial Worker II to Custodial Worker I, effective September 1, 2008, at an hourly rate of \$14.38 and \$1.00 extra per hour for the appointment of night supervisor.
4. The superintendent recommends a 1.0399 increase in Sarah Greenway's (ESL Teacher) hourly per diem rate to \$32.64, effective September 2, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year.
5. The superintendent recommends the appointment of Kathy Solorzano to the position of full-time Probationary Teaching Assistant, effective September 2, 2008, at the 2008-2009 hiring rate, per the LTA contract with the full-time salary being \$20,398. Kathy's probationary period will run from September 2, 2008 through and including June 30, 2011.
6. The superintendent recommends the appointment of Katie Modafferi to the position of full-time Probationary Teaching Assistant, effective September 2, 2008, at the 2008-2009 hiring rate, per the LTA contract with the full-time salary being \$20,831. Katie's probationary period will run from September 2, 2008 through and including June 30, 2011.
7. The superintendent recommends the appointment of Kelli-Marie Sampo to the position of full-time Probationary Teaching Assistant, effective September 2, 2008, at the 2008-2009 hiring rate, per the LTA contract with the full-time salary being \$20,831. Kelli-Marie's probationary period will run from September 2, 2008 through and including June 30, 2011.
8. The superintendent recommends the appointment of Nancy Beil to the position of certified substitute Nurse/Teacher, effective September 3, 2008, for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.
9. The superintendent recommends the conditional appointment of Ginger Anson to the position of certified substitute teacher, effective September 9, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.

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10. The superintendent recommends the conditional appointment of Lindsey Bellosa to the position of certified substitute teacher, effective September 9, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.
11. The superintendent recommends the conditional appointment of Mary Capria to the position of non-certified substitute teacher, effective September 9, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.
12. The superintendent recommends the conditional appointment of Samantha Limppert to the position of certified substitute teacher, effective September 9, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.
13. The superintendent recommends the conditional appointment of Sarah Oster to the position of non-certified substitute teacher, effective September 9, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.
14. The superintendent recommends the conditional appointment of Sarah Ricker to the position of certified substitute teacher, effective September 9, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.
15. The superintendent recommends the conditional appointment of Kimberly A. Smith to the position of certified substitute teacher, effective September 9, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.
16. The superintendent recommends the conditional appointment of Emily Soule to the position of certified substitute teacher, effective September 9, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$80.00 per day worked.
17. The superintendent recommends the appointment of Charles Huff to the position of substitute Custodial Worker I for the 2008-2009 school year, at his current pay rate as of August 31, 2008.

VOTE:

AYES - 5

NAYS - 0

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**XIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION** by David Florczyk, seconded by Julia Rivero, to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

VOTE:

AYES - 5

NAYS - 0

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Stevens  
District Clerk