

MINUTES OF THE  
April 21, 2008

SPECIAL MEETING  
of the  
**Berne-Knox-Westerlo CSD**  
**Board of Education**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District was held on April 21, 2008, in the District Office.

Members Present:     Maureen Sikule (arrived at 7:19 a.m.)                     Jack Harlow  
                              Helen Lounsbury   Michelle Fusco

Member Absent:     Joan Adriance

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mr. Harlow at 7:15 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Schrade led all present in the pledge of allegiance.

**Discussion on BOCES Administrative Budget and Board Candidates**

Motion was made by Mrs. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Lounsbury that be it resolved that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$6,846,312.00 during the school year 2008-09, and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law. Motion was carried. 3 yes.

Mr. Schrade clarified the voting on the election for BOCES Board Members.

Motion was made by Mrs. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Lounsbury to cast one vote for Mr. John Phelan for Member to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Board of Education for a three year term. Motion was carried. 3 yes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Fusco, seconded by Mrs. Lounsbury to cast one vote for Mr. John Yagielski for Member to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Board of Education for a three year term. Motion was carried. 3 yes.

Mrs. Sikule arrived at 7:19 a.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lounsbury, seconded by Mrs. Fusco to accept the attached petitions for two (2) Members of the Board of Education for three year terms from Maureen Sikule, Edward Ackroyd, and Sean O'Connor, to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2008.

Mr. Harlow votes yes.

Mrs. Lounsbury votes yes.

Mrs. Fusco votes yes.  
Mrs. Sikule abstains.  
Motion was carried.

### **Budget Revision Proposal**

Mr. Schrade stated that the State Aid allotment for our District came in lower than anticipated.

Mr. Schrade and Mr. Holmes felt compelled to cut expenditures from the recently adopted 2008-2009 budget, in order to maintain the 1.95% tax levy. Recommended reductions in the area of general support and BOCES services of approximately \$118,611 were presented to the Board. Mr. Schrade and Mr. Holmes detailed the changes, spoke of fund balance, cautious spending next year, and plan of action. Discussion on the potential effect on students, program and staffing ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Harlow, seconded by Mrs. Fusco to amend the motion adopting the proposed 2008-2009 Budget to read: to adopt the 2008-2009 proposed Budget of \$20,347,546.00, which constitutes a 5.26% budget increase and a 1.95% tax levy increase, to be voted upon May 20, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Motion was carried. 4 yes.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Mrs. Lounsbury, seconded by Mrs. Sikule that the meeting adjourn. Motion was carried. 4 yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 a.m.

Denise J. Martin  
District Clerk