

Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany BOCES
School Library System
Council Minutes
September 23, 2009
Campbell-Savona HS
1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Present: Terry Pullman, Arkport Central; MaryAlice Kilbourne, Avoca Central; Julie Feenaughty, Canisteo-Greenwood Central; Robin Robarge, Corning-Painted Post City Schools; Annelise O'Hara, Elmira City Schools; Judy Sell, Horseheads City Schools; Michelle Bombard, Notre Dame School; Allison Farmer, Spencer-Van Etten Central; Maggie Edgley, Watkins Glen Central; Lori Brown, Southern Tier Library System, and Lisa Seivert, NY State Education Department

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Annelise O'Hara at 1:15 PM. Stephanie Wilson welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table.

Due to Jennifer Worden no longer serving as librarian at St. Ann's School in Hornell, Council needed to fill the non-public vacancy to complete the term ending in 2010. Michelle Bombard from Notre Dame High School in Elmira has been appointed to fill the vacancy. We thank her for being willing to serve on Council.

Linda Braun, an educational technology consultant, will be presenting her keynote address, "Libraries, Technology and Literacy a Trio Made to Succeed" at the Librarian/Administrator breakfast on October 13, 2009. Her workshop presentation, "A School Librarians' Technology Toolbox for Supporting Student Literacy" will be the focus of her workshop for the remainder of the day.

Our staff development day and next Council meeting previously scheduled for February 10th needed to be moved due to the change in New York State testing and scoring. **The date has now been changed to February 24, as the week of February 15 is scheduled as winter break for a majority of districts.** More information regarding the workshop will be distributed as it becomes available. March 22nd will be our third Council meeting beginning at 8:00AM followed by a day long workshop with Kathleen Odean and our final workshop and Council meeting is **tentatively** scheduled for May 19 at 8:00 AM followed by a day long workshop with Starr LaTronica.

Part of the 09-10 budget has been released; Operating Aid was released in September. There is still question as to when the Categorical and Supplemental Aid will be released. Stephanie shared an email that there was still a chance the Governor could reconvene the Legislature and ask for more cuts in funding for the 09-10 school year. Stephanie explained that with the current budget foregoing any additional cuts we are now at pre-1990 funding levels.

Lisa Seivert was asked about the rollover funds being available at this time. She explained that because they were allocations from last year they should be available at

this time for expending. She reminded everyone that rollover funds could only be used in Code 40-Purchased Services, Code 45-Supplies & Materials and Code 20-Equipment & Furnishings. Rollover can not be used for salaries and benefits.

The following committee report updates were given: Resource Coordination, Stephanie Wilson (for Deb Miller); Technology, Maryalice Kilbourne; Special Clients, Robin Robarge; Continuing Education, Terry Pullman; Advocacy, Lise O'Hara.

Lisa Seivert gave an overview of the structure of Library Materials Aid. The current amount per pupil is \$6.25. Library Materials Aid is found in sections 711 and 712 in Education Law and is an auditable line. Stephanie stated that she chaired the Library Materials Aid Committee at the Library Summit in Albany, June 29, 30, 2009. Three action steps were recommended by the committee:

- “By January 2010, NYSED will issue guidance material to clarify the use of Library Materials Aid (LMA), for statewide dissemination. NYSED will call upon NYLA, SLMS, and SLSA to promote dissemination of LMA information.”
- “By August 2010, NYSED will develop a brief exploring the feasibility of a NYSED audit of Library Materials Aid.”
- By September 2010, NYSED, in collaboration with NYLA, SLMS, and SLSA, will develop and support a formula for an increase in Library Materials Aid; this increase, after and above the current 100% \$6.25 reimbursement per pupil for all districts, will be wealth adjusted up to \$18 reimbursable per student (based upon NY State 2005-2006 low-spending successful school district data).”

Lisa Seivert was asked about districts who choose not to spend the money or not to release the money to the librarians. She said currently this is a local issue and should be dealt with at the district level.

All multiple book copy requests are to be sent directly to the librarian who will notify the classroom teacher the books have arrived. The librarian is responsible for signing out the books and then collecting them when the students are finished with them. This will alleviate any problems of trying to identify who has lost their book or who a damaged book belongs to. All books will be replaced by the SLS office. We do not want replacement copies or cash sent to the office. Replacement of lost books will be billed by the business office to the school and then the process will be turned over to the School Library System.

All inter-library loan books should go through the system so that we have accurate statistics to report on our Annual Report to the state. Loaning between schools within a district should still use the system for delivery and accountability purposes. Please also note that any materials you borrow for school use through your public library should also be written down and sent quarterly to Kelli Edwards at the SLS.

All Cooperative Collection Development ordering must be received by the SLS no later than February 12, 2010. After this date all money not encumbered will be returned back to the district's general fund at the end of the 09-10 school year.

Stephanie encouraged everyone to use the NOVELNY, TeachingBooks.net, the new ASCD resources, e-books from Gale, databases from South Central Regional Library Council and the Southern Tier Library System as these are provided free of charge by various agencies across the state including the GST BOCES School Library System. Because of funding cuts, Stephanie will be monitoring usage statistics to determine the feasibility of renewing these resources.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wilson
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