

# ***BOARD BRIEFS***

January 21, 2004

The second meeting of the month of the Dryden Central School Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, in the Library of the Middle School/High School located on Route 38 in the Town of Dryden. Members present: J. Curatolo, R. Dickinson, T. Edgecomb, C. Gibbons, B. June, K. LaMotte, D. Mott, A. Young. Also present: Dr. Archambault, District Administrators, 12 District Employees, 5 community members, 3 members of the press.

## **REPORTS AND COMMENTS -**

1. The Board asked for a moment of silence in memory of Jonathan Newbury, a Dryden home schooled student who recently passed away.
2. The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter of resignation from Larry Chase and expressed appreciation for his years of service on the Board.
3. Bernie Donegan, the District's Financial Advisor, reviewed estimates of the local tax impact for a possible music room/science room/modular replacement project.
4. Tom Caruso, of Christa Construction, gave projected construction cost estimates for a possible music room/science room/modular replacement project as well as a summary of capital projects.
5. Leslie Whitcomb, Middle School Dean of Students, gave an overview of Curriculum Mapping and how it is being implemented in the district. This is a process of articulating and monitoring what is being taught.
6. Paula Thoma, Cassavant and Freeville Principal, discussed attendance boundaries for next year's entering kindergartners. Her recommendation, as well as that of Dryden Primary Principal Deb Cox, is to hold to the attendance area for each school. Board members agreed to support this recommendation if arrangements can be made so Freeville students can take advantage of the Cassavant before school care program. David Fuller, Transportation Supervisor, will provide cost estimates for transportation to and from the Cassavant before school program.
7. Tim Kirkpatrick, DFA Vice-President, spoke about DFA concerns about Curriculum Mapping.
8. Dr. Archambault, Superintendent, spoke about needs assessment, the recent New York State Superintendents Conference, and information on the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). The impact of meeting the regulations regarding paraprofessionals is being examined by Paula Thoma, Deb Cox, and Mary Clare Pennello.
9. Dr. Archambault announced that Roger Fidele of the Glens Falls City School District has been offered and accepted the position of Middle School Principal. He will assume his position no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.
10. Tricia Edgecomb, Board Member, represented the Board at the recent TAB (Teachers, Administrators, Board) meeting and was asked by Middle School staff to convey to the Board their appreciation for allowing the full participation of Middle School staff and parents in the interview process and being respectful of their opinions.
11. Teresa Carnrike, Business Manager, shared state aid information she received Tuesday as a result of the Governor's proposed budget. It appears that the proposed state budget includes approximately \$30,000 in additional money for our operating budget. The additional announced state aid is building aid that is expected and already planned.
12. David Rutherford and Mary Ellen Bossack reported on the work of the APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review) Committee.
13. Doug Premo, Dryden 3-5 Principal, gave an update on the work of the Character Education Committee. Parents, staff, and students are encouraged to complete the Character Education survey that is on the District web site.

14. The Board talked about establishing a NCLB Ad Hoc Committee that would include Board members, Union representatives, Teachers, and Administrators.
15. The Board shared information on the Superintendent Search process. They will meet with the search consultant on January 26<sup>th</sup> to develop a time line of activities. Those interested in participating in the search process are encouraged to give their names to Rachel Dickinson or Linda Carr.
16. Rachel Dickinson shared a request from District residents Joe and Julie Graham to have the school district line altered so their home is in the Groton Central School District. Board members agreed that they should not alter district boundary lines.
17. Board members reported on the recent Advisory Education Committee, Policy Committee, and T-S-T School Boards Association meetings. The TAB Committee report was postponed.
18. Donna Mott, Board Vice-President, shared a recommendation from the Advisory Education Committee for more Advanced Placement courses at the High School.
19. Board members discussed their options for the vacant Board seat. They decided that they would keep the seat vacant until the May election. It was also suggested that the Board consider changing to a seven member Board. This requires voter approval. The Board will discuss this at their Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
20. John Curatolo, Board member, shared his opinions about summer school. Dr. Archambault noted that this is a budget discussion item since it will require currently unbudgeted expenditures.
21. The Board talked about future agenda items:
  - February 2 – Board of Education Goals (Status); Superintendent Search; K-5 Renovations; Staffing Needs for 2004-05; Music Room/Science Room/Modular Replacement; Highland Contract, and Board Member number (7 vs 9).
  - February 23 – Mid-State School Finance Consortium
  - Future – Superintendent Search; K-5 Renovations; Budget; Student Retention Rates; Enrichment; Census; Mentoring; Technology Update

#### **THE BOARD APPROVED -**

1. The consent agenda consisting of Minutes of December 30, 2003, and January 5, 2004; General Fund, Special Aid Fund, Capital Fund, and School Lunch Fund Warrants Treasurer's, Extra-Curricular Fund, Budget Status, School Lunch Fund, and Unemployment Reports; CSE Recommendations.
2. The agenda as revised.
3. The appointment of Dr. Vincent Coppola of Western New York Educational Service Council as the Search Consultant for the Superintendent Search at a cost of \$9,000 plus expenses.
4. Committee members for review of the Professional Development Plan.
5. Direct pay for inservice for faculty.
6. A bond resolution for the K-5 Renovations Project.
7. The first reading of the revised Board of Education Guidelines Policy.
8. The first reading of the revised Drugs, Alcohol, and Other Substance (School Personnel) Policy.
9. A second reading of the revised Visitors in School Policy.
10. Course tuition compensation for faculty.
11. The appointment of Mary Applegate as Transportation Assistant.
12. The appointment of Lisa Horton as Food Service Helper.
13. The appointment of Roszella Smith as Food Service Helper.
14. The appointment of Pamela Seaman as Teacher Aide.
15. Co-Curricular appointment.
16. Additions to substitute lists in designated areas.

**IN OTHER ACTION THE BOARD -**

1. Set a special Board meeting for 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2004, in the District Office. This will be an Executive Session to discuss personnel items with the search consultant.
2. Postponed the resolution to revise the Exempt Staff agreement to include the title of Transportation Assistant.
3. Accepted the resignation of Mary Applegate as Transportation Secretary.
4. Agreed that Brian June and Tricia Edgecomb would be members on the Ad Hoc Co-Curricular Committee.
5. Agreed that Donna Mott, Karin LaMotte, Rachel Dickinson, and Chris Gibbons would be Board members on an Ad Hoc NCLB Committee.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**7:00 p.m. January 26, Board of Education Special Meeting/Executive Session, District Office**

**6:30 p.m. February 2, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, High School Library**

**6:30 p.m. February 23, Board of Education Second Meeting of the Month, High School Library**

**6:30 p.m. March 1, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, High School Library**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COFFEE HOUR:**           **10:00 a.m. February 10, District Office**

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