

BOARD BRIEFS

February 3, 2004

A regular business meeting of the Dryden Central School Board of Education was held on Monday, February 2, 2004, in the Library of the Middle School/High School located on Route 38 in the Town of Dryden. Members present: R. Dickinson, T. Edgecomb, C. Gibbons, B. June, K. LaMotte, D. Mott, A. Young. Members excused: J. Curatolo. Also present: Dr. Archambault, District Administrators, 32 District employees, 2 students, 8 community members, and 2 members of the press.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS -

1. Elementary Teachers Kathleen Perkins, Greg Nitti, and Mary McGrattan were recognized for receiving "Apple for the Teacher" awards. Students Alexis Williams and Shenandoah Fellows were also recognized for nominating these teachers. Greg Jenne, a former Dryden Teacher was nominated by Rena Martin and also received this award.
2. Kathleen Hall, Art Teacher, announced Dryden students who received awards in the 2004 Scholastic Art Award competition. Nine Dryden award winners will have their work on display at the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira from January 31 to February 29, 2004. One Dryden student, Chantel Torrey, received a gold key award and her sculpture will go on to New York City for national competition.
3. Jim Slavetskias, Clerk of the Works, gave an update on the progress of the \$4.9M project. All work is on schedule. Teachers will be moved into the 10 new classrooms during the week of Feb. 16th.
4. Steve Moolin, of Thomas Associates Architects, asked the Board to consider authorizing Thomas Associates to present a proposal for prerferendum work on the possible Music Room/Science Room/Modular replacement project. He suggested Christa Construction to work with Thomas to provide cost estimates. The Board agreed to move ahead with the planning noting that they have not yet made a final decision on whether or not to present such a referendum to voters.
5. Joan Stock, DESPA President, addressed the Board with concern about cutting Teacher Aide positions and No Child Left Behind (NCLB)Act implications.
6. Janet Lang, Elementary Teacher, spoke in support of the Teacher Aides.
7. Rachel Dickinson, Board President, commented that she did not see this as cutting positions, but rather redefining the positions to meet NCLB requirements.
8. Lorrie Fitzgibbons, Dryden PTA President, addressed the Board with concern about parent representation on the focus groups to work with the Search Consultant and suggested a more equitable distribution.
9. Rachel Dickinson, Board President, reported that Dr. Coppola, Search Consultant, defined the number for each focus group and suggested the distribution.
10. Dan Perkins, Student Liaison to the Board of Education, reported on the upcoming high school semi-formal in late February, the Spanish Club trip to Mexico over the winter break, the start of the second semester, and the AP survey that will soon be completed.
11. Dr. Archambault, Superintendent, presented the list of staffing requests from Administrators for 2004-05. She clarified that the shift from Teacher Aides to Teacher Assistants was noted on the list because of the increased salary costs should this change in title occur to meet state/Federal regulations. Current staff in the aide job category would most likely qualify for the teacher assistant job category.
12. Teresa Carnrike, Business Manager, provided cost estimates of new staffing requests, roll over budget increases, and requested supplies/materials costs.
13. Rachel Dickinson, Board President, directed the administrators to prioritize their staffing requests and resubmit these to the Board.

14. Dr. Archambault also shared information on the biennial review of the shared decision making plan and reported that there would be the fifteen (15) minute early dismissal drill on February 13.
15. Mary Clare Pennello, Director of Special Education, reviewed the five-year special education space plan.
16. Teresa Carnrike, Business Manager, shared ideas about how to use the state aid refund the district received due to an audit of a previous building project. The Board agreed to use these funds to begin a replacement cycle plan for computer technology, the superintendent search costs, and to purchase some staff equipment requests.
17. The Board talked about the superintendent search process started by consultant Dr. Vincent Coppola. Focus groups will meet with him on Feb. 9th and a community forum on Feb. 9th will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School/High School Library. These meetings are to provide input on the district profile and new superintendent attributes that will be part of the recruitment brochure.
18. The Board also discussed changing the number of board members from 9 to 7 and agreed the current number of 9 should be maintained. Board members discussed the Dryden BOCES Board position currently held by Deborah Drew. Rachel Dickinson indicated interest in this position and will be formally nominated at the February 23 meeting. The Board also reviewed the calendar of regular and special meetings for the spring.
19. Tricia Edgecomb reported on the recent TAB (Teacher, Administrator, Board) meetings that she attended.
20. The Board discussed future agenda items:
 - February 17 – Special Board meeting with the Search Consultant
 - February 23 – Special Speaker at 6:30 - 7:15 PM on the Mid-State School Finance Consortium, 7:15 PM meeting: Budget, K-5 Renovations
 - March 1 – Interviews for Needs Assessment; Budget; Superintendent Search; K-5 Renovations
 - Future – Superintendent Search; K-5 Renovations; Budget; Student Retention Rates; Enrichment; Census; Mentoring; Technology Update

THE BOARD APPROVED -

1. The Board approved the consent agenda consisting of Minutes of January 15, 19, 20, and 26, 2004; General Fund, Special Aid Fund, and Capital Fund Warrants; CSE Recommendations.
2. The agenda as presented.
3. Authorizing Thomas Associates Architects & Christa Construction to present proposals for a prerferendum agreement with the District for the proposed music room/science room/modular replacement project by the following vote: ayes: Edgecomb, Gibbons, June, Mott, Young; nays: Dickinson, LaMotte.
4. Use of supplemental state aid received as follows: \$96,000 to begin a replacement cycle plan for computer technology; \$15,000 for the superintendent search process (consultant fees & all other expenses); and the balance to purchase equipment.
5. A second reading of the Board of Education Guidelines Policy (#1001).
6. A second reading of the Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Substance (School Personnel) Policy (#6150)
7. Tax roll corrections.
8. Highland Architects Associates Contract for K-5 Renovations.
9. Direct pay for inservice for faculty.
10. The appointment of Roger Fedele as Middle School Principal effective March 1, 2004.
11. Spring coaching assignments.
12. Additions to substitute lists in designated areas.
13. Appointment to tenure for Lynne Mattingly in the science tenure area.
14. Setting a special Board of Education meeting with the Search Consultant at 7:00 p.m. on February 17 in the District Office Lower Conference Room to review the recruitment brochure. This will be an open meeting.

IN OTHER ACTION THE BOARD -

1. Accepted the five-Year Special Education Space Plan as presented by the Director of Special Education.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7:00 p.m. February 17, Board of Education Special Meeting with Search Consultant, District Office Lower Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. February 23, Board of Education Second Meeting of the Month – Special Topic – Mid State School Finance Consortium, High School Library/7:15 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. March 1, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Regular Business Meeting, High School Library
- 6:30 p.m. March 15, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Second Meeting of the Month, High School Library
- 6:30 p.m. March 29, 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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