

# ***BOARD BRIEFS***

March 2, 2004

A regular business meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 1, 2004, in the Middle School Cafeteria in 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, 19 District employees, 12 community members 11 students, and 3 members of the press.

## **REPORTS AND COMMENTS -**

1. Dr. Archambault, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Roger Fedele, Middle School Principal. Mr. Fedele reported that the first day in Dryden MS had gone well.
2. The MS Student Senate will host a welcome reception for Mr. Fedele on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the MS Cafeteria.
3. Mr. Premo, Dryden 3-5 Principal, introduced Jacqueline Matthews, Fulbright Exchange Teacher in Grade 3. Mrs. Matthews is exchanging classrooms with Kathy VanRiper for 6 weeks.
4. Marty Christofferson, District resident, shared projected costs for a Modified, JV, and Varsity Lacrosse program.
5. Several other community members spoke in support of the Lacrosse program.
6. The Board discussed the 2004-05 spending plan.
7. Mary Kay Hickey, Science Department Chair, stressed to the Board that they would not be able to teach their science program if any position is cut.
8. Dan Perkins, Student Liaison to the Board, reviewed the results of the AP survey, commented on the semi-formal last weekend, and reminded the Board of the High School Musical "Oklahoma" on March 11-13 at 7 PM each night.
9. Dr. Archambault reported on the early dismissal on March 30, 2004, for Dr. Jim Garbarino to meet with K-12 staff. Cass/Freeville students will dismiss at 12:45 PM, DES students at 1:00 PM, and MS/HS students at 2:10 PM. Dr. Garbarino will spend the day meeting/talking with students.
10. Dr. Garbarino will speak to/with parents at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in C-13 in the MS. He will discuss bullying and what adults can do to address this issue.
11. Rachel Dickinson, Board President, gave an update on the Superintendent search. Board members discussed the cafeteria as a location for future Board meetings. It was agreed that the Board would hold their future meetings in the Middle School cafeteria.
12. Donna Mott reported on the No Child Left Behind meeting.
13. Joan Stock, Staff member, encouraged the Board to move to change titles of special education aides to teacher assistants.
14. Karin LaMotte reported on the recent TAB meeting.
15. Future agenda items are:
  - March 8 or 10, 11 – No Child Left Behind/Implications for Aides/Teacher Assistants - date depends on availability of District's personnel specialist
  - Future – Budget; Superintendent Search; K-5 Renovations; Music Room/Science Room/Modular Replacement; Student Retention Rates; Enrichment; Census; Mentoring; Technology Update

## **THE BOARD APPROVED -**

1. The consent agenda consisting of Minutes of February 23, 2004; General Fund, Special Aid Fund, and Capital Fund Warrants; CPSE Recommendations.
2. The agenda as revised.

3. The addition of Lacrosse as a Modified Sports Club for the 2004 season.
4. The BOCES budget for Dryden in the amount of \$3,306,182.07.
5. Increasing the points for Indoor Track Coach from 3.5 to 5.75 effective 2003-04.
6. The appointments of Charles Ward Sr. as Maintenance Worker and Shawn Willis as Cleaner.
7. The permanent appointments of Frank Quaile as Bus Driver and Cindie Armstrong as Monitor.
8. Setting March 8, 10, or 11 as possible dates for a Special Board of Education meeting to discuss Teacher Aide/Teacher Assistant requirements. The exact date will be determined by availability of the Attorney.

**IN OTHER ACTION THE BOARD -**

1. Accepted the bid for theatrical lighting from Fourth Phase in the amount of \$91,528. This will complete the construction project that included auditorium renovations.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**7:00 p.m. March 11, Board of Education Special Meeting/Executive Session -- Teacher Aide/Teacher Assistant Requirements/ Personnel Implications, District Office**

**6:30 p.m. March 15, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Second Meeting of the Month/Budget Discussion, MS Cafeteria**

**6:30 p.m. March 29, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Regular Business Meeting/Budget Discussion, MS Cafeteria**

**6:30 p.m. April 12, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Regular Business Meeting/Budget Discussion, Dryden Elementary**

**6:30 p.m. April 19, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Special Meeting/Adopt Budget, MS Cafeteria**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COFFEE HOUR: 10:00 a.m. March 9, District Office**

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