

BOARD BRIEFS

March 30, 2004

A regular Business Meeting of the Dryden Central School Board of Education was held on Monday, March 29, 2004, in the Middle School Cafeteria of the Middle School/High School located on Route 38 in the Town of Dryden. Members present: J. Curatolo (left 9:40), R. Dickinson, T. Edgecomb, C. Gibbons, B. June, K. LaMotte, D. Mott. Members excused: A. Young. Also present: Dr. Archambault, District Administrators, approximately 250 audience members, and 4 members of the press.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS -

1. Dr. Archambault, Superintendent, recognized Business Manager Teresa Carnrike who was recently selected as the Dryden Sertoma Club's Sertoma Person of the Year.
2. Members of the cast and crew of "Oklahoma" were introduced and congratulated for their excellent musical production.
3. Dr. Archambault explained items that had been added back to the spending plan to reach a 15% tax levy increase. She also reported on the extent of cuts necessary to reach a contingency budget level should there be two defeats of the budget. By law, Dryden's contingency budget could only present a tax levy increase of 5.92%.
4. 35 community members addressed the Board about budget related concerns including:
concern about too high a percentage tax levy increase; proposed music cuts; proposed modified sports cuts; proposed new math courses; proposed art cuts; need for retaining the science position funded with a Legislative grant; proposed cut of computer lab teacher assistant at MS; proposed .5 Librarian cut; concern about cutting all programs; proposed reduction in co-curricular offerings; proposed wrestling program cut; fee for the consultant for the superintendent search; proposed technology cut; preserving academics; proposed business cuts; preserving athletics; adding to the tax levy; consolidating elementary schools
5. Dan Perkins, Student Liaison to the Board of Education, spoke to the Board about the legislation to allow an ex-officio non-voting student member to the Board. He noted the legislation would be too restrictive when the process we use now for student representation is working and suggested that status quo be maintained.
6. Board members agreed to retain the current model for having student representation to the Board of Education.
7. Board members discussed the proposed spending plan. Opinions of individual Board Members ranged from supporting a roll over budget with a 18.44% tax levy increase, keeping the tax levy increase at 15%, or working to have a tax levy increase between 10% - 15%.
8. Tim Kirkpatrick, Dryden Faculty Association Vice-President, asked for an opportunity for DFA leadership to meet with the Board to review possible budget solutions. The Board set 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on April 2 for a special meeting to discuss the 2004-05 spending plan. Administrators will join this discussion. This is a public meeting and not an Executive Session.
9. Dr. Archambault reviewed Dryden's New York State School Report Card and results of the census that was done in late summer/fall. She also reported that the New York State Fire Inspection report had been received and the District is in compliance. She pointed out that compliance issues include removing sculptures from the HS foyer and wood carved inserts in the Dryden Primary School hallway.
10. Rachel Dickinson, Board President, gave an update on the Superintendent's search and a report on the Lobbying Day in Albany she attended with Brian June and Dr. Archambault and other Board Members and superintendents from Central NY.

11. The Board discussed future agenda items:
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| April 12 | – | Census; Budget; Superintendent Search; Sex Offender Laws |
| 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 March 11, 2004, Minutes of March 15, 2004; General Fund, Special Aid Fund, and Capital Fund Warrants; CSE Recommendations.
2. The agenda as presented.
3. Setting 4:00-5:30 p.m. April 2, 2004, at the lower conference room at the District Office for a special meeting to discuss the 2004-05 Spending Plan with DFA members and administrators.
4. The Annual Meeting notice for May 18, 2004.
5. The Type II SEQRA resolution for the concession stand.
6. Credit Guide Committee recommendations for inservice and academic credit for faculty.
7. Direct pay for inservice for faculty.
8. Post season supplemental pay for coaches.
9. Change the name of modified "A" lacrosse club to unfunded modified "A" lacrosse team.
10. Acknowledgment of completion of masters degree for Amy Barden and authorized payment.
11. Approved the retirement of Eileen Trumbull, English Teacher effective June 30, 2004.
12. Approved the appointment of Judith June as Account Clerk Typist.

IN OTHER ACTION THE BOARD -

1. Accepted the resignation of Alfred Varian as .5 FTE Teacher Aide.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. April 2, Board of Education Special Meeting, District Office Lower Conference Room

6:30 p.m. April 12, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Second Meeting of the Month/Budget Discussion, Dryden Elementary School Cafeteria

6:30 p.m. April 19, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Special Meeting/Budget Adoption, Middle School Cafeteria

6:30 p.m. April 20, Board of Education Meeting/Executive Session, District Office

5:00 p.m. April 21, Board of Education Special Meeting/Vote on BOCES Administrative Budget and Board members, District Office Lower Conference Room

6:30 p.m. April 26, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Second Meeting of the Month, Freeville Elementary School

SUPERINTENDENT'S COFFEE HOUR: 10:00 p.m. April 13, District Office

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