

BOARD BRIEFS

April 13, 2004

The second meeting of the month of the Dryden Central School Board of Education was held on Monday, April 12, 2004, in the Cafeteria of the Dryden Elementary School located on Union Street in the Village 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, 9 District employees, 4 students, 11 community members, 2 members of the press.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS -

1. Dr. Archambault, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed recent budget revisions/recommendations to the proposed spending plan.
2. Community members and staff addressed the Board about:
 - Elementary Schools
 - Business Education Teacher Position
 - The Tech Prep Program
 - Technology
 - AP Courses
3. Board members discussed the proposed spending plan for 2004-05. After a lengthy discussion, the Board adopted a spending plan in the amount of \$25,310,003. This includes retaining all current positions except for two (English & Math) that are funded with Member Grant funds from Assemblywoman Lifton. It also includes retaining one Science position and 1.5 compensatory positions at the MS for Academic Intervention Services (currently Lifton grant funded) and cutting \$10,000 from co-curricular funds. All other programs will remain at the current level. Additional revenues were added from charging for building use, anticipating additional operating aid, and the expected removal of the aid cap on BOCES expenditures. The proposed budget increase is 8.71% and the tax levy increase is 14.9%. Actual tax rates will be set in August.
4. Dr. Archambault updated the Board on the Concession Stand Project that is now in planning stages - plans have been sent to SED and Russ Kowalski is coordinating community volunteers/donated supplies & materials for this project; Mentoring Plan progress; Music Room/Science Room/Modular Replacement status - architect is getting cost estimates; and the K-5 Renovations Project which is progressing on schedule with final design plans being completed.
5. Rachel Dickinson gave an update on the Superintendent Search (30 completed applications received), steps the District has taken to protect students from sex offenders, and the Needs Assessment Committee that is being formed under the direction of facilitator Amanda Kittleberger.
6. Donna Mott and other Board Members discussed the census information and raised questions such as how the census was done, the return rate, the accessibility of the data, and how to track students who have left the district, especially High School students.
7. The Board discussed future agenda items:

April 26	–	Mentoring; Superintendent Search; 2004-05 Spending Plan
Future	–	Superintendent Search; 2004-05 Spending Plan; K-5 Renovations; Music Room/Science Room/Modular Replacement; Student Retention Rates; Enrichment; Mentoring; Technology Update
8. Public comments included a recommendation that the Board consider charging more per hour for building use than the proposed \$10 per hour or perhaps setting a different fee for non-district residents.

THE BOARD APPROVED -

1. The Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of March 29, 2004, Minutes of April 2, 2004; General Fund, Special Aid Fund, Capital Fund, and School Lunch Fund Warrants; Extra-Curricular Fund Report; CSE Recommendations.
2. The Agenda as presented.
3. The 2004-05 School Calendar.
4. Scheduling a Special Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on April 21, in the District Office, to vote on the BOCES Administrative Budget and Board members.
5. The retirement of Nancy Hart, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2007.
6. The retirement of Fortunata Abate, Social Studies Teacher, effective June 30, 2007.
7. The retirement of Paula Thoma, K-2 Principal, effective June 30, 2007.
8. The appointment of Patricia Sotero as Facilitator of Summer Camp for 2004.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6:30 p.m. April 20, Board of Education Special 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

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

6:30 p.m. May 3, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Cassavant Elementary School

7:00 p.m. May 11, Board of Education/Budget Hearing, Room C-13

6:30 p.m. May 17, Executive Session/7:15 p.m. Second Meeting of the Month, High School Cafeteria

7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. May 18, Annual Meeting/Vote on Budget and Board of Education Members, High School Auditorium

SUPERINTENDENT'S COFFEE HOUR: 10:00 a.m. May 18, District Office (note date change)

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