

Type of Meeting: Workshop

Date: May 12, 2009

Place: High School Cafeteria

Members Present: President Lucinda Sutton, Trustees William Peoples, Jr., Brian Crane, Michelle Terwilliger, Michael Knapp, and Brian Herrington.

Member Absent: Trustee Stuart

Others: Superintendent of Schools Betsy Stiker, Board Clerk Mary Berkan, Director for Curriculum & Instruction, Joe DioGuardi, High School Principal William Howe, Elementary School Principal Debbie Flint, Middle School Principal Tanya Loomis and Business Administrator Steve Perry.

Guests: Martha Weale, Jim DeRusha, Julie Shelp, Joni Makowiec, Morgan Hargrave, Chris Padgett, Amber Elvenia, Stephanie Ferreira

President Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance after explaining the emergency procedure. To Order

Trustee Crane made a motion to approve the agenda and Trustee Peoples seconded the motion. Motion carried. Agenda Approved

Superintendent Stiker asked Mr. DioGuardi to explain a little about the Early Reading First program. He reported that Addison was the only district in the State to receive this grant and we were one of thirty one districts in the Country to receive the grant and are very fortunate to receive the funding. He introduced Mrs. Flint as the Director of the program, Mrs. Makowiec, the Coordinator, Mrs. Shelp and Ms. Hargrave, program teachers. Early Reading First Program

Mrs. Makowiec, Mrs. Shelp and Ms. Hargrave proceeded to explain the purpose and process of the program. The program serves approximately 105 students, 1 - 3 year old classroom, 3 – 4 year old classrooms and 1 – Preschool Special Education (CPSE) classroom, and then in conjunction with the ProAction Head Start program, there is 1 – 3 year old classroom and 1 – 4 year old classroom. The program is research-based core curriculum through the DLM Early Childhood Express and imagine It. There are screening and assessments done through the Peabody Picture Vocabulary test and phonological awareness literacy screening (PALS) and classroom assessments using early language and literacy observation tools. Also offered is Family Literacy which encompasses monthly evening events centered around literacy, building home libraries which allows the children to take books home for their own.

The Valley Elementary School is also involved with a 3 year old curriculum using creative curriculum which is the framework for what actually happens in a planned environment where children interact with their peers and adults. The students sing, listen to Nursery Rhymes and read aloud.

The program is well structured and beneficial for all these students.

President Sutton thanked the team for their presentation and added that she had seen first hand some of the program benefits and our District should be very proud and thankful for the received grant.

At this time, Superintendent Stiker reported on the upcoming Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) the District has and stated that the interest will be due in June. She asked Business Official, Steve Perry to further explain the possibility of also using some of the District's Fund Balance to pay down some of the principle and the reasoning by doing so. The Board agreed this warranted possible further discussion.

Report on the
District's BAN

Mrs. Stiker reviewed the reports submitted by each of the department supervisors, noting that the School Lunch Fund is continuing in the red, a benefit through the use of BOCES. She stated that Mr. Johnson had reported that the annual defensive driving test for the drivers was about completed and this is a way to review what they do as far as running their routes, student management while driving, procedures and suggesting things that make their job performance safer for the students they transport. 92% of the district's students are bused. Facilities Director Mr. Rice, reported tat a new State mandated battery recycling program will be implemented next week, which will provide for recycling of all batteries (power tools, calculators, emergency fixtures, etc.) used in the course of business within the district. Work is continuing on the DEC underground tank violations and it appears that OKAR from Rochester will handle this for \$12,800.00 This provides a new monitoring system and probes for both the Valley and bus garage tanks and the installation should begin within approximately 3 weeks.

Supervisors' Reports

Motion by Trustee Herrington, seconded by Trustee Terwilliger, the Board of Education of the Addison Central School, upon the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, does accept the CPSE initial reviews of April 22, 2009 as presented in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board.

CPSE Reviews of
April 22, 2009
Accepted

Motion carried.

Superintendent Stiker then reviewed the following correspondence: the Rural Schools Associate newsletter.

Correspondence

Motion was made by Trustee Crane and seconded by Trustee Peoples to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Berkan, Clerk

