

Type of Meeting: Work Session Meeting

Date: June 10, 2008

Place: Valley Elementary School

Members Present: President William Peoples, Trustees Amanda Stuart, Lucinda Sutton, Brian Herrington, Michael Knapp

Member Excused: Trustees Michelle Terwilliger and Brian Crane

Others: Superintendent of Schools Betsy Stiker, Board Clerk Mary Berkan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Anthony Danquah, High School Principal Joe DioGuardi, Elementary Principal Debbie Flint, Middle School Principal Bill Howe and Business Official Patrice Beadle.

Guests: Tamela Greenfield Jahn Greenfield Kelly Madden, Scott Mace, Judith Huth, Tim Gates, Roger Seymour, Mike Overton, Jeremy Palko, Mike Strong, M. Hargrave, Krissy Hamilton and Heidi VanWoert.

President Peoples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance after explaining the emergency procedure.

To Order

President Peoples asked for a motion to approve the agenda and Superintendent Stiker asked that under Reports, item #3 be switched to item #1. Trustee Stuart made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Trustee Herrington Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amended Agenda  
Approved

Superintendent Stiker then asked Mr. Danquah to introduce Science Curriculum Coordinator Mrs. Judy Johnson-Huth, who stated that last summer the team worked to realign and assess grades 5, 7, 9 curriculum using local and state data and said this summer they would review grades 6, 8, 10. Grades K-4 will be realigned the school year 2008-2009. Mr. Roger Seymour, high school Physics briefly discussed how the application of Physics works into the science program and Tim Gates explained how the elementary grades are working on projects using measurements, and scales.

Reports - Science

Elementary teachers Heidi VanWoert and Krissy Hamilton explained that it has been several years since the 3<sup>rd</sup>. grade students have had a Science textbook and showed the Board a sample of the book they would like to purchase and explained that this book would follow the one that is used in 4<sup>th</sup>. grade and which would help the students get a jump start on preparing for 4<sup>th</sup>. grade ELA testing by reviewing the same type material from one grade to another.

The next presentation was physical education, health and family consumer science given by Tamela Greenfield and Kelly Madden, elementary teachers. Mrs. Greenfield explained that in the 2008-2009 school year, students can take a Lifetime Fitness and Nutrition Class as an elective course, which would count as a PE credit and an elective credit for senior high students. This class would include a variety

Physical Education,  
Health and Family  
Consumer Science

of things, including guest speakers such as physical therapists, personal trainers, chefs, exercise physiologists, field trips to fitness center. They also stated that an after school intramurals club for grades 3-6 for 1 hour has been started and promotes active lifestyles. Tuscarora students had the pleasure of having some players from the Elmira Jackals hockey team explain the game and participate in giving some hands on instruction, which everyone enjoyed.

Physical Education,  
Health and Family  
Consumer Science  
Presentations

Ms. Madden reported that the Valley school students were enjoying playing golf, and had a field trip to the LPGA in May.

Both teachers stated that all the physical education, health and family consumer science team members would like to have a faculty health and wellness conference day, which would include some stress management, fitness planning, nutritional planning, water aerobics, power walking, etc. and hopefully can be started sometime in the next school year.

President Peoples thanked everyone for the evening's presentations.

At this time, Mrs. Stiker gave a short update on the capital project stating that she had met with representatives from Cannon & Christa, High School Principal Mr. DioGuardi and unfortunately had to make some very painful decisions as far as eliminating some of the scope of the project, but progress was being made and work should begin in July. She also reported that the District Office would be moving to the Annex building the week of July 1<sup>st</sup>., after graduation.

Capital Project  
Update

The Superintendent then stated that by law, the policy for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Policy had been reviewed by the Policy committee and was being brought before the full Board as the First Reading.

First Reading of  
Education of Homeless  
Children & Youth

Mrs. Stiker added that a team made up of parents, teachers and students had met to review the Code of Conduct policy and had come up with a few changes. One change is that the policy is considered a District policy, i.e. anyone employed by the school as well as for students. An example would be the dress code.

First Reading of the  
District Code of  
Conduct

The next part of the process is the policies will be brought again before the Board to be acted upon at a Business meeting.

Mrs. Stiker then reviewed the correspondence that had been given to the Board; Invitation to Elementary High Honor/Honor Recognition June 16<sup>th</sup>; June Elementary Calendar; Copy of Kindergarten Orientation packet.

Correspondence

A motion was made at 9:04 p.m. to adjourn by Trustee Stuart and seconded by Trustee Sutton. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Berkan, Clerk

