

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Date: June 14, 2011

Place: Middle-High School Cafeteria

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

Others: Business Administrator Joseph DioGuardi, Board Clerk Mary Berkan, Elementary Principal Deborah Flint, Middle School Principal Tanya Loomis, High School Principal William Howe and Business Administrator Roger Parulski (Mrs. Stiker was on vacation)

Guests: Jim DeRusha, Martha Weale, Carolyn Guild, April DuVall, Melissa Meade, Kristen Dowling, Karen Hargrave, Allison Beaver, Stacey Washer, Jennifer Sands, Jill Flint, John Lyke, Lori Sprague, Aurora Hall, Bret Fancher, Sonya English and Jennifer Crane

President Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. (after the Public Hearing for the Repair Reserve) and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance after explaining the emergency procedure.

To Order

She then asked Mr. DioGuardi to begin the Tenure candidate introductions. The first candidate was Mrs. Tanya Loomis, who has been with the district for 20 years as a teacher, Dean of Students, and Middle School Principal and will begin also as the Committee on Special Education Supervisor. Mrs. Loomis was also the principle person in beginning the Middle School concept in the district.

Introduction of
Tenure Candidates

He then introduced Mr. William Howe, who began his 21 years in the district as a teacher and then the High School Principal. Mr. Howe also helped develop the Enrichment days plan for this year. He too will be changing position as of July 1, 2011 to Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

At this time the Principals introduced the Tenure candidates located in their building and each one came forward and gave a brief description of the grade level they taught as well as their background, strengths and overall goals.

This was the first time that candidates for Tenure had been asked to do this and the Board was appreciative of this process and thought it should be continued so that the Board could put the name and face together.

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Loomis gave a report regarding the School to Watch program for middle grades. Through this program, a National Forum was set up to make every middle grades school academically excellent, responsive to the developmental needs and interests of young adolescents, and socially equitable by meeting the Forum's criteria for high performance and they believe that three things are true of these schools: academically excellent, developmental responsive and socially equitable. The team reviewed schools that currently have the designation and compared programs/attributes of these schools to Addison and felt Addison was very similar to many of the selected schools as were visited by the team. (Schools are selected by the National Forum) Much research and information was collected, i.e. what we were currently doing well to meet the seven essential elements and grade level teams identified areas where more emphasis needed to be developed. The process was stopped after talking with State Education Dept. and a change in leadership taking place. The Education department encouraged us to apply next year if the new configuration is successful as we would be a model for team/shared leadership of a middle school. The next steps are to work collaboratively with the two building principals to continue to meet the seven essential elements; work with the Middle School Program Team; Work with the subcommittee to complete the application for the School to Watch Rubric.

School to Watch
Report Update

The Board reviewed the Reserve Funds policy #5511 for the First Reading with the incorporated changes and finalized it for adoption at the June 22, 2011 meeting accordingly.

Reserve Funds Policy
#5511 First Reading

The Code of Conduct was then reviewed by the Board as it is annually, and changes made as necessary and will also be approved at the Business meeting, and will then be sent for printing.

Annual Review of
The Code of Conduct

Discussion was then held regarding the property site work and whether it should be graveled or top soil and seeded. The estimate that had been given was \$35,000 to be graveled (including drainage work). The Board stated that it was over estimated and should be able to be done less than that. It was even suggested that we could still get topsoil and talk to the Village about the possibility of working with them on this. Construction Manager, Barry Church, will be invited to attend the next meeting and further discuss the gravel vs. topsoil & seed for the empty lots.

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Mr. DioGuardi then reviewed the following correspondence: copy of a Memorandum in Opposition in relation to establishing limitations upon school districts and local government tax levies which would limit the ability of school districts and their voters to raise local taxes to support education; copy of NYSSBA 2011 Teacher contract Survey.

Correspondence

Mr. DioGuardi then reported that one bid had been received for the electronic sign at the high school.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Stuart and seconded by Trustee Terwilliger to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary L. Berkan, Clerk

