

BOARD BRIEFS

May 1, 2012

The second meeting of the month of the Dryden Central School Board of Education was held on Monday, April 30, 2012, in the Gymnasium of the Cassavant Elementary School located on School Street in the Hamlet of McLean. Members present: C. Gibbons, B. Harding, B. June, K. LaMotte, L. Lyon, K. Pastorello, M. Scott, A. Young. Also present: Mrs. Sherwood, K. Granelli, L. Hinkle, L. Lamash, K. Rachetta, A. Ryan, E. Shipe, D. Thon, 6 District employees, 17 community members, 2 students, and 2 members of the press.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Mrs. Rachetta, High School Principal, introduced Bryan Ford, Social Studies Teacher, who spoke to the Board about participating in the Harvard Pre-Collegiate Economics Challenge and acknowledged team members Emily Conklin, Steven Horton, Megan Ludgate, and Eric Niziol. Emily and Eric shared their thoughts about this great experience.
2. Mrs. Sherwood, Superintendent of Schools, asked Board members who will be attending the overview of mergers and consolidations on May 1st at Groton. She shared that since three Board candidate petitions were received for four open seats; past practice was not to hold a Meet the Candidates Night and inquired if the Board would like to make revisions to the voting exit poll. Mrs. Sherwood spoke about Serteen Club being reinstated by Sertoma; 3-8 ELA and math assessments, and a meeting this week with the Commissioner of Education in Albany.
3. Emily Shipe, Business Manager, introduced Nora Starr, Claims Auditor, who spoke about the Claims Audit Report and process.
4. Tracy Kurtz, Dryden Youth Commission member, reviewed the Youth Commission 2011 Annual Report and spoke about the summer programs. She also presented a \$500 check from Dryden Rotary for the purchase of new books for the Solar Express.
5. Edd Farmer, School Lunch Specialist, presented an overview of the School Lunch Report and nutrition standards going into effect next year.
6. Mr. Hinkle, Middle School Principal, updated the Board on the Middle School Strategic Plan. He reviewed performance targets, Common Core Learning Standards, Student Learning Objectives, and the continuum of support services for students.
7. District administrators shared program updates: Mrs. Granelli, Director of Student Services, spoke about the parent information nights she is holding for parents of students with special needs. Mrs. Ryan, Freeville and Cassavant Principal, spoke about kindergarten orientation and registration. Dr. Lamash, K-5 Assistant Principal, gave an overview of the recent Cyber Night that was held for parents, and Mr. Thon, K-5 Principal, commented on 3-5 Assessments.
8. Mr. Gibbons, Board President, thanked the Cassavant PTA for the refreshments for the meeting.
9. Several parents addressed the Board with concerns of discipline in the Middle School/High School, student behavior and classroom disruptions and asked what has changed over the past two years. They expressed interest in being part of a task force to work with administrators for solutions.
10. A community member spoke to the Board about the "Calling All Teens" Program, how it benefits our students and makes a huge difference in the McLean community, and thanked the Board for allowing this program.
11. The Board reviewed future discussion items.

THE BOARD APPROVED

1. The consent agenda consisting of Minutes of April 16, 2012; Treasurer's Report; Budget Status Report; School Lunch Fund Report; Claims Auditor Report; CSE, CPSE, and 504 recommendations.
2. The agenda as revised.

3. Leave extensions for James Cornell, Bus Driver, and Mary Nauseef, School Nurse; and a leave for Helena Jackson, Teacher Aide.
4. Annual meeting/vote personnel; 2011-2012 volunteer spring season coach; 2012-2013 school calendar; 2012-2013 DESPA holiday schedule; a second reading and adoption of policy 4211-Dryden Schools Administrative Organizational Chart; and a first reading of policy 6410-Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources.

IN OTHER ACTION THE BOARD

1. Accepted the gift of \$500 from Dryden Rotary for the purchase of new books for the Solar Express.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 6:15 p.m. May 7, 2012, Board of Education Executive Session/
7:15 p.m. Budget Hearing/Regular Business Meeting, MS/HS Room C-13
6:00 p.m. May 8, 2012, Special Board of Education Executive Session for the
purpose of Middle School Principal Interviews, District Office Conference
Room
7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. May 15, 2012, Annual Meeting and Vote, MS/HS
Auditorium
6:15 p.m. May 29, 2012, Board of Education Executive Session/
7:15 p.m. Second Meeting of the Month, MS/HS Library

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