

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: November 8, 2016
Spencerport, New York

Members Present: Mr. Bracken, Ms. Czarnecki, Mr. Gibbardo, Mr. Hutton, Mr. Kincaid, Mr. Miceli

Absent: Ms. Gillette, Mr. Milgate

Others Present: Mr. Crumb, Ms. Lissow, Ms. Lupiani, Mr. Wood, Mr. Zinkiewich

The Study Session of the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the President, Mr. Bracken, in the Library at the Spencerport High School..

1. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Board of Education members and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbardo and seconded by Ms. Czarnecki that the Board of Education approve the Study Session Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 5

Yes: 5
No: 0

3. STUDENT REPORTS

Sierra Pascoe, President of the Student Government, presented. Ms. Pascoe informed the Board of Education about the upcoming leadership conference that approximately 40 students from the high school will be attending. Ms. Pascoe shared that the conference is an excellent opportunity to talk with students from other schools about some of their best practices. Additionally, Ms. Pascoe shared that Student Government raised over \$1,500 for charity at homecoming. Finally, it was shared that Student Government was funding spectator buses for students to support our sports teams advancing in the sectionals. Mr. Bracken expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board of Education for all of Student Government's efforts benefiting the students and culture of Spencerport High School.

NOTE: Mr. Hutton entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

4. BOARD RECOGNITION

School-Related Professionals - Mr. Crumb recognized all School-Related Professionals for all they do to contribute to the learning process of children and their support of the teachers and our district. He read the following resolution:

SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Whereas, the Third Tuesday in November is New York State School-Related Professionals Recognition Day;

Whereas, our school-related professionals are integral to the education of our community's children. The SRPs are committed to ensuring that our district provides students with:

- * individualized attention through our quality instructional support services;
- * wellness care through our professional nursing and health services;
- * daily nutritious meals;
- * safe ridership to and from school;
- * highly maintained buses for transport;
- * a clean and safe learning environment;
- * helpful assistance and response within all our offices;

SRPs are often the first people our schoolchildren encounter on a daily basis, and they have a tremendous impact on the success of our district students and staff as well as our Mission.

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District hereby acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, the dedication, commitment and concern our school-related professionals exhibit on a daily basis to provide a quality education for the Spencerport school community.

Adopted this day, November 8, 2016

Gary Bracken, President	Kevin Hutton
Jody Gillette, Vice President	Greg Kincaid
Katherine Czarnecki	Michael Miceli
David Gibbardo	

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbardo and seconded by Mr. Miceli to accept the Resolution.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6
No: 0

SPENCERPORT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Mr. Crumb presented Mr. McCabe, high school Principal, who noted that tonight's presentation would be on Instructional Technology in the classroom and how it is used outside of the classroom as well. He shared that several of his teachers would be presenting on how they use technology in their classrooms. Mr. McCabe then introduced Ms. Nentarz, a high school Physical Education teacher, who used a PowerPoint to show how she uses technology in her classroom with her students. She presented tests that

are used to help evaluate and design individual fitness programs for students to use in and outside of school. Students have two (2) web sites they can utilize to design and plan their program. She explained how she uses technology such as Schoology to evaluate what she teaches. Ms. Nentarz also shared with the board the resource pages that students use to help work through their fitness programs.

Ms. Mancuso, 1:1 pilot Science teacher, spoke next and shared a PowerPoint on her blended learning class. She explained how they utilize technology for tasks, schedules (what is being worked on and what to study ahead on), and learning target trackers (students meet their target and can move on to the next task) amongst other aspects of her program. These aspects make it possible for students to work at their own pace. Students can choose how to learn with a partner or alone and they can work at their own speed.

Ms. McLean, 1:1 pilot Math teacher, noted how the technology programs she uses allow students to practice at home. McLean noted that she uses Twitter to respond to student questions and then they can work on the problems in class the next day. Her technology program is individualized to meet student needs. She also uses a couple of websites to enhance the student learning process. Ms. McLean stated she uses themes like rollercoasters when teaching and it helps students decide if their answers make sense. Word problems are also used to enhance her classwork. Students are happy with the processes used and are very engaged. Mr. Bracken asked how much time she devotes to creating her lessons and she stated she typically works on them from 8 p.m. until midnight. Mr. Gibbardo congratulated Ms. McLean on her Golden Apple Award. He asked if she makes videos for students to use for their lessons and she stated that she does.

Ms. Garafolo and Ms. Loughlin, Business teachers, spoke next. They touched on some of the many programs they utilize such as Word, Excel, Movie Maker, Photoshop, and Skype and stated they are just beginning to use Schoology in their classes. Ms. Garafalo uses a simulation of a real life budget in class to achieve interactive learning. She noted that Personal Financial Literacy, a real life teaching experience for students, will be a full-semester class next year.

Mr. Bracken thanked all the teachers for the amount of time they put in outside the work day to design lessons. Mr. Kincaid asked if students help teach other students that need help. The teachers were pleased to share that many times students will take the time to help another classmate rather than go on to their next lesson. Mr. Gibbardo commented on what a great bunch of teachers we have and how pleased he was that they participate in student events. Mr. Bracken asked what the board could do to help the teachers with their process. The teachers answered that more release time would be very valuable and mobile technology such as tablets rather than laptops would be a great help. Ms. Czarnecki noted how passionate the teachers are and that they should try to give themselves a break and take time for themselves because of how hard they work.

6. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Old Business

7.1 Approval of the minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on October 25, 2016.

7.2 New Business

7.21 Donation – Spencerport Wrestling Team

Mr. LoPresti of LoPresti Homes Corporation, donated Varsity singlets to the Spencerport Wrestling Team.

A motion was made by Mr. Kincaid and seconded by Mr. Miceli to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

8. BOARD OF EDUCATION

8.1 President's Report and Communication

Mr. Bracken praised our Soccer team for their accomplishments and noted volleyball is ready to take the court. He shared that the Robotics team was the winner out of 35 teams at the Barnes and Noble competition. He is gearing up for trips to Albany. He noted he joined Rich Funkie at the MCSSBA. He also noted that the board presidents meeting is coming up. He attended the Food Link and shared that it was well attended.

8.2 Board of Education Members' Reports

Mr. Kincaid shared he did his walk through at Taylor with Mr. Drake, Facilities Director. He commented that Taylor is in good shape and also about the projects coming up in the summer and noted how much he enjoyed his time with Mr. Drake. He attended the Bernabi Open House and enjoyed the format and talking with parents and students. He also attended the Robotics at Barnes and Noble. He attended the Food Link and noted that it was a great experience and shared he was pleased to see the number of students who attended to help their community. Ms. Czarnecki attended the Canal View Harvest Party and had a great time. Mr. Gibbardo also attended the Bernabi Open House, the Food Link and Robotics at Barnes and Noble. He attended the girls' sectional soccer match and the boys semi-sectional match. Mr. Bracken gave a shout out to the coats, hats and gloves that were available at the Food Link.

8.3 Report on the 2016 NYSSBA Conference

Mr. Hutton shared information on his trip to the New York State School Board Conference as the representative of our district. He stated the votes went pretty much as we had hoped with the exception that the item dealing with a member of the Black Caucus failed. He also noted other items that failed: contract negotiations mandated contribution, quorum, and audits. Passed was the local diplomas which we voted against. He stated it was a quick and easy meeting. He also attended session on "Test Anxiety," "Bullying in the Workplace," and "When Bad Things Happen to Good Students." He noted that it was a great learning experience for him. Mr. Crumb noted that "Office of Open Government" was also attended and he shared the website (oog.com) to access information.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Regents Results Report

Mr. McCabe gave an overview of the results of the Regents report for June 2016. He pointed out our passing rates in all subjects and reviewed this information compared to the other districts within BOCES. He noted our passing rate in Chemistry is one of the best in Monroe County. He shared we are very solid when compared with surrounding districts. He also noted that Cosgrove scores were excluded from our data which contributed to our lower final average in some areas. Mr. Kincaid asked about the lower percentage rate in Geometry and if it was due to rigor or just the trend. Mr. McCabe stated it was both. Also noted was curriculum guides provided by State Education were not aligned with assessments.

9.2 Update: Personal Financial Literacy

Mr. Crumb began by stating this was approved as a new requirement, then he presented Mr. O'Connor to comment about the online course. Mr. O'Connor stated the course would be best if offered in the freshman and sophomore years. He shared blended course information and what that looks like and also information about the online course. He noted the site to utilize Schoology and link to courses. He shared the Personal Financial Literacy (PFL) online course and shared a video on how PFL walks students through the course and the requirements to complete assignments. Students are given access to the next assignment after completing each assignment. Students can view their responses and receive feedback only on incorrect answers. Mrs. Garafolo noted that this is the first online course ever offered to students and that she has been developing it using online resources. She gave the board access to several tasks in the program so they could try it and see what is being taught. She noted the classroom version of the course is taught differently than the online version. Mr. Miceli asked if this could be accessed with a mobile app and Mr. Zinkiewich noted that Schoology has a user app. Mr. O'Connor and the teachers asked if the board would provide feedback after they had time to use the online course.

9.3 New Course Approval: Student Leadership

Ms. Wyant showed a PowerPoint presentation on the "Leadership in Action" course which they are seeking approval on. She noted this course is meant to get students out in the community and school and prepare them for real life. The course utilizes groups to work together to develop leadership skills. She noted the course aligns with our core values. She stated this is an action course where students will take participation in things like lectures, group discussions, guest speakers, field trips, films, committee work sessions, and participation in self-evaluations. This course will provide leadership training to deal with democratic group procedures, orderly recordkeeping, will help develop an appreciation of the rights, duties and responsibilities of leaders and groups with diverse attitudes and backgrounds. It will help develop desirable moral and ethical attitudes, stimulate high achievement in academics, vocational and recreational endeavors.

A motion was made by Mr. Kincaid and seconded by Mr. Miceli to approve the new course Student Leadership.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

10. MEETING EVALUATION

It was good to hear teachers present. Mr. Kincaid thanked the high school for all their hard work.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Czarnecki and seconded by Mr. Kincaid that the board move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6
No: 0

Mr. Bracken moved the board out of Executive Session and returned to the Study Session at 10:12 p.m.

Motion made by Ms. Czarnecki and seconded by Mr. Kincaid to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for the month of November 2016 and the continuation of health insurances for the month of November 2016 at the current rate of contribution for the employee discussed in Executive Session.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6
No: 0

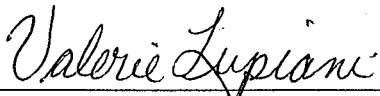
12. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ms. Czarnecki and seconded by Mr. Miceli to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

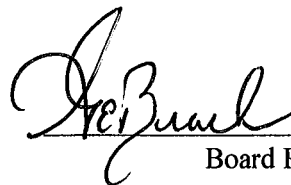
Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 0
No: 0

As there was no further business, Mr. Bracken declared the meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.



Assistant District Clerk



Board President