

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

Date: October 14, 2014
Spencerport, New York

Members Present: Mr. Bracken, Mr. Gibbardo, Ms. Gillette, Ms. Tyler, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Oberlin

Absent: Mr. Zale

Others Present: Mr. Milgate, Mr. Crumb, Mr. Zinkiewich, Mr. Wood

The Study Session of the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District was called to order at 7:03 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the President, Mr. Sweeney, at the Bernabi Elementary in the Cafeteria.

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. Bracken and seconded by Ms. Tyler that the Board approve the Study Session agenda.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6
No: 0

3. BOARD RECOGNITION

Joyce Lobene: Mr. Crumb provided an introduction of former Mayor Joyce Lobene as a great member of our community. He acknowledged her work with our district and noted her value to our learning community. Mr. Sweeney welcomed Ms. Lobene and shared his thoughts about her as a true partner to our school district. He noted her efforts and accomplishments as our village Mayor and as a member of so many committees and events with our school district. Mr. Sweeney read a resolution in her honor on behalf of the school district and the Board of Education members. Ms. Lobene shared comments on her history and appreciation for being a part of the Spencerport community.

A motion was made by Mr. Oberlin and seconded by Mr. Gibbardo that the Board approve the resolution as presented.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6
No: 0

4. **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None

5. **BERNABI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION**

STEM Update: Mr. Crumb introduced Ms. Campo, Principal of Bernabi and Director of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). She provided an overview of our work with math this past year and leading into this current school year and the decision for our district to move forward with a program called Math Expressions as our curricular guide in this area. She noted that it is aligned to the Common Core, it has proven to be more effective than other programs and it is aligned to the instruction clusters emphasized by New York State. She shared that the resources available to the teachers are great and have worked well. Students are the recipients of these resources as well as online assessments, consumables and various workbooks. She also noted that parents have access to these resources as well, especially the homework assignments. Ms. Campo shared with board members how to access these resources online and encouraged them to take a look. Feedback from the staff has been very positive and the rigor of this program is where we need it to be.

Mr. Sweeney asked if the program is updated on a regular basis as the Common Core changes. Ms. Campo noted that these companies are pretty responsive to changes. It was also discussed that there is an opportunity to share their lessons, especially with our smart board lessons. We have a partnership with two other districts and placed an emphasis on staff development last year and this year with the program. It was noted that there has been a fair amount of time allocated to professional development and that additional time would be good if possible. Teachers commented that like any new program it takes time but they also shared that the shifts we are looking for are already evident in the students' learning.

Ms. Campo presented further on the importance of STEM and helping our students to become college and career ready. Teachers from the Bernabi Elementary school staff shared information on their work to help bring this goal to fruition. Real world and science activities were shared as an example of how we are working to get students to see themselves as scientists and investigators. It was shared how blogging about STEM to help to further build the students' 21st Century Skills has been one of the strategies used. Ms. Kincaid shared a video created from a student blog to help board members see examples of these projects. She then shared an example of a "STEMtastic" home challenge that was used and invited board members to follow the blog. She also showed an example of a STEM cart that is being used in the classrooms and rotated around their classrooms.

NOTE: Mr. Zale entered the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Another presentation was provided by Ms. Vaccaro on the Lego Club that was started this year at Bernabi. She shared a video demonstration of the use of Legos based on various themes and problem solving situations. It was noted how this is a natural tie to building 21st Century Skills for our students. Design and communication skills are some of those being targeting this year with the challenges that are being presented to the students. Math skills are being introduced to the Lego

Club as well. She noted that their club has grown over the past few years and that the club has been supported by the Bernabi Parents Association.

Ms. Gluchowski, Enrichment Specialist, shared how an advanced pilot with the students in third grade with Lego kits has been a great challenge for the students. They will be using the Lego Mindstorm (check with Ty on this section) kits to help students stretch their thinking even further in the area of computer science. "Thinking Like Archeologists" was a kit/activity used with all 4th grade students as a week-long project as a simulated "dig." Ms. Gluchowski noted what they have learned about social studies, science and math. She also provided hypotheses of other classes on how to advise the town on their dig.

There was discussion on how this ties in with the Lego Challenge and it was shared that conversations were being held with the middle school to help support this transition. Ms. Campo shared that there is a partnership with the Bernabi Parents Association to obtain more Lego kits. Mr. Crumb shared that his vision and growth plan during the 2015-2016 school year is to have a First Team at each elementary school. Ms. Campo also noted that each school has STEM blocks to further support the development of STEM skills.

Board members noted their appreciation of the work that is taking place with STEM. Board members were asked to consider supporting any additional supplies and resources needed for this program. Ms. Gillette inquired about the level of student interest with our female population at this age. The general feeling of the teaching staff was that this wasn't the case from their observation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Old Business

6.1 Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Education meeting held September 23, 2014.

6.2 New Business

6.21 Competitive Bid Award

On October 1, 2014 the district opened sealed bids for lamp free Casio projectors. The Director of Technology has reviewed the bid and recommends the following:

1. Casio lamp free projectors

Recommendation: The Board of Education accepts the lowest responsible bid for lamp free Casio projectors, opened October 1, 2014, from Presentation Concepts Corporation at **\$136,500.**

Vendor	Projectors (130)	Installation	Bid Amount
1 Presentation Concepts Corporation	\$123,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$136,500.00
2 Troxell Communications, Inc.	\$132,834.00	\$6,500.00	\$139,334.00
3 Global Gov/Ed Solutions, Inc.	\$142,610.00	\$0.00	\$142,610.00

6.22 Donation (Munn PTA, David Nau)

1. The Munn Parent Association made a donation of \$1,259 to fund the purchase of a new laminator for the Munn Elementary School.
2. Mr. David Nau donated two (2) trombones to the Cosgrove Middle School music department. A Holton TR-602, serial #558404 (year 1979) in fair condition, valued at \$150 and a King 606, serial #880957 (year 1981) in good condition valued at \$200.

6.23 Budget Amendment

The district received a donation from the Spencerport Cheerleading Parent Club in October of 2014 amounting to \$2,501.00 to support expenditures of a coach's salary for the winter of 2014-2015. It is therefore recommended that the Board of Education approve the following:

- Debit for use of the Estimated Revenue account (A510 A.2705.000) for \$2,501.00
- Credit for use of the Appropriation Budget account A960 (A522/A27.2855.153) for \$2,501.00

6.24 Field Trip Addendum

The Spencerport Varsity Softball Team is requesting a change in their approved field trip to Charleston, SC to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Approved at January 28, 2014 BOE meeting

SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL/ CLASS	DESTINATION CITY/PLACE	OBJECTIVE(S)	DATES	SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	# OF STUDENTS /ADULTS RATIO	COST (EST.)
Spencerport High School	Varsity Softball	Charleston, SC	Players will improve skills and learn leadership roles as they represent our community, school, softball team, family and themselves.	Spring Break 2015	0	14-16 students 2-3 adults 8:1	\$550- \$850 per student

Recommended Changes

SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL/ CLASS	DESTINATION CITY/PLACE	OBJECTIVE(S)	DATES	SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	# OF STUDENTS /ADULTS RATIO	COST (EST.)
Spencerport High School	Varsity Softball	Walt Disney World, Florida	Players will improve skills and learn leadership roles as they represent our community, school, softball team, family and themselves.	Spring Break 2015	½ Day	14-16 students 2 adults 8:1	\$1200. - \$1400. per student

6.25 D.E.C./Nature Center Scholarship

The Spencerport Nature Center committee would like to offer a scholarship to a student who would like to apply for attendance to a Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Camp using funds raised from their yearly Maple SugarFest. The successful candidate would need to make an application to the Nature Center committee and then the committee would work to screen for and select a candidate deserving of this award. The candidate would need to apply to the camp directly and be accepted by the camp before the scholarship would be awarded. The payment would be held by the camp and credited to the candidate upon his/her arrival. The committee is seeking the support of the Board of Education for this award/scholarship.

6.26 Disposal of Equipment

In compliance with Policy Number 5250 and Regulation Number 250 – Sale and Disposal of School District Property, the disposal of the following is recommended:

Munn

Item	Model
Laminator	00382

Facilities

Item	Model
2003 Jacobson 5111 Mowing Machine	VIN 69116-000096740

6.27 Certificated Personnel

1. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INTER-SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

- a. Chris Harte, appointed Volunteer Boys Volleyball Coach for the 2014-15 season effective October 15, 2014.
- b. Michelle Marasco, appointed Boys/Girls Varsity Indoor Track Coach for the 2014-15 season. Stipend is \$3,377. Ms. Marasco is replacing Ms. Consagra.
- c. Tim Britton, appointed Varsity Boys Lacrosse Coach for the 2014-15 season. Stipend is \$3,611.

A motion was made by Ms. Gillette and seconded by Mr. Gibbardo to approve the consent agenda as presented with the amendment as presented.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 7

Yes: 7
No: 0

7. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

7.1 President's Report and Communication

Mr. Sweeney shared that our guest speaker for conference day did a great job at challenging us to think about collaboration and working together in different ways. He heard great feedback from staff and administrators. Mr. Crumb also shared how Jim Beardon also emphasized the concepts of culture and change by using his life experiences to help share his message. Mr. Sweeney noted that the guest speaker's weekly tips are valuable and that we are looking to post these on our intranet as a resource for staff and faculty.

7.2 Board of Education Members' Reports

Ms. Tyler shared that the Information Exchange Luncheon was focused on the snack guidelines that our food services program is challenged by. Mr. Zale noted that there is a website to help determine what is permitted to be served.

Ms. Gillette shared her perspective on some New York State Education Laws on volunteering. She noted that there are little restrictions on most volunteering but that to volunteer to help with athletics you need to become an assistant volunteer coach and meet the NYS requirements. She shared with board members the steps required to meet this certification requirement. Ms. Gillette wanted to share this with the board members and note how some of our laws limit our district options. She shared her concerns that this especially limits our ability to build a pool of qualified coaches. Mr. Zale noted his interest in looking into this further. Ms. Gillette shared that there may be valid reasons for this but noted that in no other area do we have such stringent guidelines. She would like to be better informed on this topic and will continue to research this and share with board members.

Mr. Gibbardo noted that he visited Cosgrove's first Food Link program and shared that it went very well. He noted that 15 volunteers from the district helped and the representative from Food Link said it would grow.

7.3 Review of NYSSBA Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions

Mr. Crumb shared the web site link for board members to reference during their discussion on how to vote for the Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions. Mr. Oberlin provided an overview on the purpose and value of this process and how it affords our district a chance to let NYSSBA know what we would like them to spend their time on. Once voted on, these items become part of NYSSBA's agenda in their work with the government.

EXPIRING NYSSBA POSITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

(Yes-No-Abstention Votes in parenthesis of board members)

1. Cultural Diversity (7-0-0)
2. Schedule of Membership Dues (7-0-0)
3. Supporting RIC's for Data Storage (7-0-0)
4. Supporting State Aid for Professional Development (7-0-0)
5. Supporting Full-Day Kindergarten (7-0-0)
6. Supporting Increased Funding for Pre-Kindergarten (7-0-0)
7. Opposing Educator Bonuses (7-0-0)
8. Supporting Cap Relief for Distressed Districts (5-0-2)
9. Supporting Common Core Teacher Certification Alignment (0-7-0)
10. Supporting the Use of Student Performance in APPR (4-3-0)

RESOLUTIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

11. Affordable Care Act (no vote required)
12. Annual School Budget Election and Vote (0-7-0)
13. Medicare Premium Reimbursement Under NYSHIP (0-7-0)

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8.1 NYS ELA/Math 3-8 Assessment Results – (2013-2014)

Mr. Crumb introduced Mr. Zinkewich, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, who provided an overview of the NYS ELA and Math Assessments. Through a power point presentation, he provided board members with a comparison of our school district with neighboring districts and the growth rate from year-to-year and our cohort growth. With all areas he noted how we were “best in the West” in all test areas but one with only a couple of examples where there wasn’t a growth increase. He noted that we are doing well and that our area of focus will continue to be with ELA, especially when comparing us with similar size/demographic districts. He also shared that much of our success is due to the supports that are being provided by the teachers on special assignment and our position with Cory Allen in his special assignment as an administrator focused on ELA.

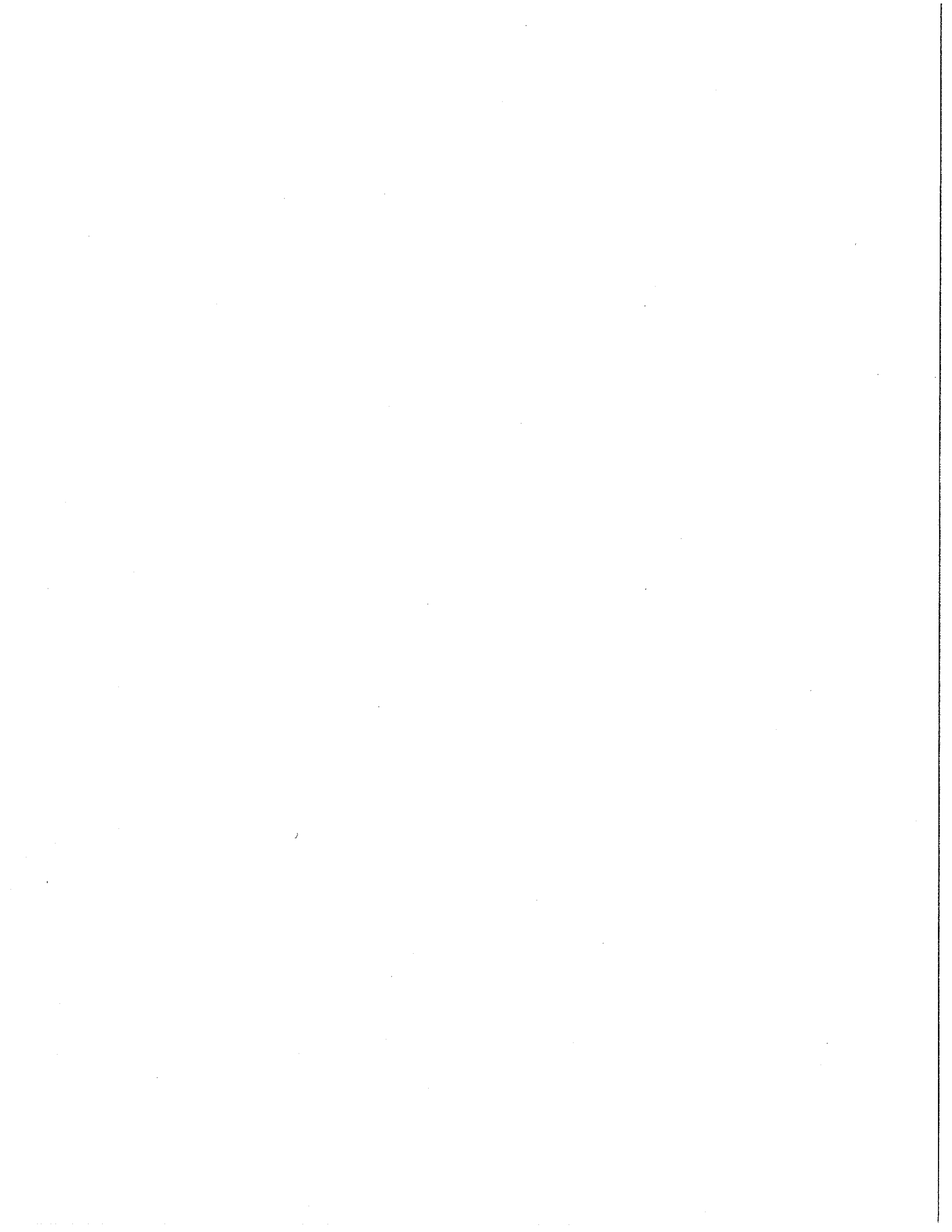
Jim Oberlin noted the outstanding results and offered congratulations to the district and noted how honored he is to be a part of this school district. Mr. Crumb noted the importance of recognizing the great work of our dedicated staff.

There was discussion about the disparity among our elementary skills and what we were doing as a district. It was shared that results are focused on and there is discussion on areas of opportunity but it was also noted that there was significant growth in those schools as well.

Mr. Gibbardo inquired about the STLE Grant and the work of literacy specialists. He noted that there was mention about the transition years and what that work was. An example was shared about the practice of guided reading and expanding some of those strategies into 6th grade to help our struggling students. Mr. Crumb noted that we are looking at transition points with mathematics as well.

8.2 Special Education Report

Mr. Crumb introduced Ms. Richmond who provided a summary presentation on our annual Special Education Report for the 2013-2014 school year. Her summary included a breakdown of the numbers of students provided services, an overview of the continuum of services that we provide, and an analysis of our 4-year and 5-year outcome of SWD graduation rate. In 2009, the district introduced resource room support and quarterly meetings on student progress and this has a direct correlation to a 6% increase in our graduation results. When looking at a 5-year graduation rate, a 13% increase can be noted as well. When looking at only Spencerport HS students and taking out the outplaced students our results show an even greater increase. Ms. Richmond noted that our efforts with Response to Intervention (RtI) at the younger grade levels has provided great supports with these results. A summary of our accomplishments was shared and highlighted our work with data, explicit instruction, student support centers, 5-week review of outplaced students, RtI, Consultant Teacher Program Review, a review of our suspension data, and continued work on our Medicaid compliance, Trauma Illness and Grief (TIG) training and our work with the Dignity Act. She noted that all of these areas require a high level of collaboration and this has been the cornerstone of our success. She closed by sharing a number of our goals for the upcoming school year including an analysis of our continuum of services, work on prevention strategies, and a focus



on the Common Core when writing IEPs. In addition, she noted the importance of ongoing work with data-based decision making efforts, implementation of new graduation requirements, on-going support of collaboration and continued efforts to reinforce our work with explicit instruction and small group work.

Mr. Bracken thanked Ms. Richmond and the special education staff across the district for the work they are doing. A number of board members shared their appreciation.

9. MEETING EVALUATION

Mr. Sweeney noted that the meeting had great discussions and presentations tonight. He highlighted the importance of celebrating the great work our district does.

Mr. Oberlin shared that he couldn't make the next meeting.

Mr. Zale shared his appreciation that conversation is held to discuss items and ask questions openly during the meeting and through email. Mr. Sweeney shared that he feels that collaboration is one of our core values.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Zale and seconded by Mr. Oberlin to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel at 9:40 p.m.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 7

Yes: 7

No: 0

Mr. Sweeney moved us out of Executive Session and back into Study Session at 10:15 p.m.

11. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Mr. Oberlin and seconded by Ms. Gillette to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 7

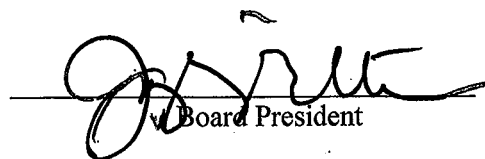
Yes: 7

No: 0

As there was no further business, Mr. Sweeney declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



District Clerk



Board President

