

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

March 13, 2012  
Spencerport, New York

Members Present: Gary Bracken, Todd Dunn, Jody Gillette, Kevin Hutton,  
William Sweeney, Mark Young

Absent: Jim Oberlin

Others Present: Mr. Crumb, Mr. Milgate, Mr. Wood, Mr. Zinkiewich,  
Mr. Kozlowski, Mrs. Cypher, district students, staff,  
residents and guest

The Study meeting of the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District was called to order at 7:05 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the President, Mr. William Sweeney in the Board of Education Conference Room in the Administration Building.

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

**No. 120**  
*Agenda*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Todd Dunn and seconded by Kevin Hutton.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

**No. 121**  
*Board Recognition*

**3. BOARD RECOGNITION**

Mr. Sweeney invited Pam Fitzmorris, Teacher Leader for Music/Art to present a Board of Education Resolution in recognition of Music In Our Schools Month.

Ms. Gillette made a motion to adopt the proposition and Mr. Young seconded the motion.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

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Mrs. Fitzmorris had the members of the music staff and the Spencerport Music Association announce their names for recognition purposes. Mr. Crumb shared his appreciation for the professionalism and dedication that the music staff provides for our school district.

**No. 122**  
*Privilege of the Floor*

**4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - None**

**No. 123**  
*Consent Agenda  
Approval 2/28/12  
Board Minutes*

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.1 Minutes of the Board of Education**

Approval of the February 28, 2012 Board meeting minutes.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Bracken seconded the motion.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

**No. 124**  
*Board of Education*

**6. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**6.1 President's Report & Communication - None**

**6.2 Board of Education Members' Reports**

Ms. Gillette shared that she enjoyed the United Way Volleyball tournament. Mr. Sweeney echoed her comment and added that nearly \$500 was raised and thanked the STA for their efforts in organizing this event.

## 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### 7.1 Presentation of Proposed 2012-13 Budget

Mr. Crumb introduced his presentation by thanking members of the Budget Focus Group that attended the Board of Education meeting. He also provided a summary of the agenda for the Presentation of the Proposed Budget for 2012-13. Board of Education members were provided copies of the proposed budget and revenue documents to support the presentation. He began with a summary of the proposal and then reflected on the base budget that was presented in December, 2011. An overview of the perspectives provided by the members of the Budget Focus Group was presented and each program/practice that was surveyed. From this, Mr. Crumb summarized that in general, the majority of responses from the committee fell in the "no change" category with respect to the budget with the exception of facilities and maintenance and administrative where a higher percentage felt we could do with less in those areas. The tax levy perspective had the highest percentage in the "more than 2% but less than the amount requiring a super majority" category. Mr. Crumb shared that this is used only as guidance for us and we recognize that there are other perspectives and individual situations for our citizens. Next, Mr. Crumb shared the strategies that we have used to help close the budget gap while preserving the mission (retirements/right sizing, negotiations, reviewing trend-line data, maximizing efficiencies, and review of programs and services). Examples for each of these strategies were provided for the members of the Board of Education.

Mr. Crumb referred to the Budget Document to draw attention to the multi-year state function summary. Mr. Wood then reviewed each of the functional areas of the budget and highlighted major areas of reductions and/or increases. Clarification was provided on trend-line reductions made in the facilities department by Mr. Milgate and Mr. Crumb shared details on our health care costs. There was a discussion on the percentage of administrative cost being consistent over the last several years.

Mr. Crumb completed the presentation by overviewing the revenue projections from the budget. Mr. Dunn asked about the 4% increase in state aid that has been communicated and Mr. Crumb provided clarification on this. Part of this discussion was around the allocation of competitive grants that may be distributed through the state aid formula as a result of the smaller, less affluent districts being hit hard. Mr. Crumb was hopeful that by the next meeting he would have more information on this to move forward. The loss of federal aid was noted as our major reduction in revenue and local sources (ex. Sales tax) was noted as our largest increase as a revenue source. A summary of our reserves and fund balance was provided with details on those that are a "dollar-for-dollar" match (ex., retirement, unemployment, workers compensation) and others that had a specific purpose with rules for use (ex., capital reserve). It was discussed that we continue to replenish our reserves with fund balance on a fairly consistent basis. The question was raised about our ability to be sustainable given the amount of trend-line reductions that we are making.

The tax levy was proposed at 2.58% (\$33,603,598) which is the maximum that we could approve without exceeding the tax cap limit based on the formula provided. The proposed increase was represented in an example of a \$150,000 home. With this increase it would represent a \$5.10 per month change with the understanding that assessments stay flat. Mr. Crumb also reviewed an example of the savings this year

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for the extended STAR with our new exemption rate for seniors. An example was shared on the possible reduction of the tax rate as well and from here, Mr. Crumb opened it up to a discussion with the Board of Education and Budget Focus Group. It was noted that we need to adopt a budget 28 days before the May 15, 2012 vote date.

Clarification was provided that at this time our reduction in positions is the result of enrollment and following class size guidelines. An explanation was provided on the potential outcome of the tax cap analysis possibly not being accurate. If that should occur, the State is currently suggesting methods for addressing this through establishing a reserve. A question was raised about the addition of the middle school administrative position and how that was justified. Mr. Crumb explained the need for this due to the needs driven by the Regents reform agenda and the new APPR requirements.

Discussion was held by Board Members on giving direction to Cabinet. A question was raised about our ability to sustain this over several years. Mr. Sweeney shared information that was forecasted from our financial planner was much higher than what we have accomplished. It was also discussed that the financial market improvement forecasts are favorable as well. There was general support for the existing proposed budget with a recommendation to wait to see if state aid increases as a result of the anticipated New York State budget for 2012-13.

## 7.2 Curriculum Review Cycle

Mr. Zinkewich provided an overview on a number of instructional topics. He began by updating the Board of Education on the Common Core Standards and the need to be predictable in terms of the work that lies ahead. The Curriculum Cycle will be aligned with the Common Core. In addition, we continue to conduct program reviews to ensure our programs are current and aligned with our initiatives. Two of our reviews this year included K-12 Reading and K-12 Mathematics. The Curriculum Review would include four years' worth of work for each academic area. Year One would include data analysis, Year Two would focus on curriculum writing and pilot work, Year Three would serve as a refine and adjustment phase and the fourth phase would revisit the data analysis process. To support this, we are reviewing a program called Atlas that is designed to provide for the mapping and access capabilities that we need teachers to have access to. While we store our curriculum in Moodle and it provides us with the access component, it doesn't allow for the interactive database capabilities. This information also includes an alignment with our Assessment Cycle and the need for including a Formative Assessment plan that ultimately informs our efforts to prepare our students for our Summative Assessments. The goal is collaboration and alignment of efforts. This effort will help to support our preparation for the new APPR and the benchmark data that will be needed to obtain the necessary data. The goal is setting a plan, working that plan and avoiding any surprises. Mr. Sweeney noted that this is great work and is looking forward to the improvements. Mr. Crumb noted that this helps us to begin to see how the State initiatives are coming together.

## 7.3 Legal Notice for School Budget Vote

No action taken.

**No. 126**  
*Meeting Evaluation*

**8. MEETING EVALUATION**

Mr. Dunn noted that the budget presentation was excellent.

**No. 127**  
*Executive Session*

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Bracken that the Board be adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Mr. Sweeney declared Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6  
No: 0

Mr. Sweeney reconvened the meeting to open session at 10:35 p.m.

**No. 128**  
*Adjournment*

**10. ADJOURN**

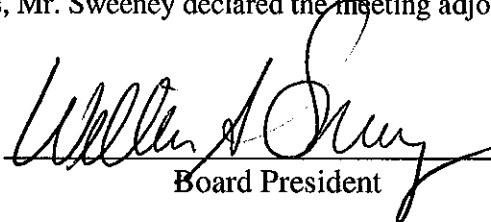
Motion was made by Mr. Bracken and seconded by Mark Young to adjourn the meeting.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6  
No: 0

As there was no further business, Mr. Sweeney declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

  
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District Clerk

  
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Board President