

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

April 3, 2012
Spencerport, New York

Members Present: Gary Bracken, Todd Dunn, Jody Gillette, Kevin Hutton,
William Sweeney, Mark Young-entered at 6:57

Absent: Jim Oberlin

Others Present: Mr. Crumb, Mr. Milgate, Mr. Wood, Mr. Zinkiewich,
Ms. Cypher, Mr. Kozlowski, 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 6:46 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the President, Mr. William Sweeney in the Cafeteria in the Cosgrove Middle School 2749 Spencerport Rd.

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

No. 139
Executive Session

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Todd Dunn and seconded by Kevin Hutton that the Board be adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Vote of Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

Mr. Sweeney called Executive Session to order at 6:47 p.m.

Mr. Young entered executive session at 6:57p.m.

Mr. Sweeney reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:15 p.m.

No. 140
Approval of Agenda

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Gary Bracken and seconded by Todd Dunn.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

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3. BOARD RECOGNITION

Robotics Team 2-3015

Mr. Crumb introduced Mr. Joe Gallina and Mr. Tim O'Connor, advisors for the Robotics Team to introduce and recognize their students for their efforts. He noted that they received 2nd place in the regionals at RIT and 1st place in Cleveland at the 2012 Buckeye Regional which qualified them to attend the national competition later this month in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Gallina shared that this is our 4th year in this program and described the challenge that the team faced this year. He noted that over \$144,000 in scholarships are in place this year bringing our four year total to over \$364,000 in total scholarships.

Mr. Sweeney talked about our district mission and how the Robotics team and their success story is a great example of students developing their 21st Century skills. He offered his congratulations and thanked them for their efforts. Mr. Crumb also shared his congratulations to the team and shared how our strategic plan and how the robotics team is one of the best examples of the importance of developing partnerships as one of our strategies. He also noted the support of the parents, corporate sponsors, and the numerous volunteers that made this possible.

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Privilege of the Floor

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Sweeney explained the purpose and process for privilege of the floor and reminded presenters that each presentation is limited to two to five minutes.

1. Mr. Roman Melynk, who resides at 112 Lansmere Lane Rochester, NY spoke on behalf of wrestling coach, Tony D'Ambra. His request was to reinstate Mr. D'Ambra for the varsity wrestling team.
2. Enzo Sacchetti, student wrestler, who resides at 561 Elmgrove Rd. Rochester, NY shared his thoughts and appreciation for the efforts of Coach D'Ambra. He shared that he believes Mr. D'Ambra is the best person for this position.
3. Stephen Maier, student wrestler, who resides at 863 Trimmer Rd. Spencerport, NY spoke on behalf of the wrestlers and noted the accomplishments of the team and Coach D'Ambra. He asked us to think of the kids in the program. He spoke about

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his good character by sharing a story that shows that he cares about the wrestling program.

- 4. Jessi Kimmerli, student wrestler, who resides at 255 South Union St. Apt. 3 Spencerport, NY shared that he was here for his wrestling coaches and to share how important they are to him personally and the wrestling program. He shared a personal story to help explain his feelings and appreciation for coach D'Ambra and coach Forsythe. He noted that you can see by the number of people here for the support speaks for itself.
- 5. Mr. Kirk Pittman, president of the Wrestling Club, resides at 197 Queensland Dr. Rochester, NY spoke on behalf of this organization and other athletic clubs regarding the accomplishments and efforts of coach D'Ambra. Mr. Pittman wants to know why coach D'Ambra is being let go.

No. 143
Consent Agenda
Board Minutes 3/27/12
Field Trip

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes of the Board of Education

Approval of the March 27, 2012 Board meeting minutes.

5.2 Field Trip Request

FIRST Robotics Team – 3015

The Spencerport High School requests approval for the following field trip for 2011-2012:

- 1. Spencerport High School Ranger Robotics Club to the FIRST Robotics World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri from April 25 to April 29, 2012.

Motion was made by Gary Bracken and seconded by Jody Gillette to approve consent agenda.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

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Board of Education
Reports

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

6.1 President's Report & Communication - none

6.2 Board of Education Members' Reports - none

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

7.1 Presentation of Proposed 2012-13 Budget

Mr. Crumb, Superintendent of Schools provided the Board of Education with new information that we received last week regarding our state aid and recommendations to amend the proposed budget that was presented on March 13th. Mr. Crumb noted that the state budget was approved by April 1st which included the restoration of aid to public education. Mr. Crumb reviewed foundation aid and the gap elimination adjustment to note that we could be gaining an additional \$728,785 and when deducting our original forecasted reduction from state aide in the amount of \$120,608 we end up with a net increase of approximately \$600,000 in revenue.

Mr. Crumb also discussed some items that were not included in the original budget proposal and recommended that they are included in the budget (ex. music festival fee, one additional music instrument, maintenance contract for our phone system, funding for state testing for third party assessments, summer school registration fees for middle school students, and instrument repairs etc.). An additional contingent position was also recommended to add into the budget after Mr. Crumb reviewed our current elementary enrollment numbers and our concern over a couple of elementary grades where we are forecasting a need to add new class sections. Mr. Crumb provided a detailed explanation about the strategies that we use to monitor class sizes and how we keep a close eye on kindergarten enrollment because it changes so often. With this, we will be watching each school very carefully through the end of July when final staffing determinations are made. The total addition to our budget would amount to a \$167,390.

A question about the situation at Munn Elementary School was raised by Mr. Bracken and Mr. Crumb explained how it is difficult to add a section once schools starts as parents and students are not comfortable with leaving their assigned teacher. Rather, we chose to add a classroom Teaching Assistant to support these classes. Mr. Sweeney asked further why we wouldn't go ahead and be proactive and add a section at this point in time. Mr. Crumb explained that we would wait to be sure we were not overstaffing in case students drop out prior to the date where we set sections.

Next, Mr. Crumb provided an update on the estimated assessments that we received from the four town assessors in February 2012. Based on the new information that we have received from three of our towns (Ogden, Greece, Parma) we are projecting a .17% increase in assessments rather than a .41% increase.

By using an interactive spreadsheet, Mr. Crumb provided a recommendation with these additions and amended assessment estimates. He also recommended reducing the appropriated fund balance to \$500,000 so we can use the difference to help replenish reserves and become more sustainable in future years. He shared that his recommendations would result in a 2.13% tax levy and a forecasted tax rate of 1.96%. There was discussion around the most appropriate amount to reduce the appropriated fund balance. Mr. Hutton noted that this recommendation supports the feedback from the Budget Focus Group. Mr. Sweeney noted that while we are looking at these projections now, they are actually finalized in August.

A motion was made by Gary Bracken to adopt the revised budget as recommended by Mr. Crumb and Mr. Dunn seconded the motion.

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Mr. Dunn provided clarification that the amount of the budget would be **\$69,026,404** and felt the recommendations to use the restored state aid were very responsible. Ms. Gillette asked if there was any additional information that might change our recommendation and Mr. Crumb shared that only an adjusted assessment projection from Gates was outstanding however we had already adjusted our forecast based on the updates from the other three towns. Mr. Crumb summarized by saying that he didn't feel that there was a reason to wait. Mr. Young shared his appreciation for this year's budget development process and discussion of available options for the Board to consider.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

7.2 2012-13 Budget Communication Plan

Mr. Crumb introduced Lanette Cypher, Communication Specialists, who provided the Board of Education with a summary of our Budget Communication Plan. By using previous years' exit polls, Ms. Cypher shared that we developed our plan. Part of our goals this year includes clear explanation on the Tax Cap and the 2% factor. The plan included initiatives like community presentations, faculty meeting presentations, web site updates, on-line quiz, postcard invites to vote and our Cornerstone publication. In addition, Ms. Cypher shared that while the Cornerstone was our main source of media we will also focus on media and web site updates. How we inform people includes sources like eNews, Board Members, Superintendent presentations, and social media efforts like Twitter. We also will provide lawn signs again, large community banners, word of mouth (ex. Budget Focus Group), use of posters, lunch menu calendars, Tax Cap quiz, budget/capital project flyer and the use of exit polls. Ms. Cypher also shared that we are allowed to share information about the vote in a general manner but that we can't advocate whether or not to vote for the budget. She reminded everyone that we provide copies of the budget at each of our schools as well. A reminder of the budget timeline/dates was also reviewed. A question was raised by Ms. Gillette on our demographics for actual voters. Ms. Cypher shared that they are 61% parents, 19% senior citizen, 15% residents without children and 11% district employees.

7.3 Graduation Venue Recommendation

Mr. Crumb introduced Mr. McCabe, Principal at our High School, and Mr. Corey, Assistant Principal to share their findings from their committee that studied the Graduation Venue. Mr. McCabe shared that this change began back in September with the Eastman Theatre moving our date of graduation that the committee met to work on the change in venue. Mr. McCabe provided a summary of the committee members that included teachers, administrators, students, parents and support staff. Mr. McCabe shared that they have been transparent in the process and have included their minutes from the meetings in the school publications and on the school web page. Mr. McCabe introduced Mr. Corey who presented their findings and recommendations using a Prezi. First, a Survey was administered and Mr. Allen shared the results. He noted that distance from our town or location was a high priority. Comments were shared from the respondents as well that supported the idea of moving the venue and in some

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cases, supporting to remain at the Eastman Theatre. A venue checklist rubric was created for the committee members to use to analyze their findings. The Eastman Theatre, U of R, Blue Cross Arena, RIT Field House, Spencerport High School, Riverside Convention Center and the new SUNY Brockport Special Events & Recreation Center (SERC). The logistics/demographics of the various venues were shared in the areas of seating, parking, cost, date, location and formality of the venue. In looking at the Brockport Venue, a rendition of what the graduation would look like was shared. A map of the parking lot availability was shared as well for the 1200 available parking spots. Mr. McCabe added that Brockport was very helpful in accommodating our research process and willing to help meet our needs. He added that with the Brockport Venue we can modify the seating and stage to replicate as best as possible our previous venue. The cost of \$8000-\$10,000 is possibly a high estimate but included a number of services. Mr. McCabe addressed Mr. Dunn's question around the interest in a long term commitment and noted that that was a possibility. Mr. McCabe noted that right now, we are in a good position to lock into the Friday night tradition with them. Mr. Allen shared a video rendition from an artist. Mr. Allen discussed the importance of replicating the experience that is referred to as the "Gibbs Street" experience. The SERC representatives shared that they would close off their entrance loop to do this. Mr. McCabe addressed a question from Mr. Sweeney regarding the discussions that need to occur around the number of tickets issued and the availability to the public.

Mr. McCabe shared that the committee recommendation was unanimous. The Graduation Committee is recommending that our graduation ceremony for the Class of 2013, and all of our future graduating classes, be held at SUNY Brockport.

Mr. Crumb added that this is about community and strongly recommends the recommendation provided by the committee.

Motion was made by Gary Bracken and seconded by Kevin Hutton to accept the Graduation Committee's recommendation to hold all future graduation ceremonies at SUNY Brockport.

Mr. Dunn added comments to support the new venue recommendation. Mr. Young added a comment that he feels that this will help alleviate the stress. Ms. Gillette added that having as many loved ones at an event like this is important. Mr. Sweeney encouraged the committee to reconvene and make this new and rich tradition as meaningful as possible.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

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7.4 Tenure Recommendations

Mr. Crumb made a summary of his endorsement of all of the candidates.

Motion was made by Mark Young and seconded by Gary Bracken to approve the following teacher tenure recommendations for:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Kelly Crumb	Bernabi	Special Education	September 1, 2012
Chris Gray	Cosgrove	Physical Education	September 1, 2012
Julianne Henninger	Cosgrove	School Counseling	September 1, 2012
Dorothy Lewis	Munn	Special Education	September 1, 2012
Kimberly Patton	High School	School Psychologist	September 1, 2012
Julie Szymanowicz	Canal View	Elementary Education	September 1, 2012

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

7.5 Proposed 2012-13 School Calendar

Mr. Crumb shared that his new recommendation for the 2012-2013 school year would include our traditional start date for students on Wednesday after Labor Day. He provided a summary of the modifications and recommendation to the Board of Education that still embraced the need for Superintendent's Conference Days to ensure the much needed professional development opportunities.

Ms. Gillette asked a question about the support for the first day for the teachers being focused on professional development to Mr. Kozlowski, STA president.

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Ms. Gillette to adopt the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

No. 146
 Meeting Evaluation

8. MEETING EVALUATION

Mr. Dunn noted that this is one of the smoothest budget years ever and congratulated the cabinet.

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Adjournment

9. ADJOURN

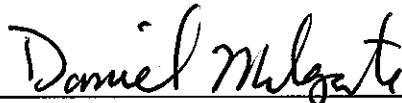
Motion was made by Gary Bracken and seconded by Mark Young to adjourn the meeting.

Vote of Board: Yes: 6

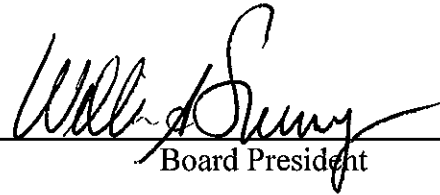
Yes: 6

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As there was no further business, Mr. Sweeney declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.



District Clerk



Board President