

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

October 11, 2011
Spencerport, New York

Members Present: Jody Gillette, Jim Oberlin, Todd Dunn, Kevin Hutton,
Gary Bracken,

Absent: William Sweeney, Mark Young

Others Present: Michael Rehbaum, Kevin Mantell, Lynn Robinson, Mary
Jo Weckesser, Elizabeth Meyers, Andrea Campo, Joanne
Zazzaro, Michael Di Cesare, Breanne Lovall, Patty
Grosodonia, Hoang Ta, Lanette Cypher, Dylan
Walbridge, Lisa Belmont, Heather Shaw, John
Kozlowski, Michelle McLaren, Kathy DeLorme, Kathy
Wilson, Ellen Fridman, Frank Lattuca, Henry Le, Janice
Fridman, Kathie Straub, Emma Williams

The Study meeting of the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School
District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the Vice President, Mr.
Todd Dunn in the Cafeteria in the Bernabi Elementary School.

No. 36

Executive Session

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jim Oberlin and seconded by Gary Bracken that the Board be
adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel
matters.

Vote of Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

Mr. Dunn declared Executive Session at 6:35p.m.

Mr. Dunn reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:05 p.m.

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

No. 37
Approval of Agenda

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Vote of Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

No. 38
*Study/Discussion
Bernabi BPT*

3. STUDY/DISCUSSION OF BERNABI'S BUILDING PLAN-LIBRARY

Members of the Bernabi Building Planning Team shared the various action steps of their building plan. The goals that they covered were as follows:

- A. Bernabi will create ways/times to foster the social/emotional needs of all students to ensure a sense of belonging. Bernabi will provide the students opportunities to contribute their time and efforts to the community.
- B. Bernabi will incorporate a combination of instructional technology, enrichment and differentiation to foster each student's personal interests and to meet their learning needs.
- C. The Bernabi BPT will implement the District's data plan in support of our efforts to achieve the District's student achievement targets.

Board of Education members asked questions about some of the specific action items that the members of the Building Planning Team shared. Ms. Campo and other members of the Building Planning Team addressed each question and shared specific details. Mr. Crumb shared his appreciation for the rigor towards academics in the plan but also for showing that Bernabi is a fun place to learn.

No. 39
*Bernabi Parent
Teacher Organization*

4. DISCUSSION WITH BERNABI'S PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Members of the Parent Teacher Organization from Bernabi Elementary School responded to three questions presented to them prior to the Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Straub addressed these questions. The first was how the parents association helps the district to achieve our mission. This was addressed through the use of the funds from fund raising in order to support the clubs and the enrichment opportunities. This directly aligns with supporting the concept of the pursuit of personal interests. Author visits, assemblies, and Bernabi Reads are all examples of this. Another example was the support that the parents association provided to purchase a greenhouse for the school. The concept of supporting the CORE Values is evident when you come to special events like picnics, bingo night, book fairs, and parent association meetings. They also work hard to get community members, parents and teachers involved in our meetings because the opinion of the community members is valued.

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Privilege of the Floor

5. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There were no requests for privilege of the floor.

No. 41
Consent Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Second Reading of
Policies #7317 &
8360

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Gary Bracken and seconded by Jim Oberlin to approve minutes for the September 27, 2011 Regular Board of Education meeting, September 28, 2011 Executive Board of Education meeting, and to adopt 6.2 Policies #7317 Use of Time Out Rooms and #8360 Animals in Schools (Instructional Use).

Vote of Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

No. 42
Board of Education

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION

7.1 President's Report & Communication
New York State School Boards Convention

Review Resolutions – Mr. Dunn encouraged Board of Education members to review the resolutions and if any Board of Education member has a question or concern to contact Mr. Sweeney.

7.2 Board of Education Member's Reports

Mr. Oberlin shared that his building review of Bernabi took place and he recalled that the last time he was here for a review was five years ago. For the most part, he reported that there has been great improvement. He also suggested that in our next capital project that our locker rooms are updated and that the asbestos tiles that still remain are addressed as well for this school.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8.1 ELA and Math Results

Mr. Crumb introduced Mr. Zinkiewich who presented a summary on our ELA/Math results for grades 3-8. Mr. Zinkiewich referenced the resources that were sent to the Board of Education members for their review and then preceded with his presentation. He shared that one area of focus will be students with disabilities as well as the need to address areas where the State Education Department has identified us as a district and/or school in need of improvement. Mr. Zinkiewich overviewed the results for both ELA and Math and provided some perspective on these results and our comparisons with Western Monroe County school districts. He also identified our performance target areas with respect to the Race-to-the-Top funding and where we did and didn't reach our goals. A summary of the "areas of focus" was then shared that included information on a number of our efforts for this coming school year: Targeted Academic Support (TAS) Time initiative, our program review for Academic Intervention Services (AIS), our commitments to instructional technology and differentiated instruction, the creation of an Instructional Data Plan, common formative assessments and common unit assessments along with progress monitoring were identified as strategies that we are implementing.

Board of Education members were asked if they had any questions. Mr. Bracken identified the differences between elementary schools to which Mr. Zinkiewich shared that the administrators are identifying the best practices. He also shared that how we use the data plan will help with the area of consistency as well. Mr. Crumb addressed efforts to support all students.

Mr. Zinkiewich acknowledged the work of the principals, teachers, the Instruction Office and our school community to help us in continuous improvement. Mr. Oberlin noted the work of our district and cautioned us not to focus on just the numbers.

8.2 2012-13 Budget Discussion

Mr. Crumb began initial conversations about our budget process. He provided an overview of our discussion items for the evening.

a. Budget Development Calendar

Mr. Crumb referenced the draft calendar and reviewed each of the meetings and projected timeline that will be impacted by various New York State Education changes that involve the timing of the announcement of state aid and other variables. Another change in the calendar was to move the budget hearing to the first Tuesday in May. He opened it up to questions and conversation to the Board of Education members. Mr. Oberlin supported the idea of having the extra time which Mr. Crumb acknowledged would be supportive of the changes that we will need to work on with the addition of the tax cap conversations.

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b. Assumptions for Expenditures and Revenues

Mr. Wood reviewed the budget assumptions that accompany a roll-over budget. Mr. Wood shared the assumptions used for each type of expenditure category, then asked for questions from the board. Mr. Dunn asked about the calculation of retirement system rates by using a five year average for a more accurate projection of the TRS rate. Mr. Wood shared the employee retirement system rate is based on a memo from ERS and is spot-on. The TRS rate won't be projected until later in the year, but the 2012-2013 increase is similar to what has happened over the last few years. For instance, rates increased from 6.19% to 8.62% to 11.11% and the projection is now 13.6%. Mr. Dunn also asked about the projected increase for health insurance. Mr. Crumb shared that the health insurance increases for the consortium plans have ranged between 9% and 12% in recent years. He also shared that the 2011 increase was 2% because reserve funds were used to offset the rate increase. Mr. Wood also added that this is a blended rate as not all subscribers are part of the consortium.

Mr. Wood then shared the assumptions that will be used to forecast revenue. The wildcard this year will be the tax cap threshold. The value projected will be a best estimate of the levy without having a super-majority vote. He also shared the federal sources will be significantly less due to the loss of the Ed Jobs money which was a one-year funding source. Reserves will be based on estimated expenditures. Mr. Hutton asked if any additional federal assistance was being considered. Mr. Crumb shared he is unable to forecast the approval of the President's recent jobs bill proposal that would provide funding to education. Mr. Dunn commented that it appears the assumptions are for a worst case scenario.

c. Budget Documents

Mr. Crumb reviewed the documents used for our budget process. He shared that we are considering what the value of the Program Services document is for the process. He asked for feedback from the Board of Education members and if there is not a feeling of this being valuable, that we consider abandoning this document. Mr. Bracken shared that it was very valuable from his perspective so he could continue to understand the granularity of the budget. Mr. Wood shared that this document was originally intended to capture the specific expenses by program (i.e. FSC) and we haven't been able to present it in this way. Our roll-over budget gives a line-by-line analysis. Mr. Dunn shared that he likes that the Program & Services document provides a summary of changes. Mr. Wood is proposing that we use the Program & Services document as our template and no longer use the roll-over budget. Mr. Wood explained how this new document would appear and how it would eliminate the need for both documents. The decision was to go with the Program & Services document format and not issue the base budget document.

8.3 Budget Focus Group Charge and Membership

Mr. Crumb reviewed his recommendation for the charge and membership of the Budget Focus Group. He basically replicated the process used last year. With the Board of Education's support, Mr. Crumb will begin recruiting membership. Mr.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - *continued*

Dunn shared that it is critical that members of the group know their role and charge as a member of this committee to avoid any potential misunderstanding.

A motion was made by Jody Gillette and seconded by Kevin Hutton to support the charge for this committee.

Vote of Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

No. 44
Meeting Evaluation

9. MEETING EVALUATION

Mr. Oberlin appreciated ending on time. Mr. Dunn asked about the Parent Teacher Organization participation with the meeting and what board members were thinking. Mr. Oberlin shared that he appreciated their presentation and that perhaps board members can help with their communication needs. Ms. Gillette felt that this supported our goals of community involvement and having a better understanding of this. Mr. Dunn supported this perspective. There was discussion on the timing of the PTO presentation but no changes were recommended.

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Adjourn

10. ADJOURN

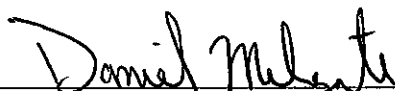
Motion was made by Jim Oberlin and seconded by Gary Bracken to adjourn the meeting.

Vote of Board: Yes: 5

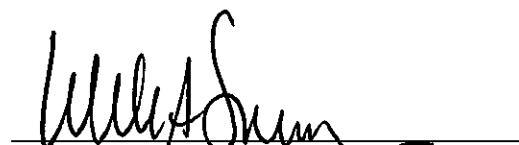
Yes: 5

No: 0

Mr. Dunn adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.



District Clerk



Board President