

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

Date: May 7, 2013
Spencerport, New York

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

Absent: Mr. Hutton, Mr. Young

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

The Study meeting of the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District was called to order at 7:17 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the President, Mr. Sweeney, in the Board of Education Conference Room in the Administration Building.

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 Mr. Oberlin that the Board approve the Study Session agenda.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

3. BOARD RECOGNITION

High School Music Department - Mr. Crumb welcomed members of our High School Music Department and thanked them for all of their efforts. He introduced Mr. Viavattine who introduced members of the music department and students from the High School. The students shared some reflections on the music program at the High School, the Berkley and Williamsburg trips, and the value of these experiences. Students also shared their appreciation of the faculty and all that they have done to support the students. Mr. Osborne congratulated the students for their efforts this year and for their accomplishments. Mrs. Murphy shared that the vocal groups received awards as well. Mr. Viavattine thanked the Board of Education for their support and noted the value of the authentic assessment that the Music program provides for the students. Mr. Sweeney thanked the members of the music department and students for their accomplishments and noted his personal experience and reflections on the life experiences that his own children had as participants in the music program.

Mr. Crumb added that he truly hears the mission statement through the comments shared by the students and staff members. He noted how proud he is of the program.

National Teacher Appreciation Week – Mr. Sweeney presented a resolution in recognition of the Spencerport teachers for all that they do for our students. He read the resolution to the Spencerport Teacher Association officers that were in attendance as follows:

WHEREAS, the teachers in the Spencerport Central School District are essential partners in the District's Strategic Plan and Mission to educate and inspire each student to love learning, pursue excellence and use knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute respectfully and confidently to an ever-changing global community; and

WHEREAS, our teachers challenge each student to graduate and be college and career ready by differentiating their lessons to meet the needs of students of widely differing backgrounds that they encounter; and

WHEREAS, our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, our teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service; and

WHEREAS, teachers commitment to continuously improving their knowledge and expertise through professional development in alignment with Federal, State and District reforms and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, teachers integrate technologies in their pedagogy to prepare their students for the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, the Spencerport community recognizes, supports, and appreciates its teachers for educating and inspiring the children of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spencerport Central School District Board of Education proclaims May 6 – 10, 2013, to be Teacher Appreciation Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spencerport Central School District Board of Education strongly encourages all members of our school community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

A motion was made by Mr. Oberlin and seconded by Mr. Bracken to adopt the resolution to recognize the Spencerport teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jenna Callan, a senior at Spencerport High School, who resides at 47 Bauer's Cove, Spencerport, New York, shared her thoughts on the Senior Project. She shared her recommendations on how to improve the Senior Project and to consider looking at different tracks for students with projects more

geared towards career goals or community service to help students prepare for their future. She suggested that we focus on building students' resumes and getting them better prepared to be well rounded people. She connected her suggestions to our Core Values of our Strategic Plan.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Old Business

Approval of the Board of Education Meeting minutes held April 23, 2013.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM

1. RESIGNATIONS

- a. Pamela Bigsby, School Media Specialist assigned to Bernabi Elementary School, resigning effective June 30, 2013. Reason personal

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM

1. RESIGNATIONS

- a. Dawn Bellinger, Bus Driver for Transportation Department, resigning effective May 3, 2013. Reason: personal
- b. Matthew Panzetta, Cleaner assigned to Cosgrove Middle School, resigning effective May 6, 2013. Reason: personal

A motion was made by Ms. Gillette and seconded by Mr. Bracken to approve the Consent Agenda with the inclusion of the Classified and Certificated personnel action items as addendums.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5
No: 0

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

6.1 President's Report and Communication

Mr. Sweeney noted that the end of the school year offers numerous events/activities for us to enjoy.

6.2 Board of Education Member's Report

Mr. Bracken shared that he attended the School-to-Career year-end breakfast and noted the work that the students are doing and the presentation provided by Mrs. Somers was very nice. Ms. Tyler shared that she attended the Volunteer Dinner and expressed her appreciation of the work that Ms. Magin and Ms. Mosher put into this program. She noted how nice it was to see so many administrators there and only wished that more volunteers were there. Ms. Gillette shared that she and Mr. Oberlin were

at the Audit Committee meeting and topics were pretty typical and that we are in great shape. Mr. Oberlin shared that he will be assembling his subcommittee on assessments in the near future.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 Code of Conduct Changes

Mr. Crumb and Mr. Milgate provided an overview of the Code of Conduct and S.A.V.E. Plan for the school district and noted the changes that are in place for the upcoming school year. Mr. Crumb began with the highlights of some of the additions to our safety program and some of the systems and plans that have been put in place. Next, Mr. Milgate shared that a subcommittee for the Code of Conduct used three meetings to update this document based on feedback from administrators and primarily with recommendations made by the legal team from NYSSBA. Mr. Milgate and Mr. Crumb provided a summary of those portions of the plans that were updated or amended for Board members. Board members provided input on some of the changes which will be incorporated as part of the 30-day review period for the Code of Conduct. Mr. Crumb shared that a major change was around searches and that we further review this to be certain that our practices are aligned with these changes. The next step in the process is to honor the thirty-day comment period; we will bring the document back to the Board of Education on June 11, 2013 for approval. Once approved, the S.A.V.E. Plan and Code of Conduct are submitted to NYSED for review.

7.2 Senior/Disabled Citizen Exemption

Mr. Crumb shared the background on the reasoning behind presenting this resolution regarding the Senior/Disabled Citizen Exemption. He provided an example of the situation that makes it necessary for us to amend the exemption resolution.

The District asked for approval of the following:

RESOLVED: Any and all previous resolutions concerning real property tax exemption for taxpayers 65 years of age or older under New York Real Property Tax Law Section 467 are amended to expand the exemption to apply to real property where a child resides who attends a public elementary or secondary school to read as follows:

Real property owners owned by one or more persons age 65 or older shall be exempt from real property taxes as follows; exemption of the assessed valuation of property for real property taxes shall apply for fiscal year 2013-2014 and subsequent years according to the income eligibility levels and percentage exemptions in the following schedule in accordance with all the definitions, requirements, and limitation in Section 467 of the New York Real Property Tax law, including that any person otherwise qualifying under that Section shall not be denied the exemption if he or she becomes age 65 after the appropriate taxable status date and on or before December 31st of the same year; provided that with respect to real property where a child resided who attends a public elementary or secondary school such exemptions shall be allowed only upon satisfactory proof that the child was not brought into the residence in whole or in substantial part for the purpose of attending a particular school within the District. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage Assessed Valuation Exemption from Taxation</u>
\$24,000 or less	50%
\$24,001 - \$24,999	45%
\$25,000 - \$25,999	40%
\$26,000 - \$26,999	35%
\$27,000 - \$27,899	30%
\$27,900 - \$28,799	25%
\$28,800 - \$29,699	20%
\$29,700 - \$30,599	15%
\$30,600 - \$31,499	10%
\$31,500 - \$32,399	5%
\$32,400 or more	No exemption

A motion was made by Ms. Gillette and seconded by Ms. Tyler to adopt the amendment to the 2001 resolution for the senior exemption as presented.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

7.3 Proposed 2013-2014 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Mr. Crumb shared that he would bring the proposed calendar to the Board of Education at the next meeting in the consent agenda. He also suggested that we use July 9, 2013 for our Organizational Meeting. There was some discussion on the value of the Board of Education recognition night that takes place. Mr. Crumb shared that there is a value in allowing the various groups and constituents to say thank you. The STA Union President shared that they, as an organization, appreciate the opportunity to recognize the Board of Education.

8. MEETING EVALUATION

Mr. Oberlin reflected on the Privilege of the Floor presenter and suggested that we may want to make sure the Senior Project is doing what we want it to do. Mr. Crumb reinforced this and indicated that he would be working on making sure the speaker has a chance to meet with the Principal. It was suggested to consider this as a topic for future discussion for the Fall of 2013.

Ms. Gillette shared her apologies in advance for not being able to be in attendance the night of the Budget Vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Oberlin and seconded by Ms. Tyler to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 5

Yes: 5

No: 0

Mr. Sweeney moved us out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session at 9:37 p.m.

9. ADJOURN

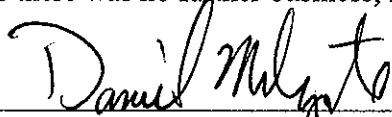
Motion was made by Mr. Oberlin and seconded by Mr. Bracken to adjourn the meeting.

Vote of the Board: Yes: 5

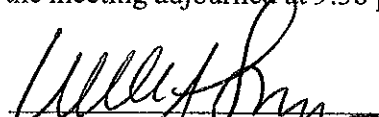
Yes: 5

No: 0

As there was no further business, Mr. Sweeney declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.



District Clerk



Board President