

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

Date: October 10, 2017
Spencerport, New York

Members Present: Mr. Bracken, Ms. Czarnecki, Mr. Gibbardo, Mr. Hutton, Mr. Kincaid, Mr. Miceli

Absent: Ms. Gillette

Others Present: Ms. Clapper, Ms. Lissow, Mr. Milgate, Mr. Wood, Mr. Zinkiewich

The Study Session of the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District was called to order at 7:02 p.m. E.D.S.T. by the President, Mr. Bracken, 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

Mr. Hutton amended the Study Session Agenda to include voting at the NYSSBA Annual Convention Business Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Miceli and seconded by Ms. Czarnecki that the Board of Education approve the Study Session Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6
No: 0

3. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Old Business

4.1 Approval of the Board of Education meeting minutes held on September 26, 2017 and October 3, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Miceli and seconded by Ms. Czarnecki to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION

5.1 President's Report and Communication

Mr. Bracken attended the Monroe County School Board Association meeting and indicated that legislators are looking to make the tax cap a permanent thing. They are looking to drop the supermajority clause when overriding the tax cap limit. He also attended the board president's committee meeting where they spoke about great schools for all. Rochester City Schools Van White made a presentation. He will pass this information on. Mr. Bracken spoke about the great weather and the good time had by all at Homecoming.

5.2 Board of Education Members' Reports

Mr. Kincaid commented on the great weather at Homecoming.

5.3 NYSSBA Annual Convention Business Meeting Voting

The Board of Education supports the recommendations of the NYSSBA Resolutions Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Miceli and seconded by Mr. Kincaid to approve Mr. Bracken making all board decisions on voting at the NYSSBA Annual Convention Business Meeting.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Review of 2017 Grades 3-5 ELA/Math Assessment Results

Mr. Zinkiewich presented the results of the ELA and math assessments for grades three through five. A 3 or a 4 is a passing grade. Graphs were shown indicating how Spencerport compared to other Monroe County districts. There were some slight declines from the previous years, but we were consistently "the best in the west", ranking the highest on the west side. Mr. Hutton asked about the discrepancies, if there was a reason, and Mr. Zinkiewich indicated no. He indicated that each grade level met in September to review the results of how students performed and the corresponding impact on curriculum and instruction. The Commissioner has made changes and we are looking forward to reducing student anxiety by reducing the number of testing days from three to two. SED has made it a priority that only New York State teachers will be involved in creating the assessments and that districts will receive access to student performance on a larger percentage of the assessment than in the past. Mr. Bracken suggested an "educational campaign" to inform parents of changes made by New York State, in order to increase participation. Mr. Milgate indicated that the district will proceed as usual in planning for the tests. Mr. Gibbardo asked if iReady forecasted how the students would perform. Mr. Zinkiewich feels that iReady validates the work that teachers do with students. It is a great support for RTI (Response to Intervention) and serves as a diagnostic opportunity based on Standards Mastery. Last year was the second year that students in kindergarten through second grade used the Wonders program. Teachers recognized that this program revealed a gap in phonological awareness and it resulted in a different approach at the primary level this year. Our teachers are well versed in the program and can provide our students the necessary support and assistance. Ms. Czarnecki inquired about the opt-out situation and whether the administration would be providing assistance to principal's on an as needed basis. The feeling is that since the Commissioner has made all the changes that she said she would, we are hopeful that the tests will proceed as normal. We are reminded that these tests are secondary to the Regents exams, but lay the fundamental groundwork for success and provide us valuable information about our curricular alignment.

6.2 Urban Suburban Update

Mr. Zinkiewich is the liaison for the Urban Suburban program. He explained that the program works to reduce racial isolation and enhance opportunities for students in the Rochester City School District. He states that we are very excited about the journey that we are on. The process for selection was described. The staff focused on the 15 mile transportation restriction for outlying schools. We do not have any students attending Taylor, as of yet. Ms. Czarnecki inquired as to whether or not Cosgrove students participate in extracurricular or athletic programs. This is limited because parents would have to transport. Mr. Miceli asked if any students receive special education services. Mr. Zinkiewich will check on these items. Mr. Hutton inquired about the move to change the "racial" designation to concentrate more on the "poverty" aspect. Mr. Miceli asked if there are any Spencerport students participating in the suburban to urban part of the program and the answer was no.

6.3 Staff Recruitment Plan – Update

Mr. Milgate introduced Ms. Lissow who spoke about the efforts to recruit classroom and substitute teachers. Last year was the first year of our 3 year plan. As part of the plan, they screened interested substitutes, held onsite workshops at area colleges, developed recruitment documents and a video. The district held interviews in the evening to accommodate work hours. Mr. Milgate commented that the mock interviews were very beneficial. We also provided resume advice, guidance on interview strategies, tips on how to dress and suggestions on how to manage their social media. Ms. Lissow explained the TIFP (Teacher Immersion Fellowship Program). Ten participants are off to a good start and are here for the semester. We are hoping to have some in the spring as well. Ms. Lissow is looking forward to expanding our recruitment opportunities and updating our brochure. Mr. Kincaid spoke about looking at our current juniors and seniors and tracking them as they progress through college, encouraging them to go into education. Any interested candidates are welcome to apply.

7. MEETING EVALUATION

Mr. Miceli spoke about a recent Special Session board meeting and inquired about the possibility for the board to authorize the district to proceed on their behalf, at the yearly organizational meeting, in that situation.

Mr. Kincaid commented about the great information presented this evening.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Czarnecki and was seconded by Mr. Kincaid to move into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

Mr. Bracken moved the board out of Executive Session and returned to the Study Session Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

9. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Miceli to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 6

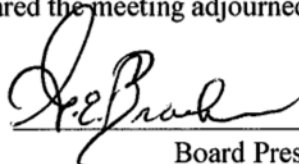
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As there was no further business, Mr. Bracken declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



District Clerk



Board President