

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

Date: January 9, 2018
Spencerport, New York

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

Absent:

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.

Mr. Bracken asked for a moment of silence in honor of Lisa Cutten, a Munn Elementary teacher who passed away.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Kincaid that the Board of Education approve the Business Session Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 6

Yes: 6

No: 0

3. MUNN ELEMENTARY

Note: Ms. Gillette entered the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Mr. Canny, Principal spoke of what Munn School has done with respect to ISTE standards and innovation and proceeded to introduce the staff from Munn. Mr. Schultz gave a big thank you to the Board, the building planning team and district office for all their help. Munn has been able to utilize instructional technology to teach students. Mr. Canny presented a video displaying the various types of learning at Munn. Munn School has become innovative to empower learners. They have

introduced flexible seating in classrooms and piloted a “soft start” to the school day. They have developed a subtraction story, a computer program that helps students understand the concept of subtraction. Students use technology to video-tape themselves retelling a story, which the teacher can then quickly and efficiently assess a student’s comprehension of the story. With Breakout EDU, students solve puzzles using research and thinking outside the box to solve them. They research weather topics and then create a PowerPoint and built structures to model their weather topic. During “genius hour”, students can work on topics that they are passionate about. They use Padlet.com to record their project. Genius hour is being piloted in two fifth grade classrooms. They are constantly celebrating learners at Munn. They are empowering learners with learning tools to make them stronger. They have lots of dancing, learning and laughter in the classrooms. Ms. Gillette asked about the use of apps and they indicated that they start with sound curriculum and then find an app to aid in learning. Ms. Hill explained that there are a variety of apps that vary by grade level. It’s a matter of preference. Ms. Lonardo stated that students are very resilient and they learn technology very fast. Ms. Hoadley indicated that *Storymaker* is gaining momentum with students in kindergarten, using technology to learn. They have enlisted first graders in assisting kindergarten students. Mr. Kincaid inquired about the “soft start” to the day, whether it was a new project. They introduced it to fifth grade this year and are looking to make it school wide next year. The focus has been on building relationships. It was a great way to kick off the school year. Each grade level uses a new format to start the day versus typical morning work. Ms. Ellis spoke about building relationships and seeing how students flourish with the change to the start of their day. They are developing an optimal learning environment for kids. Mr. Schwind thanked the district, the TIG team, STA and the other schools for all their support during their recent loss.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Old Business

5.11 Approval of the Board of Education meeting minutes held on December 12, 2017

5.2 New Business

5.21 Approval of Budget Focus Group Membership

Mr. Milgate recommended the following individuals to serve on the 2018 Budget Focus Group.

Daniel Milgate, ad hoc
Lanette Cypher, ad hoc
Rick Wood, ad hoc

Lisa McLaen, staff
Patricia Vicaretti, staff
Gay Lenhard, town official

Ty Zinkiewich, ad hoc	Chris Mears, town official
Jamie Lissow, ad hoc	Gary Penders, town official
Cory Allen, administrator	Shanita Barclay, parent
Nelson Drake, administrator	Sue Brumm, parent
Jonathan Saltzberg, administrator	Tom Cannan, parent
John Kozlowski, teacher	Scott Clyde, parent
TBD, teacher	Joseph Fagnoli, parent
TBD, teacher	Kevin Thornton, parent
Gary Bracken, Board of Education	Karen Zyra, parent
Greg Kincaid, Board of Education	Bridget Martin, community
Michael Miceli, Board of Education	William Sweeney, community
Kris Daly, staff	Joshua Rabidoux, student

5.22 Approval of Medicaid Compliance Officer and Chief Emergency Officer

Approval of the appointment of Jonathan Saltzberg to be the Medicaid Compliance Officer and Chief Emergency Officer for the 2017-2018 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Kincaid to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7

No: 0

6. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

6.1 President's Report and Communication

Mr. Bracken was not able to attend the legislative affairs meeting last week. The Albany trip is coming up. The Information Exchange meeting is tomorrow featuring suicide awareness. Mr. Bracken reminded the Board that we need to present some topics at the NYSSBA meeting. He suggested we perhaps present on our new transition class at the high school and the Superintendent search we held with the assistance of Jo Anne Antonacci, Superintendent of BOCES 2.

6.2 Board of Education Members' Reports

Mr. Gibbardo commented that the Robotics kickoff day was incredible. Mr. Kincaid concurred that it was an amazing event. He gave a shout out to the buildings/grounds crew that did a tremendous job having all the roadways and sidewalks clean with the recent snowy weather. Mr.

Kincaid also congratulated the wrestling team on their wining the Section V dual meet championship.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 Athletic Program Update

Mr. Milgate introduced Mr. Pelin, Director of Athletics, to provide more insight on the inner workings of the athletic program. Mr. Zinkiewich indicated that information was included in News & Notes. Mr. Pelin introduced the Four C's Educational Framework for Athletics approach – competence, character, civility and citizenship. Spencerport athletics falls under New York State, Section V and district policies. Athletics is an educational based program and the objective is more than just winning. Participation is important and academics are very important. Mr. Pelin indicated that they are constantly working to keep students eligible by giving them additional help. Personnel is an issue as it is more difficult to get/keep quality coaches. The required coaching certification can be a detriment to obtaining coaches and certification is required for paid or volunteer coaches. Coaches/Volunteers have to pay for the certification courses. The athletic office then needs to keep track of the extensive certification of coaches and their re-certifications. More non-teacher coaches are coaching today. It can be a difficult process for new teachers with all that they have to do the first couple of years of teaching. Coaches are “evaluated” three times per season; during a pre-season meeting, a varsity coach's mid-season meeting and then again at a post-season meeting with the entire sports staff. The district promotes 3D (3 dimensional) coaching, as it's important to connect with students and build a relationship with them.

Scheduling athletic practices and matches is a large piece in athletics. New York State sets the start dates based on the championship date and works with our 23 league members to coordinate regular season contests, as there were over 1300 contests last year. This then works backwards for the start date. Athletics is facing many challenges. Recruitment and retention of coaches, club vs school athletics, parental expectations, officials, the advanced placement process, mixed competition and transfer students. Change is constant in athletics. Mr. Bracken inquired if the district is mentioning athletic coaching when we hold recruitment days at colleges. Yes we do. Mr. Hutton asked about disgruntled parents. Mr. Pelin indicated that the process is that the student begin with a conversation with the coach, making them a responsible party to the situation. If it has not been resolved, we ask that parents contact the coach by email. Parents, if not resolved, would then contact the athletic director, who would arrange a meeting with the coach, parent and student. If the situation is still not resolved, Mr. Pelin would recommend the parent contact the Superintendent. Athletics can be an integral part of a student's academic life, and there is much that goes on behind the scenes.

7.2 ACT for Education Presentation

Mr. Milgate shared that Ms. Antonacci, Superintendent asked that districts revisit the ACT for Education program. It's a local website to promote countywide things that are positive in schools. This is an opportunity to promote our schools on their website. Local companies will back events to promote schools. Our goal is to start promoting positive things going on in our schools. We are looking for awareness of this great program that could benefit the district.

8. MEETING EVALUATION

Great, informative meeting. Lots of great work being done at Munn School. Presentation videos were great.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and was seconded by Mr. Miceli to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, an appeal to a Superintendent Hearing decision and an administrator's request to consider a retirement provision.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7
No: 0

Mr. Bracken moved the board out of Executive Session and returned to the Study Session Meeting at 10:17 p.m.

10. ADJOURN

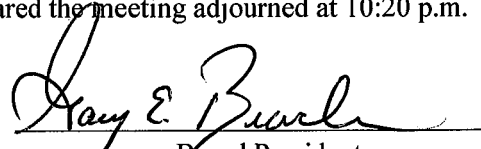
A motion was made by Mr. Hutton and seconded by Mr. Kincaid to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Vote of the Board: 7

Yes: 7
No: 0

As there was no further business, Mr. Bracken declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.


District Clerk


Board President