

# NEWS and NOTES

**TO: Board of Education Members**

**FROM: Raymond Ciccarelli, Jr., Superintendent**

**DATE: July 9, 2012**

Greetings and welcome to the 2012-2013 school year. Enclosed you will see two separate agendas for the two meetings that will be held on Monday, July 9, 2012. The first meeting and agenda is for the district's organizational business meeting which will be held prior to the Regular Meeting. Listed on the agenda are the responsibilities that the Board of Education has to designate appointments annually, in concert with Commissioner's Regulations. The designations listed are from the 2011-2012 school year. If you have any questions regarding these, please give me a call.

Also enclosed is the agenda for the Regular Meeting. I have reviewed this agenda with Mrs. Pfau, in her capacity as Vice President of the previous board.

## Communications

A. You will see a letter from NYSUT regarding the support staff personnel. Essentially, this letter rejects the district's offer to change salary and insurance contribution while negotiations commence. Since the association rejects this offer, salary and benefits for those covered employees will remain at the same level from the 2011-2012 school year without any raises or adjustments. As a result, you will also notice, under item 7C, it is recommended that the board rescind the June 11 motion regarding this matter. The letter has been forwarded to Mr. Kevin Harren, who will begin the process of arranging the parameters to begin negotiation with that group.

B. Letter from Mrs. Humiston, seeking your approval for her to conduct her internship placement during the upcoming school year. This has been previously discussed.

C. The results of the Albany Business Review ranking of schools in the Capital Region. We, again, have done well. In fact, we improved our ranking to #12 in the entire region, #4 in our BOCES, and #1 in Warren County. Remember that much of this ranking is based upon information made available through the NYS Education Department and is reflective of the 2010-2011 school year not the most recent year.

D. A letter sent to Mrs. Smack, as District Clerk, from Mr. Dexter. Further discussion on this item can take place under item 7D.

E. Petitions submitted to the District Clerk from citizens of the school district, expressing their desire to see a special election as a method of filling the vacant board seat. Again, discussion should occur under item 7D.

#### Committee Reports

A Facilities Committee will inform the board of their recent meetings as a way to update the status of the Capital Improvements. Part of this discussion will include a resolution to approve the SEQRA, a request calling for a vote on Thursday, September 27, 2012, with a public hearing at the regular meeting on September 10. Also included will be information regarding the bond resolution and fiscal plan by Ms. Dennin

B. Second reading and requested adoption of Policy 1510

C. Mr. Switzer and I will give a report which will be spread out over a number of meeting regarding the Dignity for All regulations. Also included will be a report on the BOCES summer program.

D. Request to create an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations to the Board for dispersal of the Uhl funds.

#### Instructional Program

- A. Mr. Wilk will be present to review the CPSE/CSE Annual report. He will also provide information regarding the psychologist position.
- B. The APPR submission is quite simple. It has been submitted.
- C. Amended recommendation from the June meeting.
- D. Athletic handbook presentation

- E. Outline for responsibilities of a candidate for the position formerly held by Mr. Wilk. A job description for the school psychologist and 504 coordinator portion of that position is also attached.

### School District Business

Items are self-explanatory, having already referenced items 7C and 7D.

Lastly, you will note that since it is an item that cannot be discussed under Executive Session, I am requesting that the Board adjourn the meeting and retreat into a discussion regarding the enclosed confidential letter from Mr. James Dexter. He suggests planning professional development for the governance team. Certainly, this item could be discussed during the agenda but it was suggested to me that it would be more appropriate to discuss at a meeting in the future when plans have been finalized. I agree with that suggestion and feel it is well-intended. Since this requires no Board action, discussion of logistics of internal development does not need to appear on the meeting agenda. We are simply brainstorming plans regarding the logistics of our future growth.

If you have any questions, or need further explanation, please contact me at your convenience. I will be out of the office on Friday, July 6 as I will be in Buffalo with my family. Have a great holiday!