

Board of Education Meeting
October 13, 2015

1. Auditor did their overview of the 2014-15 financial report. No deficiencies and no non compliance. Things look better than in the past years.
2. Board Appointed 3 student reps to the board. 2 Seniors and 1 junior. Seniors: Noah Rohde & Veronica Liu and Junior: Cassidy Beauchemin.
3. Board of Ed comments:
 - a. Howard S: went to CAPSA presentation. Student rep interviews. Iroquois 8th graders had a community service day with 15 teachers and 4 parents assisting.
 - b. David A: Birchwood was a stop in the Ride for Missing and Exploited children. Went to art exhibit and NCAP meeting. Talked about article in Your Niskayuna about Al Garrison from Birchwood.
 - c. Deb G: CAPSA presentation. Student rep interviews. Art show. Craig PTO meeting. Safety Committee and Nisky Community Fundraiser at LT Grill. High School Profile is now available. Young Poets from Craig.
 - d. Rosemary J: Booster club. Soccer games. Strategic Planning meeting on Saturday. District received an \$812,000 grant from SED for Career development for Nisky Student work program.
 - e. David K: VA community Day last Friday. There was an anti bullying message. High school PTO meeting. Rosendale PTO meeting. HS Back to school night.
 - f. Noah: Club meetings
 - g. Veronica: Paul Tonko is visiting at the end of the month.
 - h. Pat L: PILOT Situation is still being looked at. Talking to executives from Tax and Finance. Hugh Farley gave the school a \$15,000 bullet aid which will be used for a new bus radio system that should be in place by the winter. An Eagle Scout built an outdoor classroom at Glencliff.
4. Comments from Community:

Jamie Ferraro was concerned about the crew team and lack to supervision. He thinks the school should assign a staff member to the team. Pat informed him that the coaches are employees of the school district under the Athletic Department.
5. Superintendent Reports:

Looking to do paperless meetings in the future. Flex Zones assignment should be going out in mid July for Kindergarteners next year. 83% of families got the school they requested. We may need to look to expand the Rosendale/Craig Flex zone. Bus Ride is on average 30 minutes and at the most 45 minutes. At some point the district may need to redraw the boundary lines based on new developments coming up. Discussed protocol for communications for Elementary/Middle/High school.
6. Assistant Superintendent Reports: Enrollment numbers on the First Friday of October were decrease of 7 elementary students. 9th Grade English would like to use "Alice in Wonderland/Through the looking glass" which there are copies in the office so discussion can happen at next board meeting. Assessment evaluation changes in elementary school Last year, they piloted using the Fontas & Pinnell

system which had been used in years past. Teachers prefer this evaluation system. Doing the NWEA 3 times a year takes up a lot of computer time as well as loss of instruction time. Middle school will continue to use NWEA twice a year as they find it helpful. Math assessments will continue to be twice a year to assist with benchmarking children and for assistance with advance math.

7. Director of Business and Finance: Accepted and files external audit report (passed 6-0). Accepted the minutes of Sept. 25 audit committee report (passed 6-0).
8. Director for Student and Staff Support Services: Safety committee went to different schools for safety evaluations. High school staff and students were just using the 2 doors designated. Everything looked good there. Will have some table top discussions in the spring to evaluate ourselves. External signage on doors is too small, needs to be addressed. Security cameras are outdated and needs to be addressed. Superintendent said a company was already out to give a presentation. There is an issue at the High school from 3-7 for security. He would like to create a PT position from 3-7 for 20 hours per week. Actively involved relationship with the school and students. "security monitor" who would establish a relationship with the parents, teachers, coaches and students. Civil Service position which would be a Level 5 position on the Bargaining unit of \$16-17 per hour and no benefits. Building survey is ongoing.
9. NYSSBA resolutions discussions. Some were voting no on and others yes.
10. Policy Second Reading and approval:
 - a. Policy 7420 Sport and Athletic Program (Passed 6-0)
 - b. Policy 7530 Suspected Child Abuse and Maltreatment (Passed 6-0)
11. New Business (First Readings policies):
 - a. Policy 5672 Information Security Breach and Notification.
 - b. Policy 5673 Employee Personal Identifying Information
 - c. Policy 5682 Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators in Public School Facilities : Need to look at getting new AED machines.
 - d. Policy 5741: Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers and other Safety Sensitive Employees.
 - e. Policy 8250: Animals in the School (Instructional Purposes)
12. Adjourned to Executive Session at 9PM.