

BOE Meeting Tuesday 9/15/15: 6PM

David Apkarian absent.

**Comments from Board:**

Kevin Laurilliard: A High school Math teacher is a NYS semifinalist.

Deb Gordon: 9 High school students are semi finalists for Merit scholarships. Deb attended the Craig school ice cream social.

Howard S.: Attended Rosendale and Iroquois Back to school nights. Also discussed there have been some applicants for the Enrichment fund. Class of 1965 had their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion recently and had a tour of the high school.

Rosemarie P-J: Discussed the fabulous High school grab and go cart. Attended many soccer games and booster club meetings.

David Koes: Attended cross country events. Ice Cream social and Community Forum.

Pat Lanotte: Niskayuna High school and Van Antwerp declared Reward Schools and given plaques. Pat also met with the new school commissioner.

**Student Comments:**

Noah stated that Thursday is the first meeting of the student club to discuss student issues.

**Superintendent comments:**

Superintendent would like to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. It is \$1600 per year and can form different partnerships. JCC Gala is on 11/14 and the school presents an award at Proctors since we were the recipient last year. Continue with the community forums, but just during day time now as the evenings were not well attended. In the evenings, Superintendent will be attending various PTO meetings, Booster club meetings and other organizations. There is a Capital Region School board event at Shaker High on 9/29. There is a board meeting that night. Discussed holding the meeting on Thursday 9/26 or waiting until 10/1.

**Assistant Superintendent comments:**

Enrollment numbers: Elementary school—up by 39

Middle School—down by 19

High school—up by 30

Summer school-some didn't attend because transportation not provided. We need to consider this next year.

**Additional:**

Eva Jones: Freshman orientation went very well. 9<sup>th</sup> graders got to see how the high school looked and walk around before the upperclassman came the next day. High School code of conduct was reviewed with all the high school students.

Bill Garrison : Transportation had a rough start this year. Water main breaks, roads closed, etc. The department is essentially a brand new one this year and working out the issues. Will look into having more people to man the phones in the early part of school next year since many calls went to voice mail. Routes were redone due to not being efficient.

Appointed Scott Walroth Interim Music Director. There is a teacher leader (Eric Hughes) to help with the transition. Applications will be starting soon. Hope to have a music director in place by January. There had been someone the school was interested in but did not work out.

Rosendale Also is looking for a principal. Interim principal who is a former principal. Hopefully will have a new principal by January as well.

Parents will be getting a hard copy of the state tests from last year. State reports will soon be inputted into the Parent Portal for grades 4-9 for the tests from grades 3-8 from last year. State reports will be under Portfolio. Parents will be given the access information. IF parents don't have internet, hard copies will be sent out.

**Old Business:**

Approved the Principles of Operation

Discussion of Middle school before and after care: Certain criteria were put into place. A committee was appointed and discussed the criteria. Affordability-50%, Programming-40%, Quality of Proposal-10% were the weighting criteria. 3 proposals were submitted. Superintendent would like to have the next BOE meeting be on 9/24 to discuss the proposals and a recommendation on the rating so the before/after care can start soon, hopefully by January 1.

**New Business: NYSSBA**

Superintendent evaluations

Policies are being reviewed/revised. Presently working on Sports and Athletic Program and Child Abuse and Mistreatment—First Reads.

Adjourned around 8PM.