

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Education met for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 27, 2011 at the Seneca Grade School North Campus Cafeteria.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

Present: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger Thompson and Bedeker

Absent:

Quigley moved to accept the minutes of the June 22nd, meeting; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker

Nays: None

Hearing of Citizens: No Comments

Hearing of Teachers: None Present

Thompson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and investments as given by secretary: Education \$425,992.00 Building \$48,765.99; Transportation \$7,301.55; IMRF \$17,262.59; Capital Projects \$860,205.17, Tort \$28,544.00; Totaling \$1,388,071.30; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker

Nays: None

Thompson moved to pay the following monthly bills: Education \$81,369.85; Building \$10,924.52; Transportation \$4,286.71; Capital Projects \$860,205.17; Tort \$28,544.00 Totaling \$985,330.25; seconded by Sangston.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker

Nays: None

Supt. Misener introduced Mike Vezzetti, Vezzetti Capitol Management who did his annual review of investments and what to expect in the year to come. His recap and financial overview covered investment and spending policies, reserve cash flow, market history, asset allocation, and benchmarks on earnings and returns. He looks for performance percents to remain the same with low rates of returns to continue through out the upcoming year.

Craig Wright, architect for North Campus renovations and new building construction, updated board on the progress and timeline for getting work done before the start of the school year. Additional excavation was needed and suitable soil and rock base was brought in to stabilize the soil under parts of new building.

Sangston moved to destroy executive tapes from July 2009 through December of 2009 which are over 18 months old; seconded by Thompson.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker
Nays: None

Thompson moved to accept the low bid from Central State Bus sales for the purchase of a new style Bluebird transit bus at a cost of \$58,905.00; seconded by Sulzberger.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker
Nays: None

Sangston approved the annual 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress report as presented; seconded by Baker. Principal McGhee and Principal Severson discussed the scores in Math and Reading and the individual subgroups that did not meet AYP. Plans to improve these test scores include STAR committee reviewing and monitoring individual students more closely and putting into use the newly purchased special education curriculum.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker
Nays: None

Board discussed the request to place the Village of Seneca sign at the old entrance to the South Campus.

Principal McGhee presented the board with AIMSweb testing results for the year in Math and Reading. She was very pleased with the continued growth students showed. Summer School started this week. Teachers are focused on reviewing math and reading skills. Principal McGhee will be setting up Parent Night and there will be some changes due to the construction.

Principal Severson presented board with the annual end of year discipline report. He compared the last 3 years and overall he was very pleased with how students preformed. The new gymnasium floor at the South Campus is almost complete and looks great. Summer School is underway at the South Campus and he is very pleased with attendance because for many students it is not mandatory.

Thompson moved to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for legal and personnel; seconded by Baker.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker
Nays: None

Thompson moved to return to Open Session at 9:08 p.m.; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker
Nays: None

Thompson moved to hire Ann Lavazza, 7/8 grade Social Studies teacher, for 2011-2012 school year, replacing Ms Patarozzi who has retired; seconded by Sulzberger.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker
Nays: None

Susan Warning moved to accept the resignation letter from Susan Warning, 5th-8th grade Math RTI Aide effective immediately, with regret; seconded by Sulzberger. Mrs. Warning has continued her education to become a teacher and will be student teaching this fall.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker
Nays: None

Committee Report: Nothing to Report

Communications:

Old Business: Scoreboard is up and electric will be run to it later in the week.

New Business: Auditor was in Monday and Tuesday and completed the audit and will be back in September with final report.

Sangston moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.; seconded by Quigley.

Yeas: Applebee, Baker, Quigley, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, and Bedeker
Nays: None

Dianne Bushman, Board Secretary

Approved

Date

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Teachers Present:

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