

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The board of Education met for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 19, 2011 at the Seneca Grade School South Campus Library.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

Present: Applebee, Baker, Sangston, Sulzberger, Thompson, Bedeker and Quigley
Absent: None

Quigley was not physically present but participated in all busy of the board via telephone conference call.

Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2011; seconded by Applebee.

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

Hearing of Citizens: No Comment

Hearing of Teachers: Suzanne Jackson, 1st grade teacher, is enjoying the nice class sizes and is adjusting to not having a pod but overall changes are going well. She enjoyed the tour of the new construction. She is busy getting ready for parent/teacher conferences next week. Kelly Mitchell, 1st grade teacher, talked about the field trip to the Fire station. Students went thru the smoke house, toured the fire trucks and ambulances. Students are also reading about spiders and learning to write a topic sentence and details about them.

Baker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given by secretary: Education \$471,203.70; Building \$68,369.00 Transportation \$27,027.50; IMRF \$20,240.03, Tort \$2,440.97, LEASE \$350.00, Capitol Projects \$981,729.82, Totaling \$1,571,364.02; seconded by Thompson.

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

Baker moved to pay the following monthly bills: Education \$83,855.34; Building \$29,495.07; Transportation \$21,070.29; LEASE, \$350.00, Capitol Projects, \$981,729.82, Tort \$2,440.97 Total \$1,118,941.49; seconded by Sangston.

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

Supt. Misener reviewed the School Report Card and will continue to focus on refining the math and reading scores. The School Report Card summarizes data, test scores and school finances. The School Report Card will be released to the public and made available to parents at conferences. President Bedeker asked Principal McGhee to detail the 4th grade test scores. She reviewed the progress monitoring and new visional reports

being used to target students needing support. Baker moved to approve the 2011 School Report Card; seconded by Thompson.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to approve new board policy 5:125, Personal Technology and Social Media: Usage and Conduct and 5:125-E Employee Receipt of Board Policy on Personal Technology and Social Media; seconded by Sulzberger.

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

Nays: None

John Vaughn, Wright & Assoc., highlighted the construction progress. Crews are busy waterproofing the outside of the building and finishing the metal roof decking. The construction goal is to seal tight the building by December. Work continues on rainy days on interior walls. Masonry work is 70 percent complete. Construction is on schedule.

Principal McGhee reviewed the 1st quarter and the importance of the afterschool club. She is very happy with the services these students are receiving from teachers and aides. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 27th, this is ½ day of school with North Campus dismissal at 11:25 a.m. Conferences run from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Students are not in attendance on Friday while conferences will resume at 8:30 and run until 12:00 p.m. The annual Halloween Parade will be on Monday, October 31st, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Dismissal at the North Campus is 11:25 p.m. Teacher will be attending ISAT prep and test training program that afternoon. Third and fourth grade teachers have just completed in-service training on the new science curriculum.

Principal Severson is very pleased with the low number of students on ASAP. He also gave credit to Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Bucalo for the great job they are doing with the Afterschool Program. The ISAT Prep training program will meet with teachers October 31st and again in January. She will cover the new trends in ISAT's and preparing students and teachers for the extended response questions. Our Special Education department and members from LEASE meet October 6th to work through the SRA corrective reading program. The 8th grade girls' basketball team has an 11-0 record and the 7th grade girls have a 9-2 record. Both teams are doing an outstanding job. Seneca Grade School will be hosting the girl's regional and sectional tournaments.

Sangston moved to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. for legal and personnel; seconded by Applebee.

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

Nays: None

Thompson moved to return to Open Session at 7:53 p.m.; seconded by Baker.

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

Thompson moved to hire Jen Zelko, as the 6th grade girl's assistant basketball coach for 2011; seconded by Quigley.

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

Thompson moved to hire Kelly Odum, as the 6/7/8 grade assistant track coach for 2011; seconded by Quigley.

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

Board moved to terminate Tim Pratt, technology coordinator.

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

Committee Report: Nothing to Report

Communications:

Old Business:

New Business:

Baker moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.; seconded by Thompson.

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

Approved

Date

Dianne Bushman, Secretary

Teachers Present: Suzanne Jackson
Kelly Mitchell

Newspaper: Kate Reynolds