

SENECA GRADE SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Education held budget hearing at 6:55 p.m. on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at the Seneca Grade School South Campus Library.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

Present: Applebee, Quigley, Sangston, Thompson and Bedeker

Absent: Baker and Sulzberger

Sulzberger arrived at 6:56

No one was present with questions from the public.

Sangston moved to adjourn the hearing; seconded by Thompson at 6:59 p.m.

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

Nays: None

The board of Education met for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at the Seneca Grade School South Campus Library.

President Bedeker called for roll call.

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

Absent: Baker

Thompson moved to accept the minutes from the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011; seconded by Applebee.

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

Nays: None

Hearing of Citizens: No one from the public was present.

Principal Severson introduced the following new staff members to the board, Tim Brungard, 7/8 P.E. teacher, Ann Lavazza, 7/8 Social Studies teacher, Lauren Powell, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, and Jalea Platt, preschool aide. All have proven to be great additions to the staff.

Hearing of Teachers: Hope Fabris, Math RTI teacher is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the program and is very pleased with increased skills and facts that are showing up with the continued use of the Rocket Math program that was implemented last year. Pat Johnson, preschool teacher, explained the advantages of dividing the 3 year old students from the 4 year olds. This year's afternoon preschool class is bigger than it had been in the past but everything is going well. She is looking forward to moving into her new classroom next year.

Thompson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as given by secretary: Education \$562,081.91; Building \$80,397.43, Transportation \$10,518.99; IMRF \$18,902.05, Tort \$95,641.00, Debt Service \$1,000.00, LEASE \$175.00, Capitol Projects \$1,199,764.42, Working Cash \$12,000.00 Totaling \$1,980,480.80; seconded by Quigley.

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

Thompson moved to pay the following monthly bills: Education \$198,031.43; Building \$41,785.61; Transportation \$5,817.14; Debt Service \$1,000.00, LEASE, \$175.00, Capitol Projects, \$1,199,764.42, Working Cash, \$12,000.00, Tort 95,641.00 Total \$1,554,214.60; seconded by Sangston.

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

Stephanie Ramsey from Gorenz and Associates gave a recap of the audit report to the board. Quigley moved to approve the 2010-11 audit report as presented; seconded by Thompson.

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

Thompson moved to adopt the resolution to abate and transfer \$4,550,000 from Working Cash to Operations and Maintenance; seconded by Applebee.

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

Thompson moved to adopt the resolution to approve the transfer of \$4,550,000 from the Operation and Maintenance Fund to Capital Projects Fund; seconded by Quigley.

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

Board read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy 5:125, Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct.

Sangston moved to amend the revision to Policy 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:130, 3:10, 3:30, 3:70, 3:70AP, 5:170, 5:170AP1, 5:170AP2, 5:170AP3, 5:170E, 6:120AP4, 6:235AP1, 6:235AP1-E2, and 6:235-E4.; seconded by Sulzberger

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

Quigley moved to adopt the 2011-2012 budget; seconded by Thompson.

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

Thompson moved to set Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremonies; seconded by Sulzberger.

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

Sangston moved to approve the annual Application for Recognition for both the North and South Campus; seconded by Applebee.

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

Supt. Misener thanked the American Legion Post 457, the Seneca High School FFA and Choir, the Ladies Auxiliary, Seneca Grade School Band & Chorus, Mrs. Novotney, Ms. Kirk, Ms. Kilday, and Mr. Richards for their participation and planning of the Freedom Walk. Thank you to the many community members and organizations for their assistance and cooperation in making this event such a huge success.

Supt. Misener reviewed with the board the administrative compensation for the 2010-2011 school year.

No action was taken on the facility request.

Supt Misener reviewed the Federal Reimbursement Policy for hot lunch. Due to the Federal Reimbursement formula, the board may need to increase the lunch prices next school year.

John Vaughn, Wright & Assoc., gave the board a construction update. Structural steel is 50 percent complete and the remaining steel will be delivered on Friday. Slap concrete work is 90 percent complete. Vissering has started laying the block walls and this will continue to move forward. Roof work is scheduled to begin the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. Weather permitting the new structure will be enclosed by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Principal McGhee reported on a few changes that have been made for both students and staff due to the construction but overall everything is running smoothly. Second grade is heading on a field trip Thursday to Shabbona State park and fourth grade will be heading to Rasmussen Nature Area for tree identification October 4th. Third and Fourth grade students have a new science curriculum. Students will be able to access books and activities online. Mrs. McGhee once again this year will be using the Pirate Praise program for students. All of the school committees have met and are setting the goals for the upcoming year. The School Improvement Committee is looking into ways to give parents more education support thru uniform communication tools. She thanked Exelon and United Way for generous efforts that helped supply 20 backpacks with supplies to students.

Principal Severson noted that Parent Night had the best attendance that he had seen in the last five year. Parents walked thru the pods and were greeted by student's classroom teachers. North Central Behavioral Services have been in the school the past two weeks giving 5-8 grade students messages on saying no to drugs, alcohol and other social issues. He talked about the STAR (Student, Teacher, And Resource) team and how they are reviewing student's progress. He also highlighted the Study Island reading assessment program that Mrs. Wheeler has put together and how it will work. Special Education department is busy implements their new SRA program for their students. Boys' baseball has just ended their season and girls basketball is underway and off to a strong start.

Thompson moved to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for personnel and legal; seconded by Quigley.

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

Thompson moved to return to Open Session at 8:32 p.m.; seconded by Sangston.

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

No action was taken.

No other reports were given.

Communications: Katie Ranallo thanked the board for their continued support and opportunities she has been given.

Sangston moved to adjourned at 8:35 p.m.; seconded by Quigley

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

Teachers Present: Hope Fabris	Lauren Powell
Pat Johnson	Ann Lavazza
	Tim Brungard

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Approved

Date

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Dianne Bushman, Secretary