

Superintendent's Dashboard

October 9, 2015

- The NYS Comptroller has been here for the past three weeks on and off. They will start full-time next week and we have been informed that they will in fact be looking at the financials of the District (reserves).

Bob and I will continue our work with Dr. Timbs on a 5 year financial plan and hope to have that to the Board in January. Also, Bob and I will be making recommendations to transfer some of our reserves from one to another (many rules regulating these transfers) to insure the funds are in the most appropriate reserves to best serve the District.

- On October 29, at 6:00 PM, the Board will be interviewing three architects. The presentations would be an hour each and if we started at 6:00 PM we could wrap up by 9:00 PM. It will be important for the Board to choose an architect to work with as you decide how to address the District's needs as it relates to our facilities. The successful firm will assist the District in spending down the \$1.3 million remaining in the 2007 capital project and assist the Board in planning for the next project.
- The High School has had 6 drug-related suspensions (marijuana) since the beginning of the school year. As a result I have asked BOCES to provide additional counseling services to the high school to work with our most at risk students. We will also be scheduling additional activities during Red Ribbon Week (anti-drugs) in an attempt to reach more students and parents.
- I will be meeting with Dr. Silky's group today to discuss the format of the community organizational study. Based on our discussion at the last meeting this group will meet 3 or 4 times and will be reviewing all of the pertinent information, discussing the needs of the community and ultimately making non-binding recommendations to the Board for your consideration. In addition, Dr. Silky will also be making a separate set of non-binding recommendations to the Board. Having two sets of recommendations (laypeople-residents, consultant-expert) for the Board may provide additional insights.
- This week I commenced Leverage Leadership (coaching) with the administrators. I have also spent 2.5 hours in classrooms this week. It is my goal to spend at least 1 hour in classrooms per week whenever possible. That time offers a great deal of information as we continue to move our improvement plan forward.
- One of our non-teacher coaches was arrested for DWI this past weekend. I will provide additional information in executive session.

- Negotiations with our Service employees are on-going and I will provide additional information in executive session.
- APPR negotiations with the teachers continue and we are preparing to submit the hardship waiver (which will allow an extension to get the plan completed) next week. SED has said not all waivers will be approved and we will keep a close watch on the approval list. The implication is that if we do receive a waiver we could stand to lose the increase in state aid that we received this year. The aid would be taken THIS school year and would require the District to eliminate positions. We are working hard avoid that scenario but a negotiation requires agreement from both parties.
- I attended the PTech ribbon cutting at Midlakes last week. We have 3 students participating in the program and I plan to invite them to our December meeting to share their progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ed or me. Enjoy your weekend.