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The July 23rd Board of Education meeting was preceded by an information session for new Committee of Special Education (CSE) and Committee of Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) parents. These parents were then approved for memberships on these committees for the upcoming year under the consent agenda.

A number of CSE cases were approved under Reports to the Board. This was followed by annual reports from each of the three Building Principals. Each report detailed end of the year testing in the buildings, yearly discipline report totals, and updates on the actions of the Building Planning Teams. The testing results were shown over a three-year period, so that growth and decline could be noted. Overall, progress remains at consistent levels or is showing a slight increase. Some of the declines in High School Regents data included those in Math A, Physics, and Chemistry. Two of the three declines were exams where State-wide declines made front page news. The High School also showed an increase in serious discipline cases. The Board voiced their concern and asked for closer monitoring of these cases over the upcoming year.

Under Old Business, the issue of the outside basketball courts was again discussed. After some debate, the decision was reached to keep the courts closed until security cameras are installed this Fall. Also, the Board asked the Superintendent to pursue the idea of fencing for these courts. A second reading of a policy on School Board Vacancies was approved. This policy makes a formal election unnecessary if only one candidate petition is received.

New Business included the approval of a salary increase for the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and also the approval of a District Universal Pre-Kindergarten program (UPK) for the 2003-04 school year for resident four-year-olds. Information on this program will be mailed to all District parents of four-year-olds during the first week of August. The Board also approved the present safety plan for 60-days until all committee members were back on-site.

Simplex-Grinell was awarded the bid for the District-wide security project that was approved by voters this May. Work on this project will be completed by mid-Fall and will include security cameras at main doors and parking lots as well as electronic access to each Building and ID badges for all staff. The main door to each Building will remain open and will be monitored by a camera.

The following appointments were made:

- Gabrielle Sears – K-12 Reading
- Tom Miller - .5 Math

Also under the New Business portion of the agenda, the resignation of Board member Adam Vitalone was accepted with regret. Petitions for potential candidates can be picked up in the District Office and are due back to the District Office by August 15, 2003.

Under announcements, a work session on the Strategic Plan and Goal Setting was announced for July 25<sup>th</sup> at Forman's Park.