

December 7, 2000

Wednesday night's Board of Education Meeting began with a visit from BOCES District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Marinelli and a discussion between Board Members and the District Superintendent. Dr. Marinelli has been visiting Boards of Education throughout the BOCES region to talk about the impact of the New York State Higher Standards, BOCES role within the region and how BOCES can develop better communications between local Boards and the BOCES Board. The sharing session lasted 40 minutes and the dialogue was brisk. After visiting all local Boards, Dr. Marinelli will compile the responses and share with all Boards.

Following the discussion with the District Superintendent, the Board shared announcements and committee reports. Deb Larson reported on her visit to the Universal PreKindergarten Program which she completed with Bill Herbert. Both had positive things to say about the program. Bucky Jordan reported that the Park Committee was looking for a representative from the Board to fill a spot on the Committee. Bucky was interested and the Board supported him. A High School student will also be appointed. Amy BennettLepel reported on preparations for the SAVE Committee and the first meeting, scheduled for December 14th at 3:15 p.m. Bill Herbert reported on his recent trip and his visit to Special Education Schools.

The Consent Agenda was approved. Substitute teachers and support staff were appointed. Three changes in appointments were approved for the Elementary School monitors. Sara Eden was approved to direct and choreograph the High School Musical. She brings a great deal of experience with her to the position.

Under Reports to the Board, the Board approved all CSE Case Summaries presented with one exception. This one was remanded back to the Committee for further discussion and consideration. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Maria Ehresman, presented data on the Math Program and new strategies that have been developed to improve student performance in specialized standard areas. When looking at test scores of students in grades 2-8, there were three standard areas where improvement is necessary. Maria will be working with classroom teachers to focus upon these areas of weakness.

Under Old Business the Board approved the 1st reading of Policy 2110 and the 2nd readings of Policies 2300, 2310, 3100, 3140, 3210, 3230, 3241, 3242, 3260, 3280, 3300, 3310 and 3410. The Board also approved the Purchase Offer developed by the School Attorney to purchase a piece of property adjacent to the Middle School. The parcel, which is south of the Middle School, is 58 acres with some woods and much open land that would be good for further expansion or outdoor activities related to the curriculum. The purchase of the property would require voter approval. More details will follow as they become available.

Under New Business the Board approved the AFS Exchange Trip to Georgetown, Mass. for February 8-11. Advisors Mr. & Mrs. DeBrine and Mr. & Mrs. Eaton were in attendance to discuss the trip. The Board accepted the resignation of Diane Genovese with regret and approved a maternity and child rearing leave for Vicki Abbott Robusto beginning in March.

With no further action, the Board recessed to Executive Session at 9:37 and adjourned at 10:27 p.m.