

Superintendent's Dashboard

October 7, 2016

- The APPR document has been approved by the State Education Department as of this Tuesday. The Board will receive training on the regulation changes as well as highlights of the NRW plan at the workshop on October 25.
- We are awaiting an endorsement of the draft plan for renovation to the middle school from the Regional Associate. In order for the project to be considered by the State Education Department, the Regional Associate who oversees special education for a district must review and endorse the plan. In an effort to expedite this process I contacted the Regional Associate, located in Batavia, NY, the District Superintendent as well as SED. The RA responded politely that they were short staffed and they would process the request as soon as they were able.

We have commissioned work to be done at the FH building to determine the extent of the damage to the heating system. We believe this is necessary for several reasons. Regardless of how the Board decides to proceed the question will most certainly arise as a plan moves forward. Also, if there is an opportunity to use the building at first as swing space and then later in some capacity this work will be required.

If this becomes a feasible option, additional testing on air quality, lead etc. would have to be completed.

- The employee involved in the 3020A process has requested a hearing as expected. A hearing officer will be chosen by consensus of counsel or NYSED will appoint.
- Although there has considerable discussion regarding the continued use of committees moving forward, no definitive direction has been decided upon. I would respectfully request the Board to add this for discussion during the regular October meeting to clarify if we will continue with the committees. Additionally, I would request, at the same meeting, a list of topics that the Board desires to be covered for the next several months. This will allow for arrangements to be made in the instance we require someone from outside the District to present as is the case for Tuesday's meeting.

Tina Fuller will be reaching out regularly to all members to confirm their attendance for these second meeting. As you know in order to hold a meeting 4 members are required to attend. If a quorum was not fixed the day prior the meeting would be cancelled and any presenters that were scheduled could be appropriately notified.

- We are working with Erie 1 BOCES on a policy review. As soon as that is completed, the policy committee will meet to review and consider the recommendations. Prior to that, the Board will be receiving a revised Code of Conduct to consider.
- We have exchanged proposals for negotiations with the teachers' union and will be scheduling a meeting. Dominic D'Imperio will be attending the meeting on Tuesday and providing an update to the Board on negotiations and the personal day arbitration.

The first two meetings have been scheduled for October and November. Mr. D'Imperio will represent the District during these preliminary meetings.

- Kathy Hoyt has been selected to serve as the new Section V Athletic Coordinator commencing October 11th. Kathy has been at NRW for 17 years and has done a tremendous job in her various roles.

I am recommending that we move forward hiring a .5 AP and .5 AD to perform the duties moving forward. I believe having 2 new administrators in the building will prove to be challenging and thus the recommendation to maintain status quo.

- I have attached my goals for your review and comment. Our two biggest areas of effort during the next year will be the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the development of a capital project.
- I met with a parent who has requested her home-schooled child be able to participate in various school activities throughout the school day. I met with this same parent over the summer with a similar request. Based on the current Board policy and advice from legal counsel, the request was denied.

The parent may write the Board a letter asking for the policy to be changed or may sign up to speak on the matter. I have attached the policy for your review in anticipation of her making contact.

- Assistant Principals will commence providing a written report to the Board as of this week. They will also provide a brief overview verbally at each first meeting of the month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cinda or me. Also, if you email Cinda or me a questions or request for information, please copy the entire Board as other members may have the same question.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10-11-16 BOE Meeting, 6:00 PM, HS
- 10-10-16 Columbus Day, school closed
- 10-25-16 Board Workshop, 6:00 PM, HS small cafeteria