

## Superintendent's Dashboard

### September 8, 2015

- This week we received word that the NYS Comptroller will be visiting NRW and conducting an audit. The area(s) that they will concentrate on will be determined after a preliminary review of our financial documents after an initial meeting. I have attached the documentation I received from the Comptroller's Office for your review. I have been told that the audit will take 3-5 months in District to complete.

We have been discussing this since I arrived and Wayne VanderByl has also provided recent guidance via your training sessions. Since we have started a process to address a number of financial issues we will simply continue with that process. Dr. Timbs, Bob Magin and I, will continue to work on a 5 year financial plan which addresses managing reserves, budget formation and internal controls.

- Our September meeting schedule is becoming increasingly busy. Our regularly scheduled meeting will be **September 8, at 6:00 PM**. The following week Dr. Timbs will be meeting with the Board on **September 14, 6:00 PM**, for the Strategic Plan training. On **September 22, 6:00 PM**, we will hold a BOE workshop to allow SEI to present the five year Building and Condition survey. This meeting will be advertised and open to the public. We will also put a message on the website encouraging people to attend.

I would like to schedule an evening in October during the week of October 26-30 for the purposes of having the Board interview architects. Bob Magin and I have identified three groups and our thought was to have each group present to the Board. 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. I will ask the Board to set a date at our September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- If any Board member is interested in touring all of our buildings I will schedule an evening for that purpose. Please let me know at our next meeting if you are interested and we can set a date.

We will conduct all of our meetings this year in the HS auditorium so as to establish the new location. I am afraid that if we travel to other buildings this year after moving the venue in the HS some people may be confused as to where the meetings are being held. If the Board chooses, next year we can rotate meetings as has been done in the past.

- Tuesday through Thursday all staff has been involved in welcome back activities and trainings to include School Based Inquiry (using student performance data to inform student instruction) Leverage Leadership (teacher/administrative coaching program), the District's Strategic Planning initiative and Ruby Payne's Understanding Poverty: A Cognitive Approach. They have worked well this week and based on my interactions are prepared to begin the school year on a positive note.

My opening day message was really quite simple. We can all improve and if we do our students' future opportunities will also improve. A number of staff approached me during and after the trainings and seemed excited about the District's renewed emphasis on student achievement.

There have been evening activities at all three of our buildings this week and it is great to see students and parents in the buildings once again.

- I will be meeting with Neil Thompson this Friday to outline the District's initiatives and to promote the September 22 Board workshop focusing on the 5 year BCS.

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