

May 24, 2001

Wednesday evening's regular Board of Education Meeting began with a Public Hearing on the SAVE Legislation. New regulations require each school district in New York State to develop a Comprehensive School Safety Plan and the Board to approve this plan by July 1, 2001. A Committee of 19 people including teachers, support staff, administrators, students, parents and Board Members have been working on the components of this plan and presented the first draft to the public. The plan is due to be approved at the June 27th Board Meeting after discussion and input at the June 13th meeting. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:05.

Public Participation was held followed by Announcements and Committee Reports. Deb Larson reported that she witnessed a staff member approach some skateboarders who did not have the proper equipment on. She also reported on two meetings she attended on Special Education and the Technology Committee Meeting she attended earlier in the day. Deb also recognized the students' efforts in the Festival of Arts display. Amy BennettLepel reported that she had gone to the Lilac Parade and watched the Williamson Middle School Band and Color Guard march. They were the only Middle School Band in the parade. Bucky Jordan reminded the Board of the upcoming Park Committee Meeting. Gretchen Craft reported on her visits to the High School and Middle School and thanked the staff for their efforts. Bill Herbert reported on the last Town Board Meeting he attended. The Superintendent pointed out that it was time to renew the agreement with the Civic Betterment Association. The Board approved having Bill Herbert do such with the President of the group.

The Consent Agenda was approved and included one monitor appointment and substitute teachers and support staff. Under Reports to the Board, CSE Case Summaries were approved and Building Principal Reports were presented. In the High School Report the Hoffman Essay winners were highlighted, the Valedictorian and Salutatorian were recognized and the two speakers who recently spoke to the student body were praised. In the Middle School Report the Read-a-Thon was highlighted as was the article on music education. The Elementary School Report was a compilation of the impressions from all of the new teachers with a summary from Anne Ressler.

Under Old Business the Board made final considerations on the contract documents for the Technology Project. After some discussion and questions, the Board unanimously approved documents for submittal to SED. The Architect will get a final cost estimate on running the cable under Route 21 as opposed to going over the road. The Board's preference was to go under the highway if costs permitted.

Under New Business the Board approved the request from Judy DiClemente to rescind her retirement announcement. Judy will continue in her role as High School Math Teacher. Tenure appointments were approved unanimously on the following staff: Denise Sprout, Elementary Teacher; Diane Greco, Special Education Teacher; Carol McMahon, Enrichment Teacher; Kristen Smucz, Counselor; Matt Coon, Business Teacher; Pat Gebhard and Amy Jones, Teacher Assistants. Congratulations to those deserving individuals. The Board accepted the resignation of Carmen LoMaglio, part-time Spanish Teacher and the resignation of Lori Grenolds, High School Counselor. In final action the Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation to hire JoAnn Hussion as Middle School English Teacher to replace the retiring Dick TenEyck.

After Public Participation the Board recessed to Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.