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Wednesday evening's Board of Education Meeting began with Public Participation and Board Committee Reports. Amy BennettLepel reported on the upcoming meeting of the SAVE Committee and that she would have an update at the next meeting. Deb Larson reported on the recent Technology Committee Meeting where a BOCES representative was present to explain LakeNet. Also mentioned was the meeting many of the Board Members attended with Senator Nozzolio. Bucky Jordan reported on the same meeting and the areas of great concern for school districts – rising utility costs, Special Education costs and building aid changes. Bill Herbert reported on a visit to the Canandaigua District and their technology initiatives and some recent correspondence he has received. Bill also recognized Yvonne Forget and her staff on the positive school lunch audit, an enclosure from the information packet.

The Consent Agenda was approved and included substitutes, one change in appointment for a bus monitor and Spring Coaching appointments. Two CSE Case Summaries were approved.

Building Principal Reports were received and commented upon. The colored pictures featuring student involvement in activities were pointed out in the Elementary Report. In the Middle School Report, the Board inquired about mid-year Math test scores (still being corrected). The High School Report congratulated students who had been selected to Boys State. The success of the labs was also highlighted.

Under Old Business, the Board conducted a budget worksession. The Superintendent updated the Board on the lack of progress from legislators on the State budget, and the local implications if the budget is again late. After discussion, the Board agreed that the proposed budget needed to be cut down by 1 – 1 ½ % from the initial proposal. The Superintendent was directed to work with the Administrative staff to make cuts “that would be farthest from the instructional program”. Increasing class sizes and cutting programs was not what the Board wanted to do. The Superintendent will bring recommendations to the next meeting.

Under New Business the Board approved the semi-annual financial report from the Civic Betterment Association. This group supports the fall sports program and operates the food booth at soccer games. The Board reviewed their mid-year progress of Board Goals. Progress was being made in all areas. Bill Herbert will work to establish a joint meeting with the Town Board to discuss common concerns.

Upcoming meetings were highlighted, Public Participation was held and the meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.