

Ashford Board of Education
July 12, 2007

Call To Order

L. Olson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Ashford School Library.

Board Present

L. Olson, P. Borysevicz, J. Sterling-Folker, D. King, D. Ecsedy, A. Breault, Superintendent, N. Johndrow, Principal, M. Giardi, Vice Principal/Sp. Ed. Director, M. Devlin, Recording Secretary

Persons To Be Heard

Special Education Concerns

S. Kauffman, C. Silver-Smith and B. Stenglein spoke of concerns and dissatisfaction with the management of special education services regarding their children and are concerned about issues they have had with the director. The Board asked questions and requested further documentation from Mrs. Kauffman.

Communications

A letter from Glen & Kimberly Haley complementing a special education teacher and the staff and complementing their student's experience.

The CABE/CAPSS Convention will be held November 16-17. Any board members interested should fill out the form for early registration and turn it in to the superintendent's office before 9/7/07.

A letter informing the Board of retirement was received from Deborah Tatro. The Board thanked Ms. Tatro for her 23 years of service. Ms. Tatro's insurance benefits will be covered under Board policy for Family Medical Leave until her proscribed leave time expires or her alternate insurance coverage is in effect, whichever comes first.

A letter of resignation from Jessica DelMastro.

Motion by P. Borysevicz to accept the resignation of Jessica DelMastro. Seconded by J. Sterling-Folker. Passed unanimously.

A letter from Paula Hallene addressing concerns about difficulties contacting a teacher.

Reports – Principal, VP/SPED. Director

Mrs. Johndrow read a narrative on school accomplishments this year and plans for next year. The Board directed that mid-terms show a numerical value, not a pass/fail grade. They also requested that the Bullying policy be prominently displayed in the Student Handbook and staff who receive a stipend for extracurricular activities use after school hours and not time during the school day.

Mrs. Giardi spoke about the 2006-2007 Special Education Program highlights and 2007-2008 Extended school year program and the services being provided during the summer.

Lunch Program

Mr. Breault presented the year end accrual position of the Hot Lunch Program and discussed different options for the cafeteria in light of the retirement of D. Tatro. The Hot Lunch Committee will meet July 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Committee Reports

- Water – One bid for the project was received and opened July 2nd.
- Policy – 5131.911 Bullying Policy Review
The Committee will review the bullying policy and made recommendations for changes. This will be brought back at the September 6, 2007 meeting.
- Policy 6145.2 After School Sports Activities - Tabled from June 21st
The Board had a chance to review the After School Sports Activities policy. The Sports Permission Form will be attached. This will be put on the August 2nd meeting for approval.

2006 – 2007 Budget

Vote on Final Transfers

Motion by P. Borysevicz to accept the end of year transfers as presented. Seconded by D. King. Passed unanimously. Mr. Breault will draft a letter to the Board of Finance.

Motion by P. Borysevicz to move into executive session at 8:45 p.m. and invite Mr. Breault and Mrs. Johndrow. Seconded by J. Sterling-Folker. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session

- Personally identifiable information regarding a student.
- Pending Claims & Litigation

Mrs. Johndrow came out of executive session at 9:55 p.m. The Board and Mr. Breault came out of executive session at 10:23 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by D. Escedy to adjourn at 10:24 p.m. Seconded by P. Borysevicz. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Devlin
Recording Secretary