



Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education
Public Meetings

August 27, 2009

Regrettably, Board Vice President, Dr. Sasha Slocum, submitted a letter of resignation from her Fanwood Board seat. Dr. Slocum cited personal commitments due to additional work responsibilities as her reason for leaving the Board. She thanked Dr. Hayes and the Board for their understanding of her decision to resign and said that serving on the Board has been a wonderful experience. She noted that she will watch the Board's work with enthusiasm during the coming year.

Mr. Whitehouse announced that the Board will have 60 days to appoint a new member to the Board and that the position will be advertised. Interested **Fanwood** residents can submit a letter of interest to the Board Secretary.

Dr. Hayes reported that the district will receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding that must be applied toward Special Education. Following a presentation, Board members approved submission of the ARRA grant application to the Department of Education. The ARRA money includes \$1,330,332 in IDEA funds and \$48,129 for preschool special education funding. The IDEA funds will be used to enhance special education, as follows: Instruction-\$793,280; Technology/equipment-\$211,155; Staff Training-\$155,500; Summer Program-\$25,014; and Non-Public School Funding-\$145,373.

Public Comments

Cindy Clancy Warren expressed her sadness that Dr. Slocum was leaving the Board, and thanked Sasha for her service. She also commented about the benefits of the ARRA funding to the district.

Board Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee--Mrs. Bauer reported that the committee reviewed 5th grade report cards that will now be created electronically. Dr. Hayes added that the grades will be archived in a student database and this will provide a vehicle for better analysis. There will be no change in the substance of the report cards. Additional curriculum changes were reviewed by the committee and approved (see Superintendent's Report).

Board committee assignments were approved for the 2009-2010 school year and this information is available on the website at spfk12.org.

Negotiations Committee A Board team meeting is scheduled for September 2 and they will meet with the SPFEA negotiations team on September 8.

Superintendent's Report

The Board approved the following items as presented by Dr. Hayes:

- Private school out of district placements for a total expenditure of \$3,407,035.50.
- Public school out of district placements for the 2009-10 school year for a total expenditure of \$2,112,079.60
- Submission of NCLB Grant Application
- Elementary, Middle School and Fifth Grade Programs of Studies

- Course Proficiencies for:
 - Algebra I, Academic Level
 - Algebra II, Standard, Academic and Accelerated Levels
 - Geometry, Standard, Academic and Accelerated Levels
 - Advanced Placement Economics, European History, Government and Politics: United States and History of Art
 - Kindergarten and Grade Three Social Studies
- 2009-2010 Field Trips / Destinations
- Submission of IDEA Grant Application
- Submission of ARRA Grant Application to the NJ Department of Education.

Personnel Agenda

The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendations for personnel on the Personnel Report dated August 27, 2009.

Business Functions:

The Board approved the following business items as presented by Mr. Del Sordi.

- Staff Training Reimbursements on the report dated August 27, 2009
- Participation in UCESC Cooperative Pricing System for the period of August 2009 to August 2014
- Resolution to Purchase Electric Generation Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Bid
- Resolution to Purchase Natural Gas Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services Bid
- Award of Bid for Energy Audit to CDM at a cost of \$81,095.
- Approval of Parent Reimbursement for Tuition in the amount of \$3,110.00 as 50% of parent cost for student to attend Harbor Haven Summer program
- Approval of Barbara Whilhite, Ed.D. CTRS, to conduct a Recreation/Therapeutic Assessment for an out-of-district student at a fee of \$100 per hour, not to exceed \$600 for this one-time service
- Approval of Vendor Provided Related OT, PT, Speech and Nursing Services for a total of \$412,967.
- Approval of 2009-2010 Reading Recovery Contract for the 2009-2010 Training and/or Technical Support services provided by the Bridgewater-Raritan Reading Recovery Training Site at a cost of \$6,000 for eight (8) teachers who will be participating in the Reading Recovery Program
- Acceptance of an additional REBEL Grant Stipend of \$71.42 for 2008-09 as an increase to the \$1,000 previously approved by the board
- NCLB Allocation for FY 2010 for a total allocation of \$200,711.
- Construction Change Order with B & G Restoration Asbestos for Tile Removal in the HS Choral & MP Rooms at a cost of \$14,800.
- Approval of Environmental Remediation & Management, Inc. to provide Right-to-Know (RTK) services for the fiscal years ending 2009 and 2010 at a cost of \$9,000.
- Contract with Complete Care for various medical services for the 2009-10 School Year
- Renewal of Shared Services Custodian Contract with the Borough of Fanwood
- Designated TD Bank as the Official Depository for the following accounts:
 - Scotch Plains-Fanwood Cafeteria Fund
 - Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community Educational Fund
 - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Athletic Fund
 - Scotch Plains-Fanwood Student Activity Funds for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Park Middle School and Terrill Middle School
- Approval of Bid for Coles & McGinn Pre-School Transportation Routes
- Approval of Business Reports: receipt of Budget Adjustments, the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the period ending June 30, 2009 and July 31, 2009
- Approval of Bill List for the period of June 20 to August 19, 2009 in the amount of \$5,208,808.88.

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The Board extends good wishes to everyone for the upcoming 2009-2010 School Year!