

Committee of the Whole

February 02, 2016 6:30 PM
Derby Middle School Cafetorium

Attendance Taken at 6:31 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Dan Foley
Mr. Jim Gildea
Mrs. Laura Harris
Mr. George Kurtyka
Mr. Andy Mancini
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio
Mrs. Janine Netto
Mrs. Christine Robinson

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara

I. Call To Order

I.a. Opening Ceremonies

I.b. Roll Call

I.c. Additions or deletions to agenda items

Motion Passed: Motion to move item III before administrator reports. passed with a motion by Mr. Jim Gildea and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Absent
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

III. Valley Substance Abuse Action Council

Discussion:

Mr. Saccu briefed the Board on the survey for Valley Substance Abuse. The survey includes questions regarding bullying, substance abuse and mental health. This survey has been conducted since 1992, but due to funding they were unable to conduct the survey for the last four years. This year the survey will be conducted online through Survey Monkey. The survey can also be used to assist in obtaining federal funding.

Motion Passed: That the Board of Education approve the distribution of the Valley Substance Abuse Action Council survey to students in grades 7, 9 and 11, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mr. Andy Mancini.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
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Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Absent
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

II. Administrator's Reports

II.a. Derby High School Principal

Discussion:

Mr. Pascale shared a video from the legislative breakfast that was held in the new media center. Several students were able to speak with legislative representatives regarding current school issues such as personalized learning. Mr. Pascale advised the Board that on Monday, the students will be live streaming with Dr. Conway, who will be in Arizona with other superintendents. He also stated that the next United Way meeting will be held at the High School and they are planning to stream it live.

II.b. Derby Middle School Principal

Discussion:

Mr. Vitelli updated the Board on the past month's activities. The Board discussed the culture of the school. Mr. Gildea expressed concerns about how repeat offenders are disciplined and whether or not the school and Board are being too lenient with students. The Board also discussed cell phone usage issues.

II.c. Irving School Principal

Discussion:

Mrs. Olson stated that benchmark assessments were completed today. She also advised the Board that they are working to improve attendance. Attendance has gone from 94.85% last year to 96.4% this year. Mrs. Olson also updated the Board on the activities held throughout the month.

II.d. Bradley School Principal

Discussion:

Mr. Ciccarini updated the Board on the past month's activities and grant opportunities. They are working on the Nature's Classroom May field trip which will involve both Bradley and Irving Schools.

II.e. Special Education Report

Discussion:

Mrs. Sheridan updated the Board on the status of the special education program.

II.f. Early Childhood Program Director

Discussion:

The early childhood program was not discussed.

II.g. Athletic Director

Discussion:

NVL Track and Field Championships were held. Ms. Artaiz updated the Board on who the champions were. Coaches for the spring sports will be appointed at the next meeting.

IV. Use of City Van

Discussion:

Dr. Conway discussed the possibility of using a city van to transport students to and from school, to school events and/or on field trips. The city owns a 12 passenger van that could be available for the school to use at no cost. The Board was in favor of Dr. Conway continuing discussions with the Mayor, Aldermen and administrators. This will be discussed further at a later day.

V. Adjournment

Motion Passed: That the Board of Education adjourn its meeting at 7:55 PM. passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Harris and a second by Mrs. Christine Robinson.

Mr. Dan Foley	Yes
Mr. Jim Gildea	Yes
Mrs. Laura Harris	Yes
Mr. George Kurtyka	Yes
Mr. Andy Mancini	Yes
Mr. Kenneth Marcucio	Yes
Mrs. Janine Netto	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca O'Hara	Absent
Mrs. Christine Robinson	Yes

Terri Kuskowski
Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.