

Superintendent Scott McCartney's report on the September 14, 2010 Board of Education meeting started off acknowledging the smooth start of this school year and complimented the custodial staff as the buildings looked great. He continued by saying that construction at the High School has come to almost a halt as the state is arguing who is responsible for what among the contractors, etc. and nothing is getting done.

Dr. McCartney then reported that the Board of Education, school administrators and other staff will be involved for the next 4-6 weeks with the New Jersey state QSAC (Quality Accountability Continuum) team.

A presentation by Mr. Glenn Robbins, High School VP, on the "Shine" program was next. Suspended students fall further behind with each day of their suspension and are often unsupervised at home. These and other concerns led Mr. Robbins to research other districts and what they were doing, hence the "Shine" program. Our High School has partnered with SJ Food Bank and qualified (it will be at the discretion of school administrators if this program will be offered to a student) suspended students can volunteer at the Food Bank. Each student will be supervised, have to write an essay, and work a certain number of hours, depending on the length of suspension.

Only one gentleman spoke during the Public Portion at the end of the evening. He runs volleyball programs through out the county and had submitted a use of facility for which he hadn't gotten an answer. Dr. McCartney replied that all use of facilities had been placed on hold until the Board of Education adopted a revised policy concerning use of facilities which had been approved that night. The gentlemen then proposed using Fernwood Middle School for 17 weeks and develop a revenue sharing plan with the school district based on the success of other programs he has run. Dr. McCartney handed out his card requesting he be contacted.

Before I get to Personnel, I'd like to share some information provided by Ms. Joetta Surace, Director of Human Resources for the school district as I had inquired how new personnel were being hired with all the budget cuts and if a teacher did not have their contract renewed, why some new hires were replacements for a non-renewed teacher's position? Ms. Surace responded with some of the following:

1. If a teacher was non-renewed due to budget cuts, their position was either eliminated or filled by a person with seniority whose position was cut.
2. There were teachers (5) non-renewed due to performance; therefore, their positions had to be filled.
3. Some retirements were filled, some were eliminated.
4. There were 7 new positions in the budget--HS - 4 teachers and 3 security guards.

Personnel:

Voluntary Transfers

- K.DeSantis from Swift Self-Contained to LRC Teacher, ½ Swift and ½ day at Davenport.
- L.Lugerner form Speech Language Pathologist Miller School to Slaybaugh Elementary.
- S. Piscitelli from Sign Language Interpreter Swift School to Miller School.
- K.Rodgers from Speech Language pathologist Davenport Primary to Miller School.

New Hires:

- M. Traub-Randel, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, replacing retired L. Stoner.
- M.DeLong, Special Education at Fernwood, replacing J.Brown who transferred.
- S.Sauter, High School Industrial Arts Technology Teacher/Automotive Technology, replacing W.Baitzel who resigned.
- L.Szantai, Speech Language Pathologist at Miller, replacing transferred L.Lugerner.
- T.Chiarulli, Davenport Primary School Speech Language Pathologist, filling the position created with the transfer of K.Rodgers.

Leave of Absence:

- D.Dingler, Miller School, medical leave from 9/1/10 with return pending doctors note.
- M.Collesano, Media Specialist at Fernwood, maternity/child rearing leave from 10/4/10-1/26/11.
- M. Lambert, High School English/LRC in class, child rearing leave 11/12/10-1/27/11
- N.Schwegman, Slaybaugh Elementary, maternity/child rearing leave 9/2/10-3/31/11.

The next scheduled Board of Education meeting is September 28, 2010 at 8 PM in the Board of Education room, located in the Alder Ave. Middle School