

BOE Members Present: Mr. Jeffrey Hartwell, Mrs. Melissa Baxter, Mrs. Heather Zellers, Mrs. Joell Murney-Karsten, Mr. Peter Wormuth, Mr. Michael Mirras, Mrs. Cara Lajewski, Mr. William Reigel

Absent: Mr. Joseph McNamara

Also present: Mr. McKeveny, Mr. Bruni, Mr. Kevin Rhinehart, Mrs. Christine Petrocci, Mrs. Mel Morrin, Ms. Libby Kuney, Mrs. Dana Colvin, Mr. Lee Foster, Mrs. Nicole Spitzer

Mrs. Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Quorum Check
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Wormuth, seconded by Mrs. Lajewski, to approve the agenda as listed.

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 CARRIED

Approve or Amend
Board of Education Minutes

Moved by Mr. Hartwell, seconded by Mr. Reigel, to approve the Board of Education minutes dated March 9, 2017.

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 CARRIED

Public Comment-None

Seneca Falls Middle School Round Table

Mrs. Christine Petrocci, ELA 6 Teacher, presented along with students Ella Wirth, Grace Lando, Norah Linehan, Nathan Welch, and Kelly Kohberger. Mrs. Petrocci showed the Board the different programs the students use: Mentormeter, Peardeck.com, Kahoot and Quizizz.

Mrs. Dana Colvin, FAC Teacher, presented along with her students Faith Rhinehart and Mackenzie Howard. The students shared with the Board information regarding the Community Connections Club. There are about 27 students who belong to the club. The club recognizes community organizations by baking them cookies and giving them thank you notes. The next organization slated to be recognized is the Seneca Falls Fire Department (nominated by the SF Police Department). Mackenzie and Faith then handed out fresh baked chocolate chip cookies.

Mrs. Mel Morrin, Social Studies Teacher, presented along with student Ella Wirth, Abbie Lynch and Amy Mahoney. Mrs. Morrin reported to the board that Ella was the first 6th grader in her tenure at the district that was elected MS Student Council President. Ella reviewed with the Board what the student council has been doing. Students have been celebrating School Spirit Week. Monday - "Super Hero Day". Students could dress as super heroes. Tuesday - "Twin Day/World Down Syndrome Day. Wednesday - Flip-Flop or Dress as a Teacher Day. Thursday - "Respect your Elders Day" and Friday - "School Spirit Day". The hallways were decorated by students for the week. Ella also reported that she held a survey in the lunchroom where she left questionnaires for students. Ella said the biggest response she received was for no bullying. Ella would like to hold a "No Bullying Week" for the middle school.

Mrs. Morrin shared with the Board her class experience with Discovery Education. Abbie and Amy also shared with the board how they use the program and its advantages.

Mr. Lee Foster thanked the Board for their work and for the decisions they make-always have the best interest of the students in mind. Mr. Foster reviewed the state's plan to implement standards-he reported that testing will not change for 3 years in middle level science.

Mrs. Nicole Spitzer reviewed with the Board Discovery Education and Board Building and how she applies the programs in her classroom.

Ms. Libby Kuney reported to the Board that she participates in Better Lessons Professional Development. Ms. Kuney works with two coaches, Kelly and Maureen with who she skypes every two weeks. Ms. Kuney and her coaches focus on the items she would like to improve in her class. Ms. Kuney also shared with the Board her class strategies for student engagement: "Like It, Love It, Gotta Have It" and Scatter Plots unit.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

Mr. Hartwell reported that the committee had met on March 9, 2017. The committee reviewed the Wellness Policy and recommended revisions.

Information

Reminder: BOE Member Petitions & Packet

Business Administrator's Report

Mr. Bruni shared the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly's budget proposals. Mr. Bruni also updated the Board on the scheduled WiFi upgrade.

Superintendent's Report

The regular meeting resumed at 8:55 pm.

Adjourn


Moved by Mr. Mirras, seconded by Mrs. Murney-Karsten, to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

Yes: 8

No: 0

Abstain: 0

CARRIED



Monica Kuney, District Clerk

