

Board of Education Work Session
MINUTES
January 13, 2011

Board Members Present: John Sutton, Cheryl Smith, Mark Pribis, Bradley Rooke
Board Members Absent: Janet Glenn, Terry Ostrander, Joan Slagle
Administrators Present: Kimberly LaBelle, Trent Clay, Paul Berry
Two community members were also present
Fiscal Training – Goal #4/Budget Information

Discussion

- Reserve Accounts- Handouts on Reserve Accounts Plan on February 10th Work Session. 1st Reading on the February 17th Board meeting.

Outcome

- Look at large systemic changes (consolidations in District) report from 1958. (May be disincentives not to merge.)
- Look at workforce – setting goal for reductions over the years.
- Can we still afford a Middle School? Sports?
- Forecast by using various models in State Aid

Student Representatives on the Board of Education

Discussion

- Establish a process for student membership -contact Corinth and South Glens Falls to obtain a copy of their policy.
- Board President is in support of student representatives on the Board
- How would student representative(s) feel about not being able to vote at Board Meetings.
- Would student representation on the Board accurately reflect the entire student body?
- Will student representation stifle discussion amongst students?
- Use of social media i.e.: Facebook, use of Scores Up to increase social awareness.

Outcome

- Obtain sample policies from Corinth and South Glens Falls School Districts
- Review policies at February 10th work session.

Recruiting and Hiring Policy

- January 27th discussion again, then add to February 10th or February 17th meeting based upon outcome on January 27th

RFP on Legal Services

- The Board of Education requested a historical cost comparison with Hogan & Sarzynski and Judge & Duffy Law Firms.

Add Resolutions to Agenda

- Add resolutions to the February 17th Board agenda thanking various groups who have made significant monetary donations to the district.

Lunch Issues

- Establish Lunch Task Force , volunteers to serve on team and Cafeteria Manager to look for solution to lunch issues, OR
- Secondary Advisory Board or Middle School Advisory Board, OR
- Turn to SHAC

*What are the new regulations? Mrs. Labelle will secure from Barbara Dean.

Community Input

Exit poll (read from last year)

Roundtable issue specific – from Broadalbin-Perth Central School District

Fingerprinting – possibly reimburse staff after a number of days

Community member suggested having students campaign and run on a platform for student seat on the Board of Education.

Community Member expressed her concern about tacking onto meetings already established in the community for delivering budget information.

The Board of Education moved into executive session to discuss specific personnel matters at 8:30 PM and adjourned at the conclusion of the executive session.

No official Board action was taken at the Board of Education Work Session.