

MINUTES
RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Rye Middle School Multipurpose Room
June 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Culyer at 7:05 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present

Mr. James Culyer, *President*
Mr. Stephen Feeney, *Vice President**
Ms. Sarah Mariani
Mr. Joshua Nathan
Mr. George Pratt
Ms. Victoria Sterling
Mr. Robert Zahm
Mr. Edward Fox, *Board Member-Elect*

And Dr. Edward Shine, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Daniel McCann, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Robert Walsh, Assistant Superintendent

* Arrived 9:10 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m. the Board reconvened in public to attend a reception for the teachers receiving tenure appointments on the agenda.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Culyer welcomed those present and announced that the meeting was a business meeting of the Board to which the public was invited.

Mr. Culyer thanked the teachers who would be receiving tenure for all they do for the children of the schools. He said their appointments would occur on the Consent Agenda and he welcomed them to stay, but knew they had other demands on their time and they should feel free to leave. He again thanked them for all they do.

Recognition of PTO, SEPTA and Parents' Organization Presidents

Mr. Culyer noted that former President, William Jefferson Clinton, once said, "Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds."

Mr. Culyer said that we are fortunate to live in a community of volunteers, and that much of the vast opportunity we and our children experience is thanks to the tireless efforts of countless Rye volunteers. He said Nowhere is this ethic more visible, or truer, than in our schools, and no school volunteers are more tireless or devoted than our Parents' Organization, PTO, and Special Education PTA presidents. He said they do perform acts of heroism, often with no thanks in return, on a very grand scale. He said that what they do matters profoundly and that what they give does change the odds for a great number of students, for our teachers, and for our community. He said that their efforts are big contributors to the national recognition we receive for our schools.

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Mr. Culyer said that the Board of Education, on behalf of all the schools and the entire community, thanks all the school parents for thousands of hours of volunteering, but that that evening they particularly thank seven people whose extraordinary leadership has represented volunteerism on a very large scale. He said that these seven parent leaders are retiring from the presidency of their various parent organizations, and that their commitment and passion has been evident, and will be missed. He said that on behalf of the Board, he thanked each of them, Patty Raskopf, Special Education PTA, Denise Cypher, Rye High School PO, Diane DeBease and Sheri Jordan, Rye Middle School PO, Laura Slack, Midland PTO, Young Kim, Milton PTO, and Jane Fitzpatrick, Osborn PTO, for all that they have done for the students of the schools, for the schools, and for the community of Rye.

Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Robert Castagna, Director of Athletics, Health and Physical Education, reported to the board on the success of the athletic season, noting championships, individual achievement, team achievement, and that every team had entered into post-season competition. He noted that there were eight scholar-athlete teams, as well, and congratulated all the athletes, coaches, officials, teachers, and administrators for an extraordinary season.

A member of the public, speaking on behalf of the Rye Football Association, spoke on behalf of retaining the traditional bonfire and returning it to school grounds if this could be safely organized. He noted that he had met with the fire inspector to discuss a feasible way to continue the tradition and that the Rye Football Association would be happy to continue discussion of this topic in the future.

Mr. Culyer thanked both speakers for their comments.

Accomplishments of the Year

The PTO, PO and SEPTA presidents addressed the Board, listing their individual school accomplishments during the school year and the gifts they have given to the schools and community as a result of their successful fundraising efforts. Several of them thanked Ms. Mariani, whose retirement from the Board would be June 30th, for her commitment of time to the Board and the schools.

Mr. Culyer thanked all the presidents for their comprehensive presentations and for everything they had accomplished on behalf of the schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Culyer announced that Action-General Item 1, Board minutes; Item 4, Policy 7900, and Item 6, Gift Request, Rye Middle School Parents Organization, would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried unanimously (6-0) it was voted to approve the following items:

Action – General

1. The appointment of Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis, the Government Services division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP as Independent Auditor for the District for the 2005-2006 school year. (Attachment I)

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2. A five-year lease of a VOIP telephone system in the annual amount of \$54,591.48 utilizing CISCO equipment and Annese and Associates as construction managers for installation. (Attachment II)
3. Board of Education Policy 5110, School Attendance Areas, as revised. (Attachment III)
4. The issuance of \$600,000.00 serial bonds of the City School District of the City of Rye, Westchester County, New York, to pay the cost of judgments, compromised claims or settled claims arising from court orders on various proceedings brought pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law for said School District. (Attachment IV)
5. The middle school exploratory elective curriculum, The Art and Design of Bookmaking. (Attachment V)
6. The middle school exploratory elective curriculum, Orchestra Strings. (Attachment VI)
7. The middle school exploratory elective curriculum, Sixth Grade Marine Science. (Attachment VII)
8. The 2005-2006 non-resident tuition rate at \$15,110.00. (Attachment VIII)
9. The 2005-2006 tuition rate for the Rye School of Leadership at \$27,388.00. (Attachment IX)

Action – Fiscal

1. The Transportation Contract Bid from Osborn School to Milton School for the school year 2005-2005, afternoon pick-up, for approximately 60 students, to County Coach in the amount of \$14,400.00 for the 2005-2006 school year. (Attachment X)
2. The trade bids as itemized, as recommended by Andron: (Attachment XI)

1. Sitework - Shawns Lawns	\$ 829,000
2. Concrete – Villa Construction	518,000
3. Metals – STS Steel	1,119,000
4. Plumbing – Beneway, Inc.	897,000
5. HVAC – Coppola	1,587,000
6. Electric – D & M Electric	997,000
7. Hazardous Material Abatement – DSA Service, Inc.	<u>154,000</u>
	\$6,103,807
3. The recommendation to award the contract for refuse removal at the high school and middle school and three elementary schools (Alt#3) to United Waste Services, in the amount of \$42,150.00. (Attachment XII)

Action – Personnel

1. The resignation of Beth Friedman as Director of Curriculum and Instruction assigned to
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Rye City School District effective June 30, 2005.

2. The resignation due to retirement of Robert Alexander as an elementary teacher assigned to Milton School effective June 30, 2005.
3. The resignation due to retirement of Neil Gross as a special education teacher assigned to Rye School of Leadership effective June 30, 2005.
4. The resignation due to retirement of Barbara Tomczak as an elementary teacher assigned to Midland School effective June 30, 2005.
5. The resignation due to retirement of Anna Ziegler as an elementary teacher assigned to Osborn School effective October 31, 2005.
6. The Emergency Conditional Two Year Probationary Appointment of John Aguilar, as a Mathematics Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, for which he holds Provisional New York State Certification in Math 7-12, 1.0 FTE, MA, Step 5, of the 2005-2006 Teacher Salary Schedule effective September 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007.
7. The Emergency Conditional Three Year Probationary Appointment of James Craig Dreves, as an English Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, for which he has applied for Initial New York State Certification in English 7-12 and Social Studies 7-12, 1.0 FTE, MA+30, Step 4, of the 2005-2006 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008.
8. The Emergency Conditional Two Year Probationary Appointment of Diane Harrington, as a Library Media Specialist, assigned to Rye High School, for which she holds Permanent New York State Certification as a Library Media Specialist, 1.0 FTE, MA+60 Step 12, of the 2005-2006 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007.
9. The Emergency Conditional Two Year Probationary Appointment of Marilyn Marzo, as a Foreign Language Teacher, assigned to Rye Middle School, for which she holds Permanent New York State Certification in Spanish, 1.0 FTE, BA+30 Step 11, of the 2005-2006 Teacher Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007.
10. The appointment of Carole Andreasen as Teacher on Special Assignment/Director of Technology, assigned to Rye City School District, Step 3 of the 2005-2006 Teacher Salary Schedule for Supervisory Personnel, Contract Salary MA+60, Step 15, Longevity Payment, Supervisory Ratio, effective July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.
11. The appointment of Debra Fishman as Teacher on Special Assignment English Language Arts Coordinator 0.5 FTE/Osborn Elementary Teacher 0.5 FTE, assigned to Milton, Midland and Osborn Schools, MA+60, Step 13 of the 2005 – 2006 Teacher Salary Schedule plus Longevity Payment, effective September 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.

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12. The appointment of Laura Klein as Teacher on Special Assignment Elementary Science Coordinator 0.5 FTE/Osborn Elementary Teacher 0.5 FTE assigned to Milton, Midland, and Osborn Schools, MA+45, Step 15, of the 2005- 2006 Teacher Salary Schedule, plus Longevity Payment, effective September 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.
13. The appointment of Donald A. Ross, as Teacher on Special Assignment/Coordinator of Technology Management Systems, assigned to Rye City School District, MA+45, Step 15, of the 2005 – 2006 Teacher Salary Schedule, plus Longevity Payment, Total Salary, effective September 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.
14. The appointment of Dr. Catherine Sales as Teacher on Special Assignment, 0.4 FTE Special Education Teacher, 0.6 FTE CSE/CPSE Chairperson, assigned to Rye City School District, Ph.D. Step 15, effective September 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.
15. The appointments as Summer School Teachers effective July 5, 2005 – July 22, 2005 of
 Amy Young
 Mary Bellofatto
 Erica Katz
 Jennifer Uddo
 Stacey Beitler
 Meghan Donovan
 Anne Swenson
 Karen Kozan
 Jessica Burden
 Marianne DiSalvo
 Rebecca Ledwith
 Ruthann Comstock
 Ann Marie Cornacchia
 Debra Fishman
- and Erica Katz as Site Coordinator effective July 5, 2005 – July 22, 2005. (Attachment XIII)
16. The appointments as Special Education Summer School Teachers, Aides/Assistants, CSE Evaluators, CSE Attendees, Support Staff and IEP Readers, effective July 5, 2005 – August 12, 2005, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Catherine Sales	CSE Chairperson/IEP Development 90 hours @ \$38.03/hr.	\$3,422.70
Mary Gould	CPSE Chairperson 150 hours @ \$38.03/hr.	\$5,704.50
Deb Coyle	Special Education Teacher (5 weeks)	\$4,107.24
Veronica Loretan	Special Education Teacher (1 week)	\$855.68

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Maxine Dreckman	Special Education Teaching Assistant 87 hours @ \$19.12/hour*	\$1,663.44*
Naomi Falco	Special Education Aide 87 hours @ \$13.64/hour*	\$1,186.68*
Kristen Marchesani	Special Education Teaching Assistant 45 hours @ \$19.12/hour*	\$860.40*
Michele Ahearn	Nurse 42 hours	\$1,645.56**
Meg Dornbusch	Nurse 45 hours	\$1,854.00**
Jennifer Gilbert	Occupational Therapist (12 hours)	\$780.00
Kim Wilson	Physical Therapist (12 hours)	\$960.00
TOTAL:		\$23,040.20

CSE Evaluators, CSE Members and IEP Readers

Fran Coleman	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Chrissy Connor	Evaluator/CSE Member/IEP Reader	\$38.03 per hour
Marci DeRario	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Laura Finkelson	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Tim Horgan	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Silvana Martone	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Lisa Mount	Evaluator/CSE Member/IEP Reader	\$38.03 per hour
Jennifer Muller	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Laurie Sandler	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Robert Schechter	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Kristin Madden	Evaluator/CSE Member	\$38.03 per hour
Catherine Sales	IEP Reader	\$38.03 per hour
Laurie Sandler	IEP Reader	\$38.03 per hour
Jen Muller	IEP Reader	\$38.03 per hour

* Pending contract settlement between the RTA and TATA Unit

** Pending contract settlement between the SCNCA Unit

17. The tenure recommendation of Andrea Bellinger, in the General Elementary Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Elementary N-6, effective September 1, 2005.
18. The tenure recommendation of Debra Bobson, in the General Elementary Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Elementary N-6, effective September 1, 2005.
19. The tenure recommendation of Stephanie Branciforte, in the General Elementary Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Elementary N-6, effective September 1, 2005.

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20. The tenure recommendation of Debra Fishman, in the General Elementary Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Elementary N-6, effective September 1, 2005.
21. The tenure recommendation of Rebecca Ledwith, in the General Elementary Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Conditional Provisional Certification in Elementary N-6, effective September 1, 2005.
22. The tenure recommendation of Kristin Madden, in the Special Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Special Education K-12, effective September 1, 2005.
23. The tenure recommendation of Andrew Raynor, in the Music Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Music, effective September 1, 2005.
24. The tenure recommendation of Michelle Ruffolo, in the Special Education Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Special Education K-12, effective September 1, 2005.
25. The tenure recommendation of Lisa Tennaro, in the General Elementary Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in Elementary PreK-6, effective September 1, 2005.
26. The tenure recommendation of Michael Bruno, in the Physical Education Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Permanent Certification in Physical Education, effective September 1, 2005.
27. The tenure recommendation of Vanessa Caine, in the School Counselor Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification as a School Counselor, effective September 1, 2005.
28. The tenure recommendation of Michele Haiken, in the English Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in English 7-12, effective September 1, 2005.
29. The tenure recommendation of James Baker, in the Social Studies Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Social Studies 7-12, effective September 1, 2005.
30. The tenure recommendation of Kelly Finn, in the English Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in English 7-12, effective September 1, 2005.
31. The tenure recommendation of Beth Gilberg, in the Math Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Mathematics 7-12, effective September 1, 2005.

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32. The tenure recommendation of Christen Klewicki, in the English Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Permanent Certification in English 7-12, effective September 1, 2005.
33. The tenure recommendation of Suzanne Short, in the English Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in English 7-12, effective September 1, 2005.
34. The tenure recommendation of Jared Small, in the Social Studies Tenure Area, for which he holds New York State Provisional Certification in English 7-12, effective September 1, 2005.
35. The tenure recommendation of Bruna Zullo, in the Science Tenure Area, for which she holds New York State Provisional Certification in Chemistry 7-12, effective September 1, 2005.
36. The request by Brenda McMillan for an unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as Special Education teacher assigned to Rye Middle School, effective on or about her anticipated due date of October 7, 2005 – on or about January 31, 2006.
37. The request by Megan Medeiros for an unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence from her position as a Math teacher assigned to Rye Middle School, effective September 1, 2005 – on or about January 31, 2006.
38. The resignation of Sydney Lipez as a teacher aide assigned to Milton School effective June 30, 2005.
39. The Appointment of Sharon Marro as a Teacher Aide, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Midland School, Step 1 of the 2004-2005 Teacher Aide/Teaching Assistant Salary Schedule, 6.5 hours/day, 5 days/week, effective May 12, 2005.
40. The Appointment of Stanley Laber as a Computer Aide, with a probationary period of a minimum of twelve weeks to a minimum of fifty-two weeks, assigned to Rye High School, Step 3 – Master’s Level, of the 2004-2005 Secretarial/Clerical/School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit Salary Schedule, effective September 1, 2005 (salary pending contract settlement between the Board of Education and the Rye Secretarial/Clerical/School Nurse and Computer Aide Unit).
41. The Extra Pay for Extra Work positions for the 2004-2005 school year, per the attached. (Attachment XIV)

Action – Special Education

1. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of March 9, 2005 for Student ID#523; from its meeting of March 22, 2005 for Student

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ID#397; from its meeting of March 29, 2005 for Student ID#549; from its meeting of March 31, 2005 for Student ID# unlisted; and from its meeting of April 28, 2005 for Student ID# unlisted.

2. The recommendations of the Committee on Special Education from its meeting of March 15, 2005 for Student ID#911260; from its meetings of March 21, 2005 for Students ID#911773, 911766 and 911335; from its meeting of March 23, 2005 for Student ID#911393; from its meeting of March 24, 2005 for Student ID #650; from its meetings of March 31, 2005 for Students ID#911499 and 223.
3. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of March 2, 2005 for Student ID#490; from its meeting of March 28, 2005 for Student ID#544; from its meeting of April 28, 2005 for Student ID#573; and from its meeting of May 16, 2005 for Student ID#000555.
4. The recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education from its meeting of December 17, 2004 for Student ID#240; from its meeting of January 10, 2005 for Student ID#000504; from its meeting of January 24, 2005 for Student ID#385; from its meetings of March 28, 2005 for Students ID#533, 557, 558, and 560; from its meeting of April 1, 2005 for Student ID# 522; from its meeting of April 15, 2005 for Student ID#535; and from its meetings of May 9, 2005 for Students ID#552 and 429.

Announcement

Mr. Culyer announced that the Board had just approved the retirement resignations of four long-time teachers in the District, Robert Alexander, Neil Gross, Barbara Tomczak, and Anna Ziegler. He said they would be missed and thanked them for their years of service to the students of the school.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of May 3, 2005

On a motion by Mr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried 5-0-1 with Ms. Mariani abstaining, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2005 meeting of the Board, as written.

Minutes of May 17, 2005

On a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Nathan abstaining, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting of the Board, as written.

Minutes of May 24, 2005

On a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Nathan and carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Nathan abstaining, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2005 meeting of the Board, as amended on page 2, paragraph 4, line 5, from semi-monthly to every other week.

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Board Policy 7900

Mr. Zahm said he wanted to say that the policy does not fully address the needs of the athletic program. He said he feels the Board will get future pressure for more use. He said the District had to make sure of both sensitivity to the neighbors of the field and the greater good of the students.

Mr. Nathan said he was not happy at how the solution was achieved and that he wished the Board had gotten to the solution in a better way. He noted that this was not a criticism of Mr. Pratt's efforts.

Mr. Pratt said the results speak well to not only kids and coaches but also the change in policy. He said the lights are benefiting the athletes, as is the field. He said that perhaps the Board should consider putting any further changes in a referendum to the community.

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Nathan abstaining, the Board adopted the revisions to Policy 7900, Use of Permanent Field Lighting at John Nugent Stadium. (Attachment XV)

Rye Middle School Parents' Organization Gift Request

Ms. Mariani said she had asked to have this item pulled to express to the Parents' Organization for their gift, and expressed her thanks.

On a motion by Mr. Zahm, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried unanimously, 6-0, it was voted to accept the gift request of the Parents' Organization of Rye Middle School of two Smart Boards, one for the Academic Team and one for the Foreign Language Department, valued at \$10,000; of a small television with CD/Video for the Guidance Office valued at \$100.00; A CD/Video Projector for large group viewing valued at \$200.00; and a Classroom Jeopardy Game for 6th Graders valued at \$600.00. (Attachment XVI)

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Shine announced that the National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony had taken place at Rye Middle School and extended the congratulations of the District to the students who had been inducted.

He said that when the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test was instituted in 2003, the state established Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for schools. Each school was expected to have at least 50% of its LEP students achieve an annual progress criterion showing acquired English language skills, and to have at least 5 percent of its LEP students reach English language proficiency, Dr. Shine noted. He said that this past week, he were notified by the State Education Department that we met the objectives in both critical categories, meeting the standards for progress in acquiring English at a level of 80%, and 11%, more than twice the objective, reached proficiency in English. Dr. Shine said that great credit goes to our teachers, specifically our English Language Learner Teachers, including Chair of the ELL Program, Loretta Calandrucchio, who communicates these challenges to students and their parents and works hard to reach such a high achievement level. Dr. Shine then reminded the Board that the New York State Association for Bilingual Education awarded Rye Middle School at its annual conference this past March for having 92% of the middle school English Language Learner students meeting the state progress standard in English proficiency.

Dr. Shine said that this is the time of year when there are several moments set aside to recognize and share achievement. For example, he said, the following morning, the high

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school and middle school technology department would be recognizing students for their hard work with an achievement ceremony. He noted that the work of these students will be on display in the exhibit cases in both schools.

Dr. Shine said that in other news, he would like to thank Bob Steel, Rye High School Social Studies Chair, who worked hard to encourage students to participate in the American Legion essay contest. Three of our students, Gretel Dennis, Nicky Pinsker, and Morgan McCauley, all were awarded prizes and read their essays at the Memorial Day program on the green last week.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Program Assessment for Athletics

Dr. Shine said that in the Board's 2004 planning session members had supported the idea of doing a program assessment for two programs: athletics and special education. He said that the previous fall he discussed this project with Advisory Solutions, a group of consultants associated with the New York State School Boards Association. He said Advisory Solutions had put him in touch with Dr. William Miles and he began to frame how the assessment would proceed. He noted that in January the Board had received a copy of the report, and that Dr. Miles was present to go over the highlights of the assessment and provide the Board with an opportunity to ask questions and gain clarification. He then introduced Dr. Miles.

Dr Miles reviewed his report and said that its intent was not to make recommendations but to assess the program. He noted that the Rye City School District was at the high end for the number of teams it supported, reviewed the dual responsibilities within the job description of the Athletic Director, reviewed the organizational patterns of the job, discussed the support staff issues in the department, reviewed parental access and technological ease of access, and noted that data and comparisons were asked for and obtained as opposed to answers and recommendations.

A member of the public asked why the District had conducted this assessment. Dr. Shine answered that its purpose was to see if the program was achieving its objectives, and to note its strengths and areas in need of improvement because the program was growing, and the director new to his position. He said it was the Board's and District's goal to from time to time assess programs. He said he would like to talk with the director and administrators about the report and to bring the topic back to the Board for some direction in the future.

2005-2006 Cafeteria Budget

Mr. Walsh said that the 2005-2006 proposed Food Service Program budget is \$1,367,244.00, a 1.1% increase over last year's budget. He said that the estimated sales of meals are \$1,272,675.00 or a 6.3% increase over the 2005-2006 budget. He said menu price increases will be specifically determined by necessity of the highly fluctuating food market costs, and that increases beyond 5 percent are not anticipated, and then only on those items truly below market value. He said there are no additional price increases at this time for standard menu items.

He noted that Milton School is expected to have a negative impact on sales revenue for the coming school year, while the cost of labor and supplies will increase to support the commitment to continuing a lunch program during the school's renovations. He said vending

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revenues are also decreasing as the District continues to focus on offering a healthier selection of snacks. He said the budget takes into account the annual increase in staff wages, averaging 3.5%, as well as the necessary increases in daily operational costs.

He said that included in the proposed budget are design and planning costs associated with improvements to the high school service area to expedite meal service, due to increases in enrollment. He said the actual construction and costs of the renovation to the high school service area will be planned for the summers of 2006 and 2007.

Mr. Walsh then noted that the Food Service Program also plans to initiate a medical benefits program with an initial budgeted cost of \$33,000.00, with the intent to improve recruitment. He said there is a gradual annual ramp-up of costs reaching an anticipated maximum of \$85,000 in the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Rubbo, Food Service Director, was present to answer Board questions. Board members questioned the department's autonomy in specific areas, with some expressing their belief that any fund balance should revert to the District for other use and questioning the validity of providing medical benefits to food service workers.

Mr. Culyer polled the Board regarding future discussion on this topic and all Board members agreed that they wished to return the item to an agenda for additional discussion.

June 1 Enrollment Review

Dr. Shine said that for the last several years he had shared June enrollment information with the Board to notify the Board of any issues and concerns regarding class size, especially as it relates to the elementary schools. Since the Board does not have another regular meeting scheduled until June 30, he said he thought he would share this information now and then continue to follow up through the remainder of the month.

He said that Midland's Kindergarten enrollment is 68, 25 students below the October 2004 projection. He said that Central Administration was showing the number as 70, but that Dr. Grille has completed a follow up and does not expect a significant increase in this number.

Dr. Shine reported that Midland's enrollment was projected at 549 plus 10, and that the data provided showed 500 plus 8. He said changes will occur during the rest of the month and throughout the summer. He said Dr. Grille has reduced the projected number of Kindergarten sections from 5 to 4 and moved the section position to grade 3 for the 2005-2006 school year.

Milton's Kindergarten for 2005-2006 was projected to be 58 students, Dr. Shine said, but that Dr. Nardone is now showing 51. He said, however, that Central Administration shows 44, with one retention, for a total of 45. He said parents continue to inform Dr. Nardone that they are planning to register, but that they are not completing the registration process. He said he would continue to monitor this, and that since Milton Kindergarten students have been assigned to Midland, it would be possible to reduce a section and still have a reasonable class size [70 plus 51=121, divided by 6=20.2] He said he would make this decision by June 30th.

Osborn's enrollment is now over the October 2004 projection of 551 by 29 students, Dr. Shine said. He said they are still projecting 29 sections for the 2005-2006 school year, 5 sections in grades K-4 and 4 sections in grade 5.

Dr. Shine reported that middle and high school enrollments are on target for the 2005-2006 school year.

A Midland parent asked the Board to be mindful of the class make-up of the fourth grade, as requested by Midland parents before, noting that student needs were such that class

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size was extremely important to the success of those students.

Mr. Feeney said that he had requested before and was requesting again that the principals coordinate their reporting systems so that they are uniform, and said he would not want the data submitted again if it can't be uniform.

COMMUNICATIONS TO/FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Mariani said the Board had received a well-written letter worth consideration.

Ms. Sterling reported on the strategic planning process and said it was a very good session.

Mr. Culyer said the Facilities Committee would meet on the 13th.

Mr. Zahm said he wanted to make sure the topic of Regents/Honors classes didn't slip away.

Board Officer Election

Mr. Culyer said that by past practice those who wished to be considered for Board President and Vice President declared their intentions at this meeting, and that he would throw his hat in the ring to be President again and would appreciate everyone's support. He asked if anyone else was interested in declaring. No one responded.

Mr. Feeney said he would appreciate everyone's consideration as Vice President. Mr. Culyer asked if anyone else was declaring. No one responded.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Mariani, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried unanimously (7-0) it was voted at 10:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ferrari
District Clerk