

Summary of Jasper-Troupsburg Board of Education Meeting June 3, 2009

This summary is intended to help the Board and the Superintendent inform the community of the Jasper-Troupsburg School District about the issues the district is addressing. If anyone has a question or concern, please feel free to contact Chad C. Groff, Superintendent (792-3675).

Communications to the Board. Miss Elizabeth VanOrsdale attended the board meeting and gave a synopsis of her trip to Syracuse to participate in a vocational competition with her criminal justice program. Her team placed 4th out of 56 teams. The Board received two letters of interest for the vacant board of education position. Mr. Robert Cornish (from Troupsburg) and Ms. Lucille Luckey (from Woodhull) have submitted letters of interest. The Board will be talking with both candidates at the June 17 meeting, and then making a determination on who will fill the vacancy. The Board received a thank you note from Mr. Donald Lawson. Mr. Lawson was expressing his gratitude to the Board for granting him tenure and the opportunity to work in the district. Mrs. Theresa Rogers forwarded a letter to the Board expressing her great satisfaction with the direction the high school music program is going. Mrs. Rogers commended Ms. Karr and Mr. Neff for their hard work with students. She also indicated how impressed she was with the spring concert. The Board was given a tentative copy of the board meeting schedule for the 2009-10 year. Official action will take place at the June 17 meeting. The district has been working with Matthews Buses to begin the process of planning for future bus replacements. I shared with the Board a copy of a quote to replace one of our wheel chair buses that transports students to Hornell on a daily basis and during the summer months. The transportation committee will be meeting during the summer to determine a direction to take.

Personnel items. Due to the late arrival of the tentative agreement with the Teachers Association, the Board postponed its consideration until the June 17 meeting. As a result of a decrease in student speech services, the Board approved a reduction in the speech program. Based upon seniority the FTE of Mrs. Kathryn Mallanda will be reduced to 80%. The Board approved standard hours for substitute bus drivers. A substitute driver will be paid for 1.5 hours for a morning or afternoon run. If the same driver also drives a shuttle run, in the morning or afternoon, .58 of an hour will be added.

Action items. An early graduation request was initially presented to the Board. A student is interested in getting back on track with his original graduating class. The student will be asked to meet with the Board at their next meeting.

Discussion items. The Board discussed the confirmation of insurance for non-school groups using school facilities. We will be exploring what coverage each group has based upon the nature of the activity.