

Summary of Jasper-Troupsburg Board of Education Meeting July 1, 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. The Board and I want to welcome Mr. Robert Cornish as a school board member. I believe Bob will bring a good perspective to the Board. Mrs. Ann Vargeson forwarded a copy of her peer tutoring summary for the 2008-09 academic year. The Board received a copy of the proposed new district mission statement and core behaviors associated with the mission. The committee did a great job putting these two components together. The committee participants were: Mrs. Linda Payne, Mrs. Michelle Terwilliger, Mrs. Kristy Carlineo, Mrs. Ellen Zver, Mrs. Susan Hayes, Mrs. Patricia Cornish, Mrs. Danielle Stebbins, Mrs. Barbara Leach, Mr. John Cain, Mr. Christopher Parker, and I was able to attend a couple of meetings. The Board will look to officially adopt the new document at their July 22 meeting. Current state and federal education news was distributed to the Board for their review.

Personnel items. The Board approved increasing an elementary special education position from an FTE from 80% to full-time beginning with the 2009-10 school year. Miss Lauren McGuire was appointed to the newly created full-time special education position. Miss McGuire was the teacher already in the 80% position. The Board also approved the reinstatement of a high school special education position. This position was abolished for the 2008-09 school year. The other special education teacher believed they could handle the current load. However, our numbers for next year have grown and resulted in the need to bring that position back. Miss Amanda Ballum was appointed to the reinstated special education position. Miss Ballum is originally from the Prattsburgh area, and has been working in a school for students with severe developmental delays. We welcome her to our school. Mrs. Stephanie Brewer was approved to do substitute support staff work for the district during the summer. The Board approved Mrs. Barbara Leach to fill the open seat on the high school building leadership team.

Action items. The Board approved the Tentative Agreement with the J-T Teachers' Association. The services contract with GST BOCES for 2009-10 was approved.