

BAC MEETING MINUTES 11/13/07

The meeting began at 7:00 in the District office conference room.

The following members attended: Gary Carruthers, Liz Morrison, Paul Killian, Linda King, Ed Hudson, Alan Sacher and Frank Christiano. From the district office was Ron Sacks. There were no visitors.

The following topics were discussed:

- Review and approval of the BAC meeting minutes from 10/23/07.
- Ron Sacks distributed a handout of the "Agreement For Cooperative Educational Services With Eastern Suffolk BOCES". The district spends about \$18 million a year in BOCES expenses. Each individual expense is assessed separately by the state and the district receives back about 50-55% in state aide. Mr. Sacks reviewed each line with the committee to clarify the costs.

He specifically explained about Special Education, the cost, why BOCES is used and how students are evaluated and recommended for these programs. Special Education programs are state mandated and the district is required to supply these services. All Special Education summer programs are operated by either the district or BOCES. The district picks up 20% of the cost and the State picks up 80% of the cost.

The committee questioned On Site Staff Development through BOCES and the cost of bringing in consultants. With the addition this year of teacher coaches the committee asked if the \$742,000.00 projected cost would be reduced. Further review will be needed to answer that question.

Alan Sacher and Paul Killian questioned the use of BOCES for NYS test scoring. As educators, they feel this can be done in house to cut costs. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting. The committee has requested Mr. Paul Kopp to attend their meeting on Jan 8th.

- The committee has asked Mr. Sacks to supply them with a breakdown regarding computers. They would like to know how many computers have been purchased over the last 3 years. They would like to know how many computers are in the schools, where they are located and how computers cycle through the schools. Mr. Sacks will try to have that information at a future meeting.
- The committee asked about cameras purchased to be installed on all

buses. Mr. Sacks explained all district buses now have cameras and he will look into whether they have been installed on the contracted buses.

- The committee revisited custodial overtime and the use of subs to reduce these costs. The BAC has asked what is being done to recruit subs with the new higher starting salary, and they have asked if Mike Bergen could attend their next meeting to discuss how implementation will be done.
- The committee discussed with Mr. Sacks that the district has a staff of approximately 2000 and all payroll is done in house.
- The BAC discussed when they will make a presentation to the BOE with any recommendations they might have and the estimated time the BOE will take before approving the budget for next year.
- The committee will individually review any items they feel should be looked at to present to the BOE and will have them ready to discuss at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:00 and the next meeting is scheduled for 12/4/07 at 7:00 in the district office conference room.