

Roseland Board of Education Update

Highlights of Thursday, July 23rd meeting

Ms Charlene Peterson, our Field Representative from NJSBA (New Jersey School Boards Assoc) facilitated the board's annual goal planning session to determine district and board goals for the coming year, which will be included on next month's agenda for approval. [Presentation Link](#)

- Mr. Tom Fedro, District Manager from Source4Teachers [presented information](#) from the first year of our partnership, with an average 95% fill rate for substitutes, as well as describing their process, our ability to identify preferred subs, and overall helping ensure qualified subs are in place to help the education process continues effectively during teacher absence
- Ms. Gross presented an overview of the [Summer School program activities](#), including classes in Forensics, Robotics, Coding, and many more
- The board discussed whether to revise our policy which currently allows students to use portable electronic devices such as phones, etc. during recess. The board concurred that the policy should be revised to restrict use of devices during recess. Community members also provided feedback either in person or by email in support of this change. In addition, Ms. Gross indicated work is underway to ensure suitable alternatives are available, especially in inclement weather
 - o reference - [Policy 5516-Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices](#)
- Mr. Bohm indicated that for the first time we are eligible for NCLB (No Child Left Behind) funding in the amount of \$31k, which can be applied toward Professional Development (with certain qualifications), as well as an additional \$20k in Extraordinary aid, which can be applied to next year's budget.
- Mr. Bohm provided an update on capital improvements, such as installation of security cameras, wiring, and the work on the entry vestibule, all of which are expected to be completed by the end of the summer
- The board discussed a possible change or exception to allow former residents of Roseland to have a child continue to attend Noecker, even after they have moved out of Roseland. The current policy states the child can continue the current year at no cost. The request is to allow former residents to attend for additional years, with the payment of the current per pupil cost (estimate \$15k per year)
 - o reference - [Policy 5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils](#)
- Mr Mastrangelo provided additional clarity on some agenda items, such as the bios for the [Interim Principal, Mr. Larry Hughes](#) and Julie Iannone, our maternity leave substitute for art teacher Ms. Kiernan-Goffan, background on the John P Salamone foundation, donation from Boosters for musical instruments, federally mandated increase to lunch prices, and temporary backfill for Ms. Lee Devita and Ms. Kathleen Shelley from our Special Services team
- Mr Mastrangelo provided a brief overview of an upcoming West Essex consortium-wide initiative to add cameras to the school buses. This initiative is being led by West Essex with input from the Superintendents of all the sending districts. More information is expected to be available for the next board meeting
- Ms Gordon informed the board and community about the official recall proceeding instigated by three parents which seeks to oust her from her seat on the board, and made a statement regarding this as regressive and urged the community to focus on the future and work together to make progress
- The board approved:
 - o Acceptance of Extraordinary Aid award of \$50k (\$20k greater than budgeted, as described above)
 - o Renewal of Maschio Food Services for the 2015-16 school year
 - o Approval of increase to lunch price of \$0.10 (ten cents) - which is federally mandated as part of our participation in the Federal Lunch Program
 - o Donations from the Roseland Boosters and the John P Salamone foundation - Thank you!
 - o Mr Larry Hughes as Interim Principal, through Dec 31 as we undergo the new Principal search process
 - o Use of sick days for Ms. Lee Devita from July 29 through December 23rd, and for Ms. Kathleen Shelley from September 1 through October 16th, 2015
- During Public comment, parents in attendance made comments about Source4Teachers, use of Noecker fields, summer school classes, bus safety/process, recognition of changes board is making, and suggestion to taking down signs and retire facebook page to help move forward

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27th at 7:30pm in the Noecker Media Center.

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Communications Committee