

- Thanked the Facilities Department staff for their hard work in getting our buildings ready for next week's start of school. The maintenance and custodial staff have done a phenomenal job getting the schools ready. Superintendent Marino is very pleased with the work they have done throughout the District.
- The Transportation Department for readying the bus fleet. The bus mechanics worked very hard throughout the summer to ensure the busses are ready for the start of school. Superintendent Marino is very proud and appreciative of their hard work.
- All who served on the Hiring Committees throughout the summer. The members of these committees gave up many, many hours in July to work together in a collaborative process in the selection of hiring staff.

Presentations

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Review(Dr. Sean Walmsley)

Dr. Sean Walmsley, Chairperson and Professor of the Department of Reading at the University of Albany, presented a report on his review of the District's Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs. Dr. Walmsley conducted the review last May and June. Dr. Walmsley stated the purpose of the review was to assess the current status of the Horseheads Central School District's Pre-K and Kindergarten programs and to make recommendations for the future direction. The review was conducted through the use of gathering information before the site visits through the use of questionnaires that allowed for teachers, specialists, administrators and parents to share strengths, concerns and issues relating to Pre-K and Kindergarten in a written form. Dr. Walmsley reviewed the current status of the Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Program in the District and provided the Board with his recommendations. Recommendations consists to update the Instructional Philosophy of the Pre-K and Kindergarten Program, become more determined about a Differentiated Curriculum, bring consistency to instructional practices but don't over do it, align instructional philosophies, expectations, curriculum, assessment and reporting, don't underestimate Kindergarteners or 4 Year Olds, reduce to a minimum worksheets, coloring in dittos, cutting and pasting, continue to strengthen partnerships with parents and pre-schools in the community and consider the possibility of an Early Childhood Center.

Board Member Jim Jacobus personally thanked Dr. Walmsley for giving him the opportunity to spend some time with him before the report was presented. Dr. Walmsley gave the Board a lot to think about and Board Member Jacobus stated he appreciated the time that Dr. Walmsley spent on this review.

Board Vice-President Michael Buck thanked Dr. Walmsley for presenting such a thorough report. It was very comprehensive, unbiased and left no stone unturned. Dr. Walmsley provided the Board with a whole host of opportunities for improvement. Thank you for engaging the Board in a discussion that really needed to be held. Board Vice-President Buck challenged the Board to make a new opportunity for the Board to start to become visionaries, leaders to move the District forward. Let's challenge the administrators, Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers to write a Pre-K philosophy and to set some goals and bring them to the Board for review. He further stated this could be given to the Outcomes and Assessment committees to complete and bring back to the Board.

Board Member Mary Ann Holleran stated this is something that we as a Board should take part in. She is excited that she is on the Outcomes and Assessments Committee and will be working on this task.

Board Member Pam Stollo stated we do not want to lose site of the wonderful work that was done in the District prior to the Pre-K Program. We need to include that in this analysis.

President Brian Lynch agrees with Vice-President Buck's comments. Outcomes and Assessments will be given this task to complete. Superintendent Marino stated that Dr. Walmsley is going to meet with staff on the 10th.

Superintendent's Report**Elmira Height's Bussing Contract**

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Holleran

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the bus contract with the Elmira Heights Central School District.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Ralph Marino brought the bus contract with the Elmira Heights Central School District to the Board for Board action.

2009-2010 GST BOCES Student Transportation Agreement

Moved by Apgar, seconded by Jacobus.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the 2009-2010 GST BOCES Student Transportation Cooperative Agreement as submitted.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Ralph Marino brought the 2009-2010 GST BOCES Student Transportation Cooperative Agreement to the Board for Board action.

Gardner Road's Status as a School In Need of Improvement

Superintendent Ralph Marino reported to the Board on the plan for Gardner Road's status as a School In Need of Improvement. He emphasized that the school and the District are hard at work to get the school off the SINI list. The school sent a letter to all Gardner Road parents explaining the status and the state-required process. Next week, the Superintendent will send a letter to parents of those students who are eligible for supplemental assistance.

H1N1 Swine Flu Virus Planning

Superintendent Ralph Marino updated the Board on the H1N1 Swine Flu Virus Planning. Superintendents from the three Chemung County districts and staff members from the Chemung County Health Department attended a webinar last week. State Education Department officials shared information on planning efforts. Schools may be involved in immunization clinics once the immunizations are delivered and a process has been set. The District will continue to work closely with the Health Department and other districts in these prevention efforts.

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President's Report**Board of Education Mini-Retreat, January 14, 2010**

Board President Brian Lynch stated the Board Of Education Mini-Retreat is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2010, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This will be presented at the next Board meeting for Board action.

NYSBBA Resolution

Board President Brian Lynch stated Board Member Rose Apgar is waiting for input from BOCES so that she is able to review the NYSBBA resolutions with the Board.

Assistant Superintendent's Report**Educational Support Center Re-Organizational Update**

Assistant Superintendent Alice Learn reported on the re-organization of the Educational Support Center, noting that the two new directors of elementary and secondary education, Virginia Abrunzo and Jay Hillman, are onboard, as is the new Central Registrar, Karen Peters.

Middle School Accelerated Science Update

Coordinator of Secondary Education Jay Hillman updated the Board on the planning for the Accelerated Science Program at the Middle School. Work continues on the project, and they hope to have a recommendation to the Board in January 2010, with possible implementation in September 2010. Jay reported approximately 100 surveys were returned from parents(20%) who are interested in learning more about this topic. Jay reported the biggest issue at the High School is the time and how to fit it in the schedule.

School Business Administrator's Report

There wasn't a report.

Human Resource Director's Report**HR Sub-Committee Recommendations**

Moved by Brinthead, seconded by Apgar.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education approves the Human Resources Sub-Committee's Recommendations as submitted.

CIVIL SERVICE (NYS CLEARANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT RECEIVED)*:

	<u>STATUS/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Peters, Karen	Central Registrar & Info. Spec.	08/23/09
Terry, Mary	Sr. Clerk Typist/Student Serv.	08/18/09

ADMINISTRATIVE NEW HIRES:

	<u>STATUS/POSITION</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Guidotti, Carl	Principal/MS	Certified	TBA	\$95,000
Scaptura, Elizabeth	Principal/BF	Certified	TBA	\$82,000

INSTRUCTIONAL NEW HIRES:

	<u>STATUS/POSITION</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Adamy, James	Teaching Assistant/ASD/HS	Pending	09/01/09	\$9.91/hr.
Davenport, Bonnie	Teaching Assistant 1:1/ASD/BF	Pending	09/01/99	\$9.91/hr.
Deiseroth, Sandra	Business/HS	Certified	TBA	\$48,300
Mucci, Kirsten	Grade 3/RR	Certified	09/01/09	\$41,179

INSTRUCTIONAL LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTES:

	<u>STATUS/POSITION</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Mix, Bryan	15:1 Teacher/GR	Certified	09/02/09	\$39,141
Quagliana, Lisa	Health/HS	Certified	09/02/09	\$39,974

INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT SUBSTITUTES:

	<u>STATUS/POSITION</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Laughlin, Heather	Contract Sub/BF	Certified	\$75/Day
Quagliana, Lisa	Contract Sub/HS	Certified	\$75/Day
Graham, Ruth	Contract Sub/IS	Certified	\$75/Day
Quagliana, Lisa	Contract Sub/HS	Certified	\$75/Day

INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT SUBSTITUTE RESIGNATIONS:

	<u>STATUS/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Silliman, Joelle	Contract Sub/HS	08/28/09
Mucci, Kirsten	Contract Sub/RR	09/01/09(Hired as Gr. 3 teacher)

INSTRUCTIONAL TRANSFERS:

	<u>STATUS/POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	
Close, Brenda	1:1 TA/Montessori/GR (50/50 split)	09/01/09	
Cornacchio, Michael	ASD/BF	09/01/09	
<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>		<u>Absent</u>
Apgar			
Brinthaup			
Buck			
Frederick			
Jacobus			
Holleran			
			Lively

MOTION CARRIED

Director of Human Resources Judy Christiansen brought the Human Resources Sub-Committee Recommendations to the Board for approval. Judy stated all the staff is in place for the opening day of school. All staff reports tomorrow. Judy introduced Carl Guidotti, Middle School Principal, and Elizabeth Scaptura, Big Flats principal.

Board Member Pam Strollo commended the Hiring and Interviewing Teams and those who wrote letters of recommendations for the candidates. The people really put their heart and soul behind these candidates. She is very excited as a parent and a Board Member to have them as part of the District in these new roles.

Director of Student Services

Director of Student Services Kim Williams stated there isn't a report.

Legislative Liaison Report

Board Liaison Rose Apgar stated this was discussed earlier in the evening under the Board President's Report. The delegates will be voted on at the September 17th meeting.

Report from the Visitation Committee

Summer Tour of the District

Chair of the Visitation Committee Rose Apgar reported on the group's annual summer tour of facilities. She outlined summer work, including the installation of a new sign at the Middle/Intermediate School complex, the upgrade of the Home and Careers rooms at the Middle School, the refinishing the terrazzo floors in the High School North Wing, the sidewalks being re-done and the removal of the brick wall and the fence at the Middle School/Intermediate School complex, the Memorial Garden at Center Street, installation of bike racks at the buildings and general maintenance at the High School.

Report from the Athletic and Extra-Curricular Committee

Chair Mark Brinthaup stated there is no report.

Report from the Audit Committee

Chair Mary Beth Frederick stated the Committee has narrowed the meeting to two dates. A report will be given at the next meeting.

Outcomes and Assessment Committee Report

Chair Michael Buck stated there is no report. The Committee will meet for the first time this Thursday with a very full agenda.

Planning and Development Committee Report

Chair Pam Strollo stated there is no report.

Report from the Policy Referral/Review Committee Report

Chair Mary Beth Frederick stated the Committee will meet the second Wednesday of the month. Packages have been given to the members to review for the September 9th meeting.

Questions/Comments from Board Members

Board Member Mary Beth Frederick stated she would be happy to support any recommendations regarding the Pre-K and Kindergarten Program. She is very supportive of Board Member Buck's assessment of the report that was presented by Dr. Walmsley.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Frederick.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting adjourns from the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:13 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Brinthaup		
RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting go into Executive Session at 8:22 PM.		
<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Apgar		
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MOTION CARRIED		

Moved by Jacobus, seconded by Brinthaup.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education Meeting approves the CSE recommendations as presented.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Frederick, seconded by Strollo.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education adjourns from Executive Session at 8:23 PM and reconvene to the Public Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:23 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Frederick, seconded by Jacobus.

RESOLVED, that the Horseheads Central School District Board of Education adjourns from the Public Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:23 PM.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Candy L. Maine

Candy L. Maine, Clerk