

Attica Senior High School

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SHS BOE Report for 5/23/13

- 5/21 - The MS/SHS welcomed James Kennedy for the day to speak to students about writing. James is the author of "The Order of Odd-Fish" and is part of the traveling authors program.
- ACS Senior Mikaela Shaw was interviewed about her experience in the Culinary Arts program at GVEP. The clip can be seen on the NYSED website where she talks about the positive impact the program has had on her skill level and confidence while preparing her for a career in Culinary. Congratulations to Mikaela.
- Thank you to Upstate Chevrolet for taking the time to bring up an electric car and speak to the Environmental Science classes. The focus was on alternative energy sources and the technology involved in cleaning up the environment.
- 5/14 - A few students and a couple members of the Social Studies and AIS departments visited Perry to hear Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi speak. He was very engaging and took time to answer questions from the audience after his talk.
- NHS sponsored a blood drive facilitated by the American Red Cross. NHS students assisted with registration and in aiding recovering donors. Thank you to Mrs. Maxwell for overseeing the event.
- Mr. Heck took his AP Psychology students to the Buffalo Psychiatric Hospital to provide an authentic experience to students where they could apply the curriculum to real life. The students were fascinated to see the facility and see some of the patients.
- 5/22 – The Building Trades program at BOCES/GVEP is hosting their annual Open House where the public can come in to see the house constructed by students. This event is sponsored by the homeowner as a thank you for the hard work done by the students and the teaching staff at BOCES.
- Congratulations to the Varsity Softball team for finishing the regular season undefeated with a record of 20-0.
- Congratulations to JoJo Luce on her recognition of being named a 2013 Youth Volunteer.

Thank you,

Ken Hammel

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Middle School BOE Report for 5/23/13

- The 7/8 Breakfast of Champions was Saturday, May 11th. Salutatorian, Peter Bertoldo was the guest speaker and gave a very positive message for our academic champions.
- NJHS Inductions were May 13th. Mr. Hayden Dadd was the guest speaker. Hayden is an Attica alum who recently left the Monroe County ADA's office to open his own private practice. Hayden's message touched on the positive's of NJHS and the organization's pillars (Leadership, Scholarship, Service, Citizenship and Character).
- May 17th-22nd is the Middle School Scholastic Book Fair. Students are able to purchase Scholastic brand books at a discounted price.
- On May 18th the "Friends of Harmony" Barbershop group will be performing. Half the proceeds will be donated to our Music Department. Several Middle School Choral groups will be joining them on stage.
- On May 21st, guest author, James Kennedy will be here to put on an assembly for both 5/6 and 7/8 grade students. He has written one novel: *The Order of the Odd-Fish*. A Smithsonian Notable Book for Children 2008 and an ALA 2009 Best Books for Young Adults Nominee.
- May 22nd is our annual Middle School Carnival from 6:00-8:00 PM. The Carnival is sponsored and completely run by Student Council. All Middle School students are invited to participate in various Carnival type games and indulge in snow cones, popcorn and hot dogs.

PROSPECT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT
MAY 23rd, 2013

- Each year, the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance presents an “Amazing Person’s Award” to one Physical Educator at the Elementary/Middle School level who is a leader in the field of P.E. This year, I am pleased to announce that Lori Bifarella is the recipient of this prestigious award. It will officially be presented at the NYSHPERD State Conference in November, 2013. Congratulations to Lori on this much deserving recognition!

- Our first grade students (and their teachers) led the school in a Care Fair project that made the Channel 2 news! They made and sent home “doggie bags” with all students, asking them to please bring in an item that could be donated to the Wyoming County Animal Shelter to help care for the dogs that had just been rescued. On Friday, May 10th, a representative brought one of the dogs to our school and talked to our first grade students about how to care for the animals. She thanked the students for being so thoughtful and helping support the animal shelter. Heather Ly from Channel 2 news covered the story. She spent time interviewing students and taking videos. The segment was aired on Thursday, May 16th and was to be available on the Channel 2 News site, as well. The whole school was involved in this project and collected approximately eleven boxes of toys, food, and supplies for the animal shelter.

Sheldon Elementary
Board of Education Report
May 23, 2013

- The Sheldon Building Safety Committee met with Mr. Barber to finalize revision of our safety plan.
- The Grandparent Day, sponsored by the Compact Team, was a huge success. Final count was 97 grandparents in attendance. We received many compliments and comments about our school and the activities planned.
- Our fourth graders are preparing for the New York State Science Assessments. The performance portion will be on May 30th and the written portion on June 3rd.
- On May 21st, several activities will be going on at Sheldon Elementary. The school budget vote, the Art Fair, a spectacular Talent Show, and the Sheldon Town Board Monthly meeting will be held in our Music Room at 1:00 p.m.
- June calendar is packed full with Regional Summative Assessments, NYS Field Testing at 3rd grade, AIMSWEB end-of-year benchmarking, grade level field trips, third and fourth grade track meet to name a few.



Genesee Valley BOCES

Substitute Services

Monthly Count

	Placement Count	Non-Placement Count	Refusal Count	Total Count
Alexander	13	4	83	100
Attica	42	25	238	305
Avon	20		56	76
B-B	24	6	132	162
BOCES	11	16	171	198
Dansville	220	49	143	412
Elba	4	4	35	43
Geneseo	51	25	244	320
Keshequa	99	10	79	188
LeRoy	24	7	53	84
Letchworth	18	1	112	131
Mt. Morris	70	23	125	218
Oakfield	121	5	142	268
Pavilion	20	12	145	177
Perry	10	12	130	152
Warsaw	78	16	82	176

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District Technology Team
Monthly Meeting
March 20, 2013
8:33 a.m. @ High School Library Conference Room
Approved 5/16/13

Present: Mary Anne Metz, Sue Cusmano, Laura Hann, Luke Simon Sandy Ewert, Penny Alderman, Jim Kotula, Diane Carlson, Bryce Thompson, Kelly Bissell, Doug Ewert, John Spink, Sherry Bennett, Karen Tomidy

Absent: Steve Witkowski, Michele McCulloch

Coordinator's Update:

- Gmail update – Doug is exploring the option. Considerations are: what's involved to unblock and transition district currently from using Groupwise and Outlook – more advantages for Gmail to teachers. Is it possible to transition teacher, staff, and administrative accounts? Goal would be to use same email address, save current addresses and messages within old accounts to transfer. Doug will keep us updated.
- PARCC online assessments 3-8 – timeframe for test administration will be 20 day testing window. This will impact the quantity of devices needed, etc. The information regarding our current tech capacity to administer online assessments per previous survey was based on a 6 day testing window so this will change things.
- Budget – replacement plan, still gathering pricing information 2013-14. NYS aggregate price list has not come out yet, hopefully will have more information soon.
- Databases – online databases annual subscription list handed out – reviewing earlier this year as we can get through GVEP to get aid. Last year there was a problem with getting orders processed on time. Mary Anne reported the pricing list changed as of late yesterday afternoon. Discussed possibility of database such as NBCLearns to be district wide so all buildings can access.
- Luke suggests for a database, Noodle Tools – if district wide goes to Windows 7 – previously Luke thought was a database purchased thru GVEP. "Turn it in.com" will no longer be available through GVEP; will have to purchase directly through vendor.

Tech Day - May 24, 2013:

- Start time is 8:15 - Keynote speaker Carol LaRow
- 3 breakout sessions 70 minutes each in length – short break for snack
- Sessions and presenters – iPads(curriculum and apps), Class Dojo, Infinite Campus – Gradebook SMART boards, Pinterest, Web 2.0 tools, Teacher web pages(specific skills), Common Core resource library, Media Library services, Google forms, fitness center sessions
- Google Apps for Education account has been approved – free service. Presenter will be working live with the Attica domain for teachers to complete hands on activities that day.

Other:

- Site license to control our blocking \$2,900 dollar annual fee – Doug spoke with Business Administrator and not feasible for budget for next year. Could we get the money from somewhere else? District pays a set fee for workstation support so only place Doug can think of to cut back and possibly reallocate money.
- This would allow Doug to control blocking – per user and/or workstation, etc.
- Sandy asked what about the idea of unblocking everything as one speaker in past talked about? This would require a major change in acceptable use policy – Luke suggests a middle road possibly for allowing teachers more freedom.

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- Luke pointed out that teachers get a lot of “fisher” emails from parents and/or students when their personal emails have been compromised – Doug suggests forward those spam emails to spamcop.edutech.org
- Internet service slow past couple weeks– Doug reports “denial of services” attack on Edutech server last week and this week it happened to Time Warner. Hackers have been bombarding their systems so all the “energy” has been going towards warding off these hackers – certain routers are being affected, therefore periodic slow response on Internet.
- Per Mary Anne - Media library at GVEP is making a lot of changes – lot of streaming videos (short) as well as borrowing books, etc. She recommends that teachers attend the Media library workshops on tech day so can take advantage of these services.
- Laura and Luke – received iPad thru 4TGreene monies – wondering how school can have an Apple account to purchase apps – Common Core, College prep, etc. – Kelly said they use building requisition money to set up an account on Apple , could spend your budget allowance on an iTunes card, etc.
- Penny – textbook money to be used for eBooks? Is a NYS changing rule for using textbook money to purchase digital books? As long as can meet definition of a textbook can purchase either hard copy or digital copies.
- Mary Anne – SLS has an opportunity right now to use eBooks – go on her library webpage to Research Databases and look for eBooks.
- Bryce spoke about Governor’s proposal is for schools to merge as an answer to budget woes.
- Sandy Ewert – article in paper about money for technology to low income schools and Attica does not qualify.
- Software preview email has gone out – requests, wish lists should be submitted by May.
- Luke asked if WiFi out of picture? - Doug still reviewing but recommendation is that buildings stay with hard wire to meet capacity for online testing, etc.
- Sue Cusmano – put together a booklet of HS Business Elective offerings for 2013-14 – Sue reviewed with committee – currently instructs all of the 5 & 6 graders; majority of 8th graders/ HS courses are all electives for computer courses – need to get a booklet to MS and HS guidance. Sue and Bob’s schedules will overlap a little next year – 8th grade parent night would be a good forum to get this information out to parents and students. Luke suggests get word out at 8th grade breakfast and Sue has sent home a copy of booklet to all students grades 9-12 with interim reports.

**No April meeting – Next meeting is May 15, 2013 @ Sheldon Elementary –
12:33 p.m.**

Agenda:

- 1. Approval of March minutes**
- 2. Coordinator’s Update**
- 3. Replacement Plan 2013-2014**
- 4. Software/Database requests 2013-2014**
- 5. Technology PGC Day May 24, 2013**
- 6. Board of Education Goals 2013-2014**
- 7. Other**

Professional Growth Committee

Minutes from 3/20/13

The committee met in the HS Library Conference Room from 12:30-3:00PM. Members present – John Dickhut, Jim Kotula, Linda Kehl, Erin Holt, Sara Lewinski, Paul Clark, Kelly Bissell, Karen Tomidy, Ken Hammel, and Bryce Thompson and Absent- Angie Wichman, Melissa Struzik, Karen Bertalan, Cori George, and Melanie Domes.

Budget Report:

Main Account-\$9,852.55- The Special Education conference money has already been encumbered and \$2,500 has been ear marked and \$474 has been encumbered for the tech day. Another \$170 also has to come out for the beverages on February PGC day.

Materials and Supplies Account- \$535.34

4-T Greene Requests/Updates: We are waiting for requisitions.

May 23rd Conference day: We don't have the exact amount of how much NYSUT will cost at this time but without extra expenses it is \$3,200. The PGC will group people for maximum cost effectiveness.

Sessions offered- 10 total, \$4000.00 total speaker cost for the day

-NYSUT- 1. Motivating Student Thinking (full day at \$800), 2. Targeting the Understanding of Geometry (half day at \$400), 3. Creating a Positive Learning Environment (half day at \$400), and 4. Reading Comprehension Strategies (full day at \$800)-Give everyone the option to which sessions they want to be in

-possibly Alyssa Meyer (explicit instruction),

-Rebecca Setera (behavioral specialist) will be here (4 sessions)

-Molly Corey is also available for this day (4 sessions)

There are 140 teachers and 40 T.A.s in the district. Another speaker from NYSUT will be needed for this day

Tentative Schedule:

8:00-8:15- Coffee and Registration

8:15-11:15 – Session 1 – Motivating Student Thinking K-6th

Reading Comprehension Strategies 7-12th

Rebecca (8:15-9:45 & 9:45-11:15) both sessions are the same and they will know who the groups are ahead of time so they can alter their sessions accordingly

Molly (8:15-9:45 & 9:45-11:15) both sessions are the same and they will know who the groups are ahead of time so they can alter their sessions accordingly

11:15-12:15 – Lunch

12:15-3:15 – Session 2 – Motivating Student Thinking 7-12th

K-8th Geometry

Reading Comprehension K-6th

Rebecca (12:15-1:45 & 1:45-3:15)

Molly (12:15-1:45 & 1:45-3:15)

Information will be sent out to the department chairs about the day.

From the group: No April meeting and the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15th AM at Sheldon

There was no meeting for the
High School Compact Team
in April

Middle School Compact Team Minutes for 4/25/13

Members Present: Paul Clark, Sherry Bennett, Debi Brooks, Sandee McQueen, Roxanne Christensen, Krystal Dedoszak, Jeff Morrow, Tina Jordan, Jenelle Bauer, Cami Sholts

Members Absent: Nancy Hardie, Carolyn Busch, Allison Calli

Convened: 3:35 PM

Topics:

- **PBIS Update**
 - Had a meeting with the staff to discuss the results of the survey.
 - Did get positive result and ideas to improve for next year
 - Sending a survey for the students to complete.
 - On hold due to NYS testing
 - OWLEUS- meeting will pick back up the first full week in May.
 - The assembly regarding cyber bullying and cyber safety.
 - Held in the Aud
 - By National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- **Academic Update**
 - NYS testing currently going on.
 - ELA administered and corrected
 - Last day of Math tomorrow
 - Corrected next week
 - National Jr. Honor society induction next week.
 - Great involvement in the school community.
- **Tax Exempt**
 - Paul talked to Steve Dzaik about what to do to continue to peruse this.
 - Often the state will send it back if not perfect
 - Brought up to the committee
 - Do we continue this process
 - Lack of bylaws- we would need to create a set to continue
 - Cami- willing to continue to find the bylaws
 - We will continue to plug through with help from Paul Clark and Mr. Dzaik
- **Box Tops**
 - Next pull will be May 3rd
- **District Compact Team**
 - Need a parent Rep, a business Rep, and a teacher rep from each building
 - Sandy, Cami, and Roxanne agreed to attend.
- **Ronald McDonald House**

Middle School Compact Team Minutes for 4/25/13

- Collecting pop can tops
- Debi will check if McDonalds is still collecting
- **Breakfast of Champions**
 - *Tina and Cami*- Do a supply check and get back to Sylvia.
 - Sylvia has booked caterers.
 - Jobs went over and discussed everyone roles.
 - Made sure that people are on task or aware of jobs.
 - Checked off all duties and responsibilities.
 - Cut back on programs due to waste from previous years.
 - Checked on number of baskets donated so far.
 - Send a reminder for needing more baskets and items.
 - *Jeff*- type up a thank you and send it out with a reminder for more donations.

Ended: 4:12 pm

Next Meetings: Thursday, May 30th at 3:30pm at MS Library
Tuesday, June 10th at 3:30pm at MS Library

Agenda:

- PBIS update
- Academic Update
- Tax Exempt Update
- Breakfast of Champions Review 7/8 and prep for 5/6
- Box Tops

Prospect Compact Team Minutes

April 18, 2013

Members Present:

C. Potter, S. Eck, K. Bissell, E. Durfee

Officers:

Facilitator: Christine Potter

Minutes (secretary): Christine Potter / Traci Vinz

Topics Discussed:

Health and Career Day: Friday, May 3

- Christine has finished schedule and will double check before distributing
- Letters to presenters were distributed by Christine and Sandy
- Sign up sheet for breakfast / luncheon items made by Jill
- Work orders submitted for chairs on stage and volleyball net set up in the gym
- Thanks yous for presenters will be made by the following classes:
 - K-2 presenters:
 - Mrs. Brewster – Erin Dressel and FFA
 - Mrs. Vinz – Don Pieczynski and Tanya Nickerson (Cornell Coop. Ext)
 - Mrs. Durfee – Turtle Conservation and Deputy Ivan / Greg Rudolph
 - Mrs. Eck – Hofhein's Maple Syrup and Nancy Burns
 - 3-4 presenters:
 - Mrs. Talley – Chris Gozelski (Cornell Coop. Ext.)
 - Miss Maurer – Cami Sholts (Yoga)
 - Mr. David – FFA
 - Mrs. Goliszek – Michelle Lawton (Hospitality)
 - Mrs. Regan – Mike Regan (Science Ed.)
 - Mrs. Parkhurst – Darren Bialek (Forensics)

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9

April Snack: Sandy

May Theme: Being Prepared on the Playground (K)

Sheldon Elementary Compact Team Minutes
April 25, 2013

Members Present: M. Laird, K. Vogel, K. Tomidy, A. Tambe, M. Toland, L. Embt
Members absent: S. Rogacki

Discussions:

Grandparent/ Senior Friend Day

- Friday, May 10
- There are 86 people signed up to attend at this point. Flower pots and flowers have been ordered for the project they will do. Mrs. Mazzuto is working on flower vase centerpieces for the lunch tables. K. Tomidy and M. Laird will create a schedule for the afternoon. Some people will come in before lunch, do classroom activities, go to lunch, and then leave. Others will come in for lunch first, go to classrooms for activities, and then leave. K. Tomidy has asked all classroom teachers to prepare some sort of short presentation to their visitors.

Budget Presentations

- The 2013-2014 school budget will be presented to the public by Mr. Thompson at the following locations/dates:
 - Bennington Town Hall - April 30 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Sheldon Elementary - May 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Attica High School - May 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
- *At the public hearing at the high school the candidates for the open Board of Education positions will be introduced. Melissa Struzik, Jim Allein, and Mary Perl are the candidates and they will each speak at the meeting.

Art and Talent Show

- We will have an Art and Talent Show on May 21st @ 1:30. A letter will be sent home inviting families to the Talent Show.

Bake Sale

- We will hold a bake sale following the concert on May 9th

Parent Night

- K. Tomidy has decided to postpone holding a parent meeting intended to inform parents of the NYS testing program and how student scores will most likely be lower this year until September. Parents will also be informed of how the Common Core curriculum and the testing programs have changed.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2013

Agenda: Grandparent/Senior Friend Day reactions
Talent Show