

Lake Shore Central School District

Elementary Attendance Committee

October 25, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance included Sue Ciminelli, Paula Eastman, Nancy Ells, Scott Gizzi, Jason North, Karen Salansky, Jackie Shrader, Jill Utley, Mary Beth Brumagin (for Mari Grennell) and Gerry Glose.

The Committee Charge was reviewed. Committee members were reminded that once the options and pros and cons were identified, they would be asked to focus on making decisions that represented the common good of the district as a whole.

The October 11, 2006 meeting minutes were reviewed for accuracy. There were no adjustments.

A copy of the Building Condition Survey was received and it reinforced the fact that all of the district's elementary buildings are in excellent condition and will not require costly repairs or maintenance if they are to remain open. It is indeed impressive that the district has proactively taken advantage of its significant building aid ratio to make sure that its buildings are in A+ condition. In the most recent capital project the district committed \$1.13 million to Waugh, \$.9 million to Highland, \$.8 million to Schmidt, \$2.8 million to Hoag and \$.53 million to Brant.

Committee members received a breakout of Native Americans attending each of the elementary schools. Most notable is that Waugh has 48 (16.7% of its enrollment) and Brant has 29 (24.8% of its enrollment) Native Americans from the Reservation. The district receives about \$4,626 in tuition for each Native American from the Reservation and also some federal and other state aid for these students. Unfortunately, given the formulas for these aids, it is difficult to identify an amount per student. Put another way, the number of Native American students from the Reservation could increase or decrease slightly and the amounts of these federal and other state aids may not change.

Gerry will work with administration to more accurately identify the cost savings, both in terms of salaries and fringe benefits as well as utilities and other building costs. The updated figures will be reflected in the listing of pros and cons and a breakout of how the figures were arrived at will be given to the Committee.

Mary Beth Brumagin distributed a statement from Mari Grennell regarding the impact of the closing of the Brant Elementary School on the Brant Community. The concepts identified in the statement will be represented in the listing of pros and cons for that option.

The Committee broke into 3 groups and reviewed the listing of pro and cons identified for 5 of the options at the last meeting. Adjustments to those listings will

appear in the complete listing of pros and cons—the latest draft of which is attached to these minutes.

Finally, these 3 groups then completed the identification of pros and cons for the remaining 4 options. The complete listing of options and their pros and cons is attached.

At the next meeting the Committee will review all of the options and pros and cons. Once committee members are comfortable with the listing, the process of prioritizing the options will begin.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior High Media Center.