

Lake Shore Central School District

Elementary Attendance Committee  
September 20, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance included Kathy Bruce, Sue Ciminelli, Mike Dallessandro, Paula Eastman, Nancy Ells, Scott Gizzi, Mari Grennell, Rosemarie Murphy, Jason North, Jackie Shrader and Gerry Glose.

The Committee charge was reviewed.

The September 13, 2006 minutes were reviewed. Other than adjustments to those in attendance, the group felt the minutes accurately reflected what transpired at the meeting.

The Committee discussed the possibility of moving the starting time of the meetings up and decided to begin the meetings at 6:30 p.m. rather than 7:00. The meeting will remain 2 hours in length.

In reviewing the data presented at the last meeting, it was reinforced that the challenge will be to address the issues associated with declining enrollment and the constant struggle of presenting a reasonable tax rate to the community. The district can ill afford to lose the confidence of the voters. The good news is that all of the elementary buildings offer good instructional programs.

The Committee reviewed maps of the district as provided by the NYS Real Property Services. Whereas the maps identified a clear set of district boundaries, they did not outline the attendance boundaries for the 5 elementary buildings in the district. Mike and Sue agreed to adjust the maps to represent the attendance boundaries by elementary building for the next meeting.

The Committee also reviewed the utility costs for water, gas and electric for each of the 5 elementary buildings. Gerry will gather additional financial information for the Committee.

Committee members identified the following as options to balance elementary enrollment in a way that is fiscally responsible, academically sound and in the best interest of the entire district. No attempt was made to prioritize these options.

- Keep all district elementary buildings open and redistrict the students to achieve better enrollment balance.
- Make no changes.
- Build a new elementary building for all K-5 students in the district; sell or reuse vacated buildings.
- Close Hoag and move students to Waugh; excess students could go to another building; sell or reuse Hoag.

- Close Brant; redistrict students; sell, reuse or mothball Brant.
- Close Waugh; redistrict students; sell or reuse Waugh.
- Close 2 buildings; redistrict students; add on to remaining buildings if necessary; sell or reuse closed buildings.
- Make Hoag and Waugh a dual campus with K-2 at Hoag and 3-5 at Waugh; increase pre-K program.

At the next meeting Committee members will review these options and refine or add to them as deemed necessary. Once the Committee is comfortable with the list of options they will identify the strengths and weaknesses of each option and attempt to prioritize them.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2006 in the Senior High Media Center. **Please note that the starting time has been changed to 6:30 p.m.**