

FORT PLAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL

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STAFF/MEDIA NEWSLETTER

In an effort to keep our community and staff informed as to decisions made by the Fort Plain Central School Board of Education, a newsletter is issued by the superintendent's office following each board meeting. Comments, questions and suggestions should be directed to Superintendent of Schools, Douglas C. Burton (993-4000x3500). Below, please find highlights of the Board of Education meeting held October 21, 2009.

TIME FOR VISITORS – Mr. Stanley Cwynar, Cwynar & Company presented the Independent Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2009. Mr. Cwynar answered questions from the Board. The Board of Education accepted the Audit Report and Management Letter as presented. Mr. Rockefeller presented the Board with his response to the Audit Report. The Board to approved the Management Corrective Plan as presented.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

BUSINESS MANAGER – Mr. Rockefeller presented the Board with the Planning Calendar for the 2010-2011 School Budget. It was approved by the Board of Education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mr. Burton explained that the Policy Committee has been busy reviewing the annual Policy Audit from Erie 1 BOCES. He thanked Mrs. Jenks and Mrs. Hudyncia for the time and effort involved in this audit. The Board approved the first reading of the Policy Audit. Mr. Burton also noted that the District Level Planning Team has met and re-established their goals for this year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS – Mrs. Tharp presented her report to the Board consisting of Fire Safety in Morning Program, Elementary Open House was successful, The Ned Show was presented to all students in PreK-6, PTA fall fundraiser has kicked off, Fall field trips have taken place, eighty-one 5th and 6th graders attended Natures' Classroom, The Raptor Project assembly was very well received, The book fair will be held October 22nd – October 27th, the first Student of the Month breakfast was held on October 14th, and the Portable Planetarium will be from October 20th through the 22nd. Mrs. Tharp provided the Board with copies of letters from some of the children who attended Nature's Classroom detailing their experiences. She also noted that the Elementary Student Council will be sponsoring a trip to Radio City in December. Last year it was very well attended and this year there are even more families attending. Lastly, she noted that the playground committee has begun to meet regarding the new playground equipment. The Board thanked her for her report. Ms. Larrabee presented her report to the Board consisting of September students of the month, GearUp field trips to Colleges, PSAT exams administered, thank you to the Technology Club for demonstrating SmartBoard's to parents and visitors at open house, Mr. Fetter and Ms. Cushing have met with the Class of 2010 regarding their options for the future, Mrs. Sacco took her 7th grade social studies classes to the NYS Museum, Open house was held on October 1st, Congratulations for our Technology Integration Residents in our Building Mrs. Trembley, Mrs. Clute, and Mrs. Sacco who will be working with Mrs. DeKalb to become more familiar with new technology and integrate it into instruction, OK2XL field trips have begun, and observations of non-tenured teachers will soon begin. Ms. Larrabee also noted that the sectional teams have begun competition, and the GED program has begun. Mrs. Pat Perry, retired Social Studies teacher, has approximately 8 students participating at this time and other districts are expressing interest. She also noted

that the Mentor program with the 7th grade teacher has begun and some of the National Honor Society members will be participating. The Advisor Handbook has been updated and new copies are available. The Board thanked her for her report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –Mr. Burton provided the Board with information regarding the HFM BEA Strategic Plan Update.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Lathers thanked the Board on behalf of the Fort Plain Teachers' Association for their continued support of the District.