The August 22, 2012 board meeting began with an August graduation ceremony for William LaPlant and John Hosier.

Under reports from District Administrators, Ellen Saxby commented on the activity in the Elementary School with teachers returning to work on classrooms, contractors in the building starting the Energy Performance contract and New Teacher Orientation. She highlighted the custodians who have done a great job getting the building ready. She also commented that there has been an increase in enrollment, but the kindergarten class remains small. John Fulmer talked about the activity in the Middle School with contractors installing a new furnace, teachers returning to prepare for the opening of school and preparation for Scoops and Schedules. Mr. Fulmer highlighted Paula Shultes for her hard work in the guidance office to accommodate the schedule changes for new and returning students. Doug Lauf reported that the schedules have been mailed to the returning students and that the incoming freshmen will receive their schedules next week at Freshmen Orientation. Mr. Lauf highlighted Pam Opelt and Christi Batz for their hard work over the summer. Andy Wahl reported on the positive attitude the Building Planning Teams have about the new changes and what it will take to keep everyone on track to reach the established goals. Wanda Miller reported that many of the new students have been referred to CSE keeping the office busier than usual during the summer. She highlighted the Special Education teachers and staff who serve as role models for others in the field of Special Education. Wendy Havens highlighted Lori Miller, Amy Vandergrift and Amy Busby who attended Network Team Training in Albany and upon their return trained the teachers on the new curriculum. Gary Barno reported that the internal audit is almost complete and that a report should be available in September. Superintendent Ehresman gave a census update. She also reported that work has begun on the back wall of the Middle School and that the Distance Learning classrooms should be completed prior to the start of school. The Building Planning Teams have developed one plan that will be applied to each building. She received information from the State Education Department that the submitted APPR plan has been reviewed. There are minor adjustments to be made and once they are submitted the approval process should be finalized in a few weeks. Superintendent Ehresman highlighted Laurie Bischoff for the great job she has done handling the registrations this summer. She also highlighted Lorie Abbott, Brenda Gowan and Donna Cairns for their hard work over the summer preparing for the upcoming school year.

Board committee reports included information from the PTSA Meeting, New Teacher Orientation and the recent Recreation Committee meeting. The board approved several CSE case summaries and with the consent agenda accepted the resignation of Kari Miller, Student Aide, approved several substitutes and the following:

Appointments

- Linda Barber, Substitute Service Supervisor

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• Alicia Sonneville, probationary bus monitor
• Brenda Raymer, long-term substitute for Marge Lamb, 1:1 student aide
• Kelly Wirthman, long-term substitute for Cindy Ferland, teaching assistant
• Racquel Bushart, long-term substitute for Kelly Wirthman, monitor
• Deana Orr, probationary playground monitor

Change of appointments:
• Charles Plyter from classified substitute bus driver to probationary salaried full-time bus driver
• Carol Schlottman from part-time bus driver to salaried full-time bus driver
• Tracey Eaton from classified substitute bus driver to probationary hourly full-time bus driver
• Frank Pilato from classified substitute bus driver to probationary hourly part-time bus driver
• Donald Geldof from classified substitute bus driver to probationary hourly part-time bus driver
• Staci Harrison from playground monitor to a 1:1 student aide
• Nancy LeFevre from classified substitute to probationary playground monitor

Under Old Business the board approved the second read for elimination of Policy 7491 – Bullying: Peer Abuse in the Schools. Under New Business the board approved the first reading of Policy 1330 – Appointments by the Board of Education and Policy 8131 – Civility, Citizenship and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Education. They also approved the following:
• The Professional Development Plan for implementation of the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)
• A two-day unpaid leave of absence for Rebecca Ameele, Bus Driver
• The excess of equipment (unusable desks and chairs) from the elementary school
• The contract with SEI Design Group
• General Journal Century 21 Accounting 9E textbook