

## MEMORANDUM

TO: West Genesee Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alan Pole and Bill Silky

RE: Meeting Notes-Meeting of January 5, 2012

DATE: January 16, 2012

Present-Committee: Leticia Andolino, Susie Behlen, Kim Coyne, Michelle Cuttler, Karen Fruscello, Nori Gartner-Baca, Kimberly Gdula, Diana Luscombe, Kathy Maffei, Rob Pienkowski, Bonnie Pirro, Deb Simon, Barbara Soper, Ray Togias. Cheryl Vetter, Neil Widrick, and Tonya Wilson

Consultants: Bill Silky and Alan Pole

Observers: Kim Hagadorn, Kate Korzeniewski, Jennifer Christie, Julia Walker, Danielle Quinn, Tina Peyton, Jennifer Putnem, Kathy Lowther, Kristin Tessier, Mary Ellen Guinto, Michael Liber, Brandon Barba, Todd Klaben, Heather Valerino, Heather Saroney, Caroline Flaherty, Joan D'Alessandro, Megan Matthewson, Donna Gillette, Suzie Shoults, Jennifer Goshow. Linda McManus, Patty Searle, Colleen Pierce, Brandi Lawson, Amy Drury, Susan Unz, Allyson Winters, Kathy Dugan, John Lawrence, William Washington, Ron Lape, Rich Guile, Susan Stukus, Theresa Desko, Karla Reighter, Erin Bednarski, Katherine Bidwell, Karen Kelly, Courtney Lyons, Cynthia Smith, Cathy Emery, Steve Emery, Cristy Bobbett, Ann Barlow, Linda Salmons, Debbie Simon, Sarah Long, Kristen Lounsbery, Sharon Osterdale, Lisa Tyszka, Patricia Conroy, Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli, David Pinker, Mark Boyer, Kelly Boyer, Kim Mangano, Kara Lux, Tia Marino-Kieffer, Lisa Trivison, Dawn McIlroy, Ginny Cummings, Susan Marshall, Lori Keevil, Lisa Craig, Margaret Barbuto, Susan Winn, Rene Dhice, David Savarese, Ike Sisson, Joe Shields, Beth Caraccio, Ann Henderson, Bill Petty, Ellen Grasser, Debra Abbott, Kristine Breault, Deborah Geiss, Brian Kesel, Gary Gerst, Jackie Randall, Vicki Schlenker, Carol Doucette, Greg Catore, Liz Mossotti, Patti Garrison, Susan Zoanetti, Gloria Francisco, Meredith Buza, Elizabeth Ivery, Pearlene Amica, Joe Flynn, Mary Luber, Tom Warzecha, Jeff Reina, and Halyna Mekker

Location-Library at Stonehedge Elementary School

1. Superintendent Chris Brown welcomed everyone and thanked the committee members for their participation on this committee. Dr. Brown then introduced

Bill Silky and Alan Pole as the consultants. Introductions of the committee were made. A committee roster with names and email addresses was reviewed.

2. The consultants introduced themselves and gave an overview of their backgrounds. Bill Silky also described how Pat Dolan who will be working as part of the consultant team. He has expertise in using district maps to reconfigure attendance zones.

3. Bill Silky reviewed the following: The mission of the West Genesee Central School District, in partnership with the community, is to ensure that each student attains the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary, not only for lifelong learning, but also for becoming a cooperative, self-directed, productive, caring citizen.

4. Superintendent Chris Brown defined the charge to the committee as follows:

*To advise the consultants in making recommendations to the West Genesee Board of Education on the following items:*

*a. to balance the enrollments of the elementary and middle schools to better align with the student capacities of those buildings;*

*b. to provide a balance of socio-economic factors with students across the buildings in order to equalize opportunities for students;*

*c. to determine if realigning attendance zones would provide sufficient space for a full day kindergarten program in the district.*

5. Bill Silky gave a PowerPoint presentation where he reviewed committee operating procedures, committee expectations, and demographic data about the school buildings. He also reviewed the district's policy on attendance that follows:

*Attendance areas for the various schools of the district will be documented by the superintendent and approved by the Board. The primary considerations that govern the establishment of a school attendance area are school capacity and transportation. The following general guidelines will also apply:*

- 1. Attendance lines will be constructed on the basis of projected enrollment to achieve a balance within each school in relation to their capacity at the opening of the school year. Attendance areas will be reviewed annually, although the Board reserves the right to take action during the school year if necessary.*
- 2. In adjusting lines, every effort will be made to assure that a child is not moved involuntarily more than once during his elementary school years.*

3. *Children will attend the school in the attendance area in which they live in accordance with the zone approved by the Board unless exceptions are provided under the policy.*

A. *Exceptions for babysitters residing in a different attendance area will be considered annually if the following conditions are present:*

1. *Student enrollment will not result in overcrowding of school or grade level.*

2. *Transportation will not result in overcrowding of buses and/or incur additional costs.*

3. *Residence of babysitter must be in attendance area for which transportation is already provided.*

6. All future committee meetings will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:30 pm. The future meeting schedule for the committee was reviewed. Meetings are currently scheduled for:

February 2

February 9

March 8

April 12

April 26

7. The next meeting of the advisory committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30 in the Camillus Middle School library.

C: Chris Brown