



**FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
BUFFALO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Committee Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2008**

**\*SPECIAL MEETING\***

A meeting of the Finance and Operations Committee ("Committee") was held in Room 801, City Hall at 5:00 pm.

**Board Members Present:**

Pamela Perry-Cahill, Vivian Evans, Ralph Hernandez, Christopher Jacobs, Mary-Ruth Kapsiak, Catherine Nugent Panepinto, Louis Petrucci

Mrs. Cahill called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30pm.

Dr. Collins was excused.

**The purpose of the special meeting is to review the Phase IV recommendations of the Superintendent and his senior staff.**

Dr. Williams made some introductory remarks. He briefly reviewed Phases 1, 2 and 3 as well as Phase 4. He noted that this strategic building plan looks out ten years and that discussion included candidates for a Phase 5.

Mr. Crosby presented an overview of the Phase IV process (*copy attached*).

Paul McDonnell, District Architect, and Amber Dixon, Executive Director of Evaluation, Accountability and Project Initiatives reviewed each of the Phase IV recommendations. A biography of each school was distributed to Committee members (*copy attached*). Questions and answers followed.

Next, Dr. Williams discussed the status of Schools #11, #12, #53, #97, ECC Middle College and Burgard High School (#301) as follows:

- School #11 is being considered for closing at the end of this school year to be combined with School #97 to form a new PK-8 program. The State has mandated that **School #97** close and reopen with a new program.
- School #12 will be the new site for Central Registration and the Parents Center.
- School #53 may be a closing candidate at the end of 2008-09, particularly if the proposed Aloma Johnson Charter School draws students from area District schools.
- ECC Middle College Program will either be overhauled or terminated depending on developments between now and the end of the school year. The lease for this school does not expire until 2013. Preliminary efforts to sublease the space have been unsuccessful. The District will consider using a broker.
- Burgard High School (#301) will be reconstituted based on the State mandate.

Mr. Crosby indicated that the Phase IV recommendations may be presented to the Board for a vote on February 13, 2008 or February 27, 2008 at the latest.

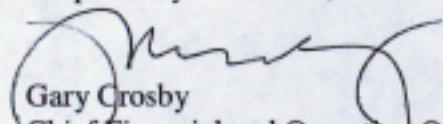
Chairperson will send a reminder and a request to board members to send any questions/concerns in regards to closing of schools to Mr. Crosby or chairperson for further review before the above proposed dates.

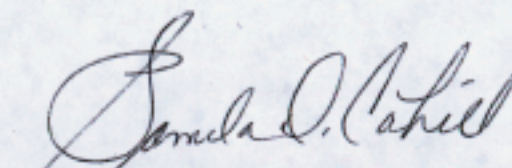
Middle college space is too costly and does not provide for the intended purpose.

Mr. Crosby stated we have been granted an extension on South Park for another year.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gary Crosby  
Chief Financial and Operating Officer

  
Hon. Pamela D. Cahill  
Chairperson

Attachments (2)