

**WALWORTH TOWN BOARD – SPECIAL MEETING TRI BOARD
3 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Presiding Supervisor Plant called the scheduled Town Board Special Meeting, with the Ontario Town Board and the Wayne Central School District Board (Tri Board) held at the Walworth Town Hall, 3600 Lorraine Drive, to order at 7:00 PM.

Town of Ontario:

Present:	Bob Kelsch	Supervisor
	Jason Ruffell	Councilman
	Stephen Tobin	Councilman
	Jim Switzer	Councilman
	Lori Eaton-Smith	Councilwoman

Wayne Central School District:

Present:	Michael Havens	Superintendent
	Greg Atseff	Assistant Superintendent/Business
	Kim Cox	Assistant Superintendent /Instruction
	Dom Paz	Board of Education
	Tom Nicholson	Board of Education
	Frank Robusto	Board of Education
	Joyce Lyke	Board of Education
	Jacqueline Brunner	Board of Education
	Scott Griswold	Board of Education
	Amy Gebhardt	Public Relations Specialist

Town of Walworth:

Present:	Thomas Yale	Councilman
	Patricia Marini	Councilwoman
	Suzi Hawkins-Mance	Councilwoman
	Susie Jacobs	Town Clerk

Absent:	Frank Maciuska	Councilman
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Superintendent Havens asked Ms. Cox and Mr. Atseff to speak.

Ms. Kim Cox, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, stated she was asked to share a couple of the highlights of what we might be looking at if Wayne Central School District moved to a single campus building for our elementary students.

First of all, one of the advantages to our students is that all of our students, regardless of where they live in the district, would have the opportunity to have access to a “state of the art building”. The larger building would allow us to bring all the staff together; all the teachers would be working together and allow us to create an even more consistent program than we currently have. It will also allow us to have equality between our buildings; currently at times it is difficult to balance our classes so that we have the same amount of students in all the classes in the district. This is something that we would be looking at. Keeping our class sizes within our guidelines and having a balance approach to that. We certainly would be able to recognize many efficiencies if we were “one campus” being able to utilize our resources in terms of our people, our teachers, for example sharing teachers so that they could be working in one building rather than traveling to three. We would have facilities with one library as opposed to three different libraries and of course the time schedule of these issues that we currently have will no longer be existing. She mentioned they would have an increased collaboration between our teaching staff, in designing our instructional learning opportunities for our

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students. We would be able to have a great consistent communication system which is always that we are doing. The biggest excitement that we will get is the opportunity to create a really dynamic culture with all three of our buildings. All three of our Elementary buildings have very wonderful and unique cultures. The idea would be to bring those cultures together and the synergy that would be created from that is very exciting to us. Those are some of the things, the opportunities, that we see could occur.

Mr. Greg Atseff, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated one of the goals that we have been talking about for the past couple of years as far as financially is within the next capital projects be able to do that project without any increase to our taxpayers. And looking at this total project that has evolved in the past couple of years, we are in a position to be able to do that.

We have thought about the tentative project in the neighborhood of 49 million dollars that will include the adding on to one of our buildings so we have a single elementary school which would bring us to a “single use concept”. We also have some other maintenance needs that we need to take care of such as roofs on some of our other buildings. Those items total up to 1 million dollars so if we put everything together, we’re looking at, and we haven’t finalized the numbers, but in the range of a 49 million dollar project. State aid on that project will provide 53% of that cost. The district also has in the next four years debt service that is currently on the books for mortgage payments from previous capital projects and we’ll definitely be able to lump those in the next four years so between that coming off the books plus the state aid plus we have money in reserves, we are very confident that by the time we would start on the project, we’ll be in a position where we would be able to accomplish that project and do all of the improvements that we talked about and be able to achieve a couple of things that we incur at no additional cost to our taxpayers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Councilwoman Marini to enter into executive session.

Seconded by Councilwoman Hawkins-Mance.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Time: 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie C. Jacobs
Town Clerk