

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Board Meeting Report
March 9, 2017

2/13/17 – Attended Administrative Cabinet Meeting.

2/14/17 – Attended the BOCES Administrators meeting.

2/15/17 – Attended the Saint Lawrence County area Regional Economic Development meeting at the IDA. Discussions included innovative agriculture projects that are underway or proposed in the area. The President of Canton College announced two new bachelor degree programs in Agribusiness and Computer Game development. Other programs under development included organic milk and produce. Biometrics Company coming to Potsdam, agbotics discussed, and Norse Titanium in Plattsburgh. There will be a small business mixer at the Best Western in Canton on March 2 from 4-7pm.

2/16/17 – Attended the Secondary Principals' meeting at the ESC. Topics covered included: 1. Challenges facing students in poverty. 2. Computer-based testing. 3. Data services and supports. 4. Online and Distance Learning.

I also attended the Agriculture Academy open house at the Cornell Farm. We took a tour of the facilities and spoke with students about the program. The Cornell Cooperative donated great door prizes and the Instructors did a great job introducing and highlighting the program. Senator Ritchie sent a representative and we thanked her for the Senator's support of the program.

2/17/17 – Attended the Primary Principals' meeting at Kennedy Elementary in Ogdensburg. Items discussed included Balanced Literacy, a classroom visit to see "writer's workshop", regional data needs, agriculture offerings, and how to improve attendance at the meetings.

2/21/17 – Met with Kristen Zender about Summer School. Met with Jennifer French regarding the Statewide Curriculum Development Network and the Library Network. Spoke with Emilyann McGregor regarding space needs for the Special Education program in Potsdam.

2/21/17-2/24/17 – Got settled in office and caught up on some projects that Mr. Putman left for me.

2/22/17 – Fire at Northwest Technical center. Acetylene tank caught fire while cutting with the torch. No one was injured. Damages included the tanks and attached hoses, some overhead hoses, and light fixtures. Fire department was called and they extinguished the fire without further damages.

2/27/17 – Met with Jennifer French, Roberta Stillin-Dowman, and Katherine Lynch regarding the ESSA public meeting on March 9.

Met with Jane Aikins and the CTE Principals at their regularly scheduled meeting.

2/28/17 – Visited the Special Education Programs in Ogdensburg with Renee' Langtree-Green. Rachel O'Donnell escorted us to the programs and highlighted their activities and accomplishments. Sites visited were the Kennedy programs, the greenhouse at NWT, OFA programs and Community Connections. I was very impressed with the climate and the job Mrs. O'Donnell is doing for our students.

3/1/17 – Attended the Instructional and Non-Instructional Committee meetings at the ECS.

3/2/17 – Visited Southwest Technical center with Jane Aikins to meet the staff and see the programs and students.

Attended the PACE Open House at SWT.

3/3/17 – Visited the Special Education Programs in Potsdam with Renee' Langtree-Green and Emily McGregor. Participated in the pre-Board of Education Meeting at the ESC.

3/4/17-3/7/17 – Attended the New York State Council of School Superintendents Winter Leadership Conference in Albany NY with Mr. Burns.

3/7/17 – Attended the Teacher/Leader Effectiveness Training at NERIC in Albany with Jennifer French.

3/8/17 – Participated in a preparation meeting for the ESSA public meeting on March 9. Visited Northwest Technical Center with Jane Aikins.

3/9/17 – Helped facilitate the ESSA public meeting at the ESC.