

The Southbury Training School Board of Trustees met in Eugene Harvey's Conference Room at Southbury Training School, Southbury, Connecticut, on Monday, February 25, 2013.

Present: Eileen Lemay, Chair
Ted Walen, Vice-Chair (via conference call)
Mark Cooper, Secretary
Louis Richards
Ann Dougherty
Jackson Pierre-Louis, Assistant Regional Director
Excused: Eugene Harvey, STS Director

Eileen Lemay called the meeting of the Southbury Training School Board of Trustees to order at 1:05 p.m.

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Lou Richards reported the meeting that was scheduled for February 13, 2013 was cancelled due to budget hearings. Please refer to the DDS website: <http://www.ct.gov/dds>, click on the Boards & Councils link, and then on the Council for Developmental Services for any minutes submitted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Jackson Pierre-Louis, Assistant Regional Director

Dental Clinic:

The Dental Clinic is fully operational.

Flu Epidemic:

Cottages 5 and 34 had reports of the flu, and the buildings were open with limited access. Those restrictions have been lifted and only one cottage remains with limited access (Cottage 15) due to the flu.

Budget:

The budgets are under control for this fiscal year. During 2012, six residences (3 cottages and 3 Personnel Village residences) closed at STS. As consolidations continue and residents continue to explore community placement options, it is expected that there will be 1-2 additional cottage closures and 1-2 additional Personnel Village closures in 2013.

2013 Blizzard:

During this snow storm STS staff did a remarkable job of both supporting our residents and of keeping the roads at STS clear in order to provide a safe environment for all. In addition this allowed the Fire Department personnel to safely transport residents who needed additional medical care to local hospitals. The STS staff efforts were acknowledged in the DDS newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

BOT Vacancy:

Diana Mennone has received the required forms to submit to the Governor's Office and will forward.

Additional Recommendations for 2nd BOT Vacancy:

The BOT is still awaiting paperwork from potential applicants for this position.

STS Farmland:

A bill is pending in the legislature by Rep. Arthur J. O'Neill, R-Southbury that would set aside up to 900 acres of the STS campus for agricultural use. This new bill seeks to encourage active farming of the property.

STS Land Transfer for Housing:

Two lawmakers, Rep. Arthur J. O'Neill, R-Southbury and Sen. Robert J. Kane, R-Watertown, have submitted a bill to have the state transfer 45 acres at STS to the town of Southbury to build subsidized housing for the elderly. This bill would help Grace Meadows, an 88-unit complex that was started in 1984 and is full with a 3- or 4-year waiting list. Discussion followed regarding both these bills.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

The next meeting of the STS Board of Trustees will be **Monday, March 25, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the STS Director's Conference Room.**

There being no further business, Mark Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m., Ann Dougherty seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Webb, Recording Secretary

Mark A.R. Cooper, Secretary

Approved by the STS Board of Trustees
February 27, 2013