

OUTSOURCE UPDATE 4-20-17

One thing is for certain..... nothing is for certain!

As employees and community members were walking into the board room, the school board came out of executive session and the meeting continued as scheduled. The board goals were read, the pledge was said, and what happened next took us all a moment to reconcile.

The school board members voted unanimously to amend the agenda and table the custodial outsourcing (the NANA contract) decision until the May 3rd school board meeting. There was no reason given however, later, Dr. Goyette thanked the board for their willingness to take more time in this decision, even though she recognizes that it is difficult for individuals to be putting it off for two weeks. She then talked about the growing deficit and budget unknowns including staffing cuts. Several people gave testimony concerning this item during the persons to be heard on non-agenda items. With no clear explanation for the delay, rumors run rampant and stress levels are soaring for the over 200 custodians who do not know if they have a job next year.

As emotions were still running high, Dr. Goyette announced that they would not be recommending the outsourcing of Nutrition Services because they have determined it would not be fiscally viable. *YEAH – Some good news!!*

What can you do?? Contact your legislators and your borough assembly members – tell them to make education a priority and explain what cuts to our schools look like through your lens! I foresee many conversations happening in the next couple weeks, so stay tuned. Meanwhile, mark your calendars:

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 3rd
6:00 pm @ District Office
(NOT Sutton as originally scheduled)

In Solidarity,

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