

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL – CAFETERIA
APRIL 5, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Byrnes, Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Jack Cuddihy, Mrs. Jennifer Horschel, Mrs. Patricia Krouse, Mr. Paul Shephard, Mr. Donald Sutfin

ABSENT:

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mrs. Sandra Anzalone, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Finance; and Mrs. Barbara Thomasulo, District Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Loran Carter, GLP Principal; Mr. Jeff Cervoni, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Marc Graff, Eden Elementary Principal; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mrs. Kelly LaRosa, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

At 7:11 p.m., Mr. Byrnes called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Called to
order**

Mrs. Anzalone announced that the Eden Chopper Class won second place overall in open competition at the Donnie Smith Chopper Challenge in St. Paul, MN. They lost only to the guy who put on the show – Donnie Smith. She congratulated the students and their teachers for a job well done.

Supt. Report

- ◆ Mrs. Horschel stated she was happy for the community input and that the Board was able to work out an amiable agreement to the orchestra situation. She would like people to join her in advocacy for our district. She plans on hitting the ground running in September. She feels that politicians, by design, keep us disorganized.
- ◆ Mr. Shephard agreed they keep us off balance, especially by requiring information from us on March 1st, without giving us our state aid until April 1st or later. People do not understand that the 2% tax cap does not necessarily mean we get 2%.
- ◆ Mrs. Horschel said we need to be a collective entity. There is reform in the mid-west. Communities are organizing and causing change.
- ◆ Mr. Murphy said next year, we have to be very clear and rally around Foundation Aid.
- ◆ Mr. Sutfin said it comes down to the community we want to be. Where do we want our town to head? We have only seven businesses in town. Do we want new businesses and homes in Eden?
- ◆ Mrs. Horschel has had conversations about this with the previous town board. Mr. Sutfin stated if the town does not get bigger, the burden on the tax base will be greater. Mr. Shephard added that families are smaller now. Mrs. Horschel said she is in favor of an advocacy committee, but we need to be more organized and consistent. It was suggested to motion for the Board to work to create an advocacy committee made up of diverse stakeholders to work with public officials.

**Budget
Discussion**

- ♦ Mr. Cuddihy spoke in favor of a very thorough process keeping all stakeholders, students and the community involved and aware in order to come to conclusions/consensus.

Comments

At 7:27 p.m., Mr. Byrnes asked for comments from the audience.

- ♦ Mrs. Jeffers, Music Department Chairperson, thanked the BAT for their work and for looking at the music situation again in order to come to a better conclusion for orchestra students.
- ♦ Nicole Wegrzynowski thanked the board for their time and for the changes in the music schedule. She also thanked them for not putting state tests in front of students who did not want to take them.
- ♦ Mrs. Farrell suggested having computers available during open house, concerts, etc. that parents could have quick access to in order to be a voice and communicate to our politicians.
- ♦ Jerry Styers thanked the Board for the small changes they have made, especially in music.
- ♦ Matt Gould thanked the Board for their efforts regarding the music teachers' schedules. He feels it will not be easy to recruit a part-time music teacher.
- ♦ Colleen Gaglione thanked the Board regarding the changes in the music schedule. She expressed appreciation for the job the Board does.

Appointed election inspector

Mrs. Horschel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Virginia Guenther** be approved as an election inspector at the rate of \$13.40 per hour for the annual budget vote on May 17, 2016. Carried unanimously.

Note: Rita Stuhr cannot fulfill this duty on May 17, 2016 due to her granddaughter's graduation from college.

Approved 2016 capital outlay project

Mrs. Horschel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2016 Capital Outlay Project as presented by Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, **David Martin**, on March 16, 2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved 2015 C.O.P. contract with Morris Masonry

Mrs. Horschel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2015 Capital Outlay Project contract with Morris Masonry Restoration LLC in the amount of \$69,263 be approved. Carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt 2016-2017 budget

Mrs. Horschel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$27,327,785, representing a 1.24% increase be adopted as presented. Discussion ensued. No vote was taken.

Mrs. Horschel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$27,369,231.22 representing a 1.39% increase be adopted as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

**Adopted
2016-2017
budget**

It was suggested that the Board give the administrators some latitude in the ability to adjust FTE's that are not part of the budget, but rather due to class sizes. Mrs. Anzalone announced that there will not be a special Board of Education Meeting on April 13th. She also acknowledged the students in the audience who played at Kleinhans Music Hall over the weekend.

Supt. report

Mr. Shephard made a motion seconded by Mr. Sutfin to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

**Motioned to
adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara J. Thomasulo
District Clerk