

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
NOVEMBER 18, 2015

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

ABSENT: Mr. Colin Campbell

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Banko, Head Bus Driver; Mrs. Loran Carter, GLP Principal; Mr. Jeff Cervoni, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Ms. Marisa Fallacaro, Athletic Director; Mr. Marc Graff, Eden Elementary Principal; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology; Mrs. Kelly Morgan-LaRosa, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Miss Patricia Menkiena, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Macy Overhoff and Rhiley Sibiga, Student Representatives

At 7:07 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 introduced Mitchell Mason, from Senator Gallivan's office, who was in the audience. Senator Gallivan recently announced that Eden would receive a \$15,000 grant for Ag in the Classroom.
- ◆ Board of Education Recognition Week – A video from Eden Elementary classes was shown honoring the School Board for Board of Education Recognition week, which took place late in October. Mrs. King thanked the Board for funding to purchase SMART Boards at GLP. They are using them frequently. Mrs. LaVerdi, along with three of her students, Alex, Adeline and Luke, also thanked the Board for the SMART Boards in the classrooms. Student Council representatives, Rhiley Sibiga and Macy Overhoff, in thanking the Board, quoted John F. Kennedy regarding thanking the people who make a difference. They presented Eden travel mugs to the Board of Education.
- ◆ Music Department Honors – Mrs. Jeffers presented an award to Alex Bianchi for being named to the NYSSMA State Conference for tuba. Alex will travel to Rochester for the December 3, 2015 NYSSMA All-State Concert. Alex Bianchi thanked the Board of Education and Administration for their support of the Arts.
- ◆ Student Fundraiser for Nepal – Mrs. Steger and Mrs. Theophilus introduced several of their students, Connor, Liam, Trevor, Gunner, and Cole, who wanted to have a fundraiser for the earthquake victims in Nepal. The students colored jugs to collect change, prepared and read announcements of facts they researched, and sent letters home to parents. They collected \$713.38 for their fund-raising project.

**From
delegates,
admin &
staff**

- ◆ Wellness Initiative – Mrs. King presented a Wellness Initiative to the Board of Education. She would like to find a way for Eden residents to become more interconnected. She feels that Eden residents are very isolated and segregated by building, age groups, courses, sports, and clubs. She would like to see people become more aware of themselves and others by practicing mindfulness. Some suggested ways to do so are to have one class adopt another classroom; reach out to someone that you are not particularly associated with; recess play with other groups; buddy reading; allow students to have contact with others that they may not normally have contact with; self-publicize by mingling pictures of groups in areas where other groups gather; participate in mini-workshops with various resource rooms; allow students to take the lead; give students a list of things they might like to do for Raiders Respond Day; have a well-run volunteer program, and give students the tools they need to self-regulate – to be independent and to focus. Allow students to be the manager of their life tasks and create self-sufficient, independent learners. SMART Boards are being used for Yoga and other exercises between long sedentary periods for improved focus. Mrs. King thanked the Board of Education, Mrs. LaRosa and Mrs. Anzalone for being supportive in this endeavor.
- ◆ Hour of Code – Mrs. Schnaufer worked with Mrs. Ramaekers to set up “Hour of Code” at Eden. Mrs. Schnaufer taught Hour of Code in all of her Elementary classes, in addition to offering it as an After School Program. Research shows there is a gap in Computer Science majors in the U.S.; however, 60% of the jobs in America will be computer science related by 2020. It is anticipated there will be one million unfilled jobs. Computer Science has the smallest representation in Advanced Placement classes. Technology affects every field. In Hour of Code, students have the opportunity to work with computer code to do things like moving robots. Mathew and Mitchell Schnaufer demonstrated a robot vehicle that they used computer code to move. Mrs. Schnaufer applied for a \$10,000 grant. She invited the Board of Education members to come into the classroom to see what the students are doing.
- ◆ History Regarding Late Runs & Athletic Away Contests – Ms. Fallacaro gave a brief history regarding late buses. The District reduced the 5:00 p.m. late bus run from four buses to two in 2008-2009. There is still a late bus on detention days at about 3:45 p.m., as required by law. In 2013-2014, the 5:00 late run was cut due to budget reasons, and because there were only about 8-9 students per bus. There was not much feedback regarding the cut. Now there is feedback. There was discussion regarding the cancellation of non-league matches, parents driving kids to and from competitions, and cutting a modified or JV sport, due to budget constraints. Mrs. Krouse suggested sending a survey out to see which sports kids were interested in playing next year and whether they needed bus transportation.

Mr. Breeden asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the consensus items. There were no consensus items removed.

**Request to
withdraw items**

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that the following consensus items be approved as listed in the Administrative Memorandum (#IV. A.-D.):

**Approved
consensus
items**

Minutes of the October 21, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

**Approved
minutes**

CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

**Approved
CSE/CPSE
rec**

The following personnel are appointed as substitutes, provided that these appointments will not be effective and service to the District pursuant thereto shall not begin until there has been compliance with statutory and regulatory provisions for fingerprinting/certification and clearance for employment:

Substitutes –

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Brian Smith	PK-12 Teacher	November 19, 2015	Technology
Tina Rigley	3-12 T & TA	November 19, 2015	None
John Williams	Bus Driver	November 19, 2015	CDL B P/S

The following personnel be appointed as Supplemental Activity Advisors and Coaches for the 2015-2016 school year, provided that these appointments will not be effective and service to the District pursuant thereto shall not begin until there has been compliance with statutory and regulatory provisions for fingerprinting/certification and clearance for employment:

**Supplemental
activity
advisors and
coaches**

1. Matt Saramak, Sporting Event Worker
2. Mandy Bova, JSHS Musical Director (was a shared position w/ Sue Schnaufer)
3. Susan Schnaufer, JSHS Musical Stage Manager
4. Amie Francisco, Modified Girls Basketball Coach
5. Marisa Fallacaro, JV Girls Basketball Coach

Consensus items IV. A-D Carried unanimously.

At 8:19 p.m., Mr. Byrnes asked for comments from the public.

Comments

- ◆ David Woodworth, parent, expressed concern for the absence of late bus runs. He has spoken with the PTA and administrators about the situation. He asked that late runs be reinstated, so students whose parents cannot pick them up after practices would be able to participate. He indicated that several parents would take turns reading parts of a letter from Shannon Herr.

- ◆ David Woodworth, Sr., resident, also commented on the lack of a late bus run. He would also like to see the late run reinstated.
- ◆ Sabrina Woodworth, parent, read the first part of the letter from Shannon Herr outlining reasons for bringing the late run back. In addition to Sabrina, Mike McCarthy, parent, Emily Hawkins, resident, Cherish Masocco, parent and Ed Rybarczyk, parent, also read parts of Ms. Herr's letter. Some other points addressed in the letter were a safe after-school environment, reduce the risk of crime in the peak time immediately following the school day, and safety conditions for walkers, especially in bad weather.

**Appointed
election
inspectors**

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Mrs. Rita Stuhr**, Head Inspector, **Mrs. Bonnie Kordal**, **Mrs. Karen Cornell**, **Mrs. Barbara Caffery**, **Mrs. Ann Sheehan** and **Mrs. Marion Phelan** be appointed as inspectors for the Capital Project Vote on December 15, 2015 at a rate of \$13.40 per hour, and further authorize the District Clerk to fill any vacancies in these positions, which may occur prior to December 15, 2015 with individuals from the Board of Elections Inspector Personnel List. Carried unanimously.

**Appointed
Clerk Typist
– L. Sweet**

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Laura Sweet** be appointed on probation as a Clerk Typist effective December 8, 2015 and ending June 7, 2016. Salary is based upon **CSEA Contract, Level V, Step 1**. Carried unanimously.

**Appointed
extended
leave
substitute T.
Congilosi**

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Tammy Congilosi** be appointed as an Extended Leave Substitute Elementary Teacher, replacing Barbara Cook effective September 28, 2015 through approximately January 4, 2016 or upon the return of Mrs. Cook. Salary is \$95 per day. Carried unanimously.

**Appointed
admin.
Intern – K.
Henderson**

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Kirsten Henderson** be appointed as an unpaid administrative intern effective January 4, 2016 for approximately four weeks or until 200 hours are completed. Carried unanimously.

**Approved
excessing of
books**

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, outdated textbooks be excessed as presented. Carried unanimously.

**Business
report**

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

- ◆ The food carts used by Personal Touch (PT) have been successful. Debbie Dole, PT manager, added that there is a cart upstairs and one downstairs. They are being used for breakfast and lunch and have grown in popularity. The food on the carts complies with all regulations. Both hot and cold items can be found. The workers know all the students by name, and the students seem to find the carts a real convenience.

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

Supt. report

- ◆ Eden was named 9th out of 55 communities with 4,000 or more residents for quality of life and 1st overall in family stability.
- ◆ There is a challenge to the community to get people to complete a web survey on AimHighNY regarding the Common Core Learning Standards. There have been over 50,000 hits. It is a long survey, but you do not have to answer all the questions. Please look at areas that matter to you, and answer as many questions as you can.
- ◆ Many things have been added to the Capital Project area of the Eden website. The conceptual entrance drawing is not what the entrance will look like. It is the District's intent to work with students and the technology department to design the entrance. Details are not yet available. A mailer will be sent to District homes around the first week in December.
- ◆ There is a distracted driving assembly scheduled for Wednesday, November 25th with an Associate of Campbell & Shelton.
- ◆ The District received a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) recognition for commitment to this program.
- ◆ Congratulations to Michael Byrnes and Susan Wilhelm on their election to the Eden Town Board.
- ◆ The Eden Girls' Volleyball Team will be making their 17th consecutive trip to the State Tournament in Glens Falls. Saturday, November 21st will be pool play and Sunday, November 22nd will be finals. Good luck to them.

Board report

- ◆ Mrs. Horschel took a tour of the High School, escorted by two students. She was impressed with the movement in the hallway and the learning process in the classrooms. Most of her time was spent in the Art, Technology and Music wing. It was phenomenal to watch the students work with the plasma cutter. She enjoyed visiting the music and art rooms, as well. She commented that the students were very articulate, and the staff was very welcoming.
- ◆ Mrs. Carter thanked the Eden Co-op for one last donation toward the playground build. After the building was sold and the bills were paid, there was some money left over, which was designated for the playground. She also thanked the Eden Community Foundation for their donation.

Future dates

- ◆ Public Meeting on Capital Project – Wednesday, December 9, 2015 6:30 p.m. in the JSHS Auditorium
- ◆ Referendum Vote on Capital Project – Tuesday, December 15, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the JSHS Auditorium Foyer
- ◆ Budget Advisory Team Meeting – Wednesday, December 16, 2015 – 5:45 p.m. – JSHS
- ◆ Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, December 16, 2015 – 7 p.m. – JSHS Cafeteria

**Entered
executive
session**

At 9:03 p.m., Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that the Board of Education anticipates entering Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s), a student issue, potential litigation, EASA contract negotiations and ETA contract negotiations. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara J. Thomasulo
District Clerk

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**Returned to
regular
session**

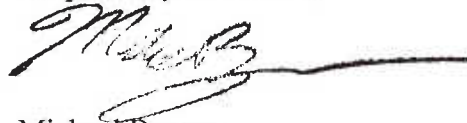
At 10:49 p.m., Mr. Byrnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard to return to regular session. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Byrnes
President, Board of Education

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