

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
JULY 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Byrnes, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Jack Cuddihy, Mrs. Jennifer Horschel, Mrs. Patricia Krouse

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Paul Shephard

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mrs. Sandy Anzalone, Superintendent; Mrs. Barbara Thomasulo, District Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Marisa Fallacaro, Director of Athletics; Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology; Mrs. Kelly LaRosa, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Staff Development

At 7:36 a.m., Mr. Byrnes called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Called to
order**

- ♦ Ms. Fallacaro reviewed suggested changes to the Academic Probation / Eligibility area of the District Code of Conduct. Currently, a student with two or more U's is placed on probation for five weeks and is not eligible to participate in contests, dances, bonfires or any extra-curricular activities. Weaknesses of the current policy include: students with only one U are not pushed to improve their grades; the only options to improve grades are to attend learning lab or arrange time with a teacher; and students often fluctuate weekly on and off the probation list, rather than showing consistent academic improvement. Proposed changes include: creating a new academic probation list every five weeks; placing students on this list if they are failing one class or borderline (65%-69%) in two or more classes; attending learning lab during study hall/lunch or meeting with a teacher and reporting to an academic enhancement program from 2:25-3:10 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the High School Cafeteria. Students with one U can still participate in school sponsored activities as long as the above requirements are met. Students with two U's are not eligible to participate in activities and games, but may attend practices as long as the above requirements are met. The Academic Enhancement Program (AEP) will be structured to allow students a time and place to work on school work and receive assistance. It will be mandated for individuals with one or more U's who are on the probation list and wish to participate in their extra-curricular activity that day. The hope is that AEP will decrease the number of students who are academically ineligible and will increase the number of scholar athlete teams, leading to Eden being a NYSPHSAA School of Excellence. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the August 12, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

**Public
Hearing –
Amendment
to Code of
Conduct**

**Approved
Bid for
Smart
Boards**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Byrnes that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the bid to award 27 Smart Boards for use throughout the District to Presentation Concepts Corp. in the amount of \$82,950 be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Future dates

- ◆ Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, August 12, 2015
– JSHS Cafeteria 7 p.m.

**Motioned to
adjourn**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara J. Thomasulo
District Clerk