BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
APRIL 21, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Byrnes, Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Scott Henderson, Mrs. Barbara Henry, Mrs. Patricia Krouse. Mr. Byrnes left at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 8:39 p.m.

ABSENT: Mr. Paul Shephard

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Loran Carter, GLP Principal; Mr. Jeff Cervoni, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Marc Graff, Eden Elementary School Principal; Ms. Rose Heckathorn, Director of Transportation; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology; Mrs. Kelly LaRosa, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Staff Development; Mr. David Martin, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

Called to order

At 7:03 p.m., Mr. Byrnes called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

From Admin *and Staff*

- Capital Outlay Project and SEQR Process – Mr. David Martin. The $100,000 Capital Outlay Project is tentatively budgeted for 2015-2016. Districts used to receive a small portion of their State Aid in Minor Maintenance Aid designed for minor capital projects. Over time, that aid was rolled into Foundation Aid. Districts were no longer using that money to do small capital projects. State Education felt that buildings were starting to deteriorate, because upkeep was not happening due to a lack of money. They encouraged districts to put $100,000 into their budgets, so small capital outlay projects could be done. This year, Eden needs to remain committed to the $100,000 to help prevent breakdowns and take care of emergency projects. This way, minor, preventative maintenance can be done with State funding to support it. Buildings need to be kept warm, safe and dry. Because you cannot get State Aid on space you are leasing out, economically, it makes most sense to consider work at GLP now on the outside of the building. There are areas at GLP with lateral cracking and water behind the brick causing the face of the brick to pop off. The areas with water infiltration need to be repaired. Lintels used to support the brick above windows are deteriorating, the caulking has failed, and it also needs to be repaired. The sill shows areas where water is getting in behind the glass block. There are doors that are rusting out at the bottom. Caulking over windows in areas with no insulation needs to be re-caulked. All projects need to have a SEQRA – State Environmental Quality Review Attestation. Architects and Engineers will review the proposed project to determine if there will be an environmental impact. The proposed project at GLP will be a Type II SEQRA project, meaning there will be minimal or no environmental impact. The goal is to have the plan done this summer. A rotted plug in a lavatory failed, sending a 1" stream of water down one wing of GLP. Water was anywhere from ½" to 4" deep. Clean-up was done with the assistance of staff, teachers and administrators. Mycologists will come in to conduct air sampling to be sure there is no air-borne mold or mold growth. There is a waiting period.

- Capital Market Advisors – Mr. Ryan Neumeister. CMA helps districts to plan for selling bonds and notes for capital projects, as well as planning the financial aspect of capital projects. Currently, CMA is working with the Eden District, Young & Wright and Campus to help with the potential capital project. CMA is trying to help narrow down how to size the project. The four key points are: 1) Use the capital reserve fund, which was set up a number of years ago. The advantage to using this fund is that aid is received on those funds for a period of 15 years for renovation and reconstruction that debt service will not be paid on, so that aid is coming back to the district to help grow the project. Aid is being received on the cost of interest, even though money is not being borrowed. State Aid is not only the principle piece, but also a percentage of the interest coming back to the district. 2) The percentage of the project that will be aidable. Without knowing the scope of the project, it is not known how much will be aidable. Young & Wright has used 85% as a conservative number for how much will be received from the State for the project. 3) Building aid ratio. The District currently receives 80.3% for aidable portions. That number fluctuates every year. It is based on assumptions from five years ago. 4) Budgetary appropriations side – how much the District can put aside as far as contributing to the project on an annual basis. Because a previous capital project will be going off, a new project can be supplemented into that space. Eden has not had a substantial capital project in many years, but there have been small projects.
- Shawn Wright from Young & Wright Architecture added that spaces used by students are aidable. Some items that fall under maintenance and repairs are also aidable. Painting, furnishing, certain equipment and simple routine maintenance items are *not* aidable. Replacement of parking and paving is aidable, but simply resurfacing an existing surface is *not* aidable. The downside is that the State does not give you that determination until the project is over.
- Model UN Competition – Mrs. Linda Pace and students, Eleanor Hale and Isabel Woodworth gave a presentation on Model UN. Eleanor won the Best Delegate Award as Third Vice Premier of China at the Chicago Model UN competition. Model UN is aligned with Common Core. It is research and evidence based. It promotes cooperative learning and multi-cultural education. Model UN is an educational curriculum that develops understanding of power in international relations, global political perspective, teamwork and leadership and

working under stress. Students participated in un-moderated caucuses, where all the countries got together at a table and fought in a civilized manner over the best answer. Students need to perceive global relations, current events and know what is going on in the world. Having Model UN on an application tells people that the applicant has leadership skills, public speaking skills and multiple skills that can be used in work or education programs. Many colleges have Model UN as a club. The club also participated at the St. Bonaventure Model UN conference, which was a much smaller competition allowing more students to have a chance to speak. Mrs. Farley will be the new Model UN advisor next year. Eleanor and Isabel thanked Mrs. Pace for her time. Eleanor asked about funding the club for next year. Mrs. Anzalone said the Board did approve funding for next year, pending voter approval. All funding this year was raised by the students. There are about 23 students in the club and 15 Junior High students in the Junior High Model UN.

- Food Tasting – Ms. Debbie Dole and Ms. Sue Goetzman, Director of Operations for Personal Touch. Mr. Murphy stated that primarily the new food standards are in place. Personal Touch provided samples of food using the old standards and the new standards for comparison. Board members sampled pizza, bread, sub rolls and chocolate chip cookies. The Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act was effective 2012-2013. Prior to that, nutrient-based menu planning was used. Menus were analyzed to maintain certain criteria, fitting into the guidelines at that time. Students had to be offered five items. Of those items, at least three of them had to be on the tray in order for it to be a reimbursable lunch. It then went to food-based menu planning. All nutritional guidelines must still be met. Five components are available. Students must still take three components for it to be a reimbursable lunch. Of the three components, there must be a fruit or vegetable. The idea of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act is to fight obesity. Two vegetables and two fruits are always offered. A food committee meets twice each year. Anyone can join the committee. Dairy must be one of the selections for a lunch. Meat alternatives are any other proteins that fit in the meat categories, such as cheese, eggs, or yogurt.

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

Requested to withdraw items

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that the following consensus items be approved as listed in the Administrative Memorandum (#IV. A.-N.):

Approved consensus items

Minutes of the March 4, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting.

Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Revenue Budget Status Report for the period ending March 31, 2015.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2015.

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending March 31, 2015 in the amount of **$501,938.92**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund portion **$425,967.88,** Cafeteria Fund portion **$35,306.34,** Federal Fund portion **$1,127.19,** and Trust & Agency Fund portion **$39,537.51**.

ACH/Wire Transfer Warrant for the period ending March 31, 2015 in the amount of **$1,570.74**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund HRA portion **$1,000.00** and Cafeteria Fund portion **$570.74**.

Extraclassroom Activities Fund Report for the period ending March 31, 2015.

Appropriation Status Report for the period ending March 31, 2015.

Budget Transfers for March 2015.

Budget Transfers over $10,000.

Claims Auditor Report for March 2015.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

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:

Name	Area	Effective Date	Certification
Leigh Gates	PK-12 Teacher	April 22, 2015	NA

The following personnel be appointed as Supplemental Activity Advisors and Coaches for the 2014-2015 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:

1. Denise Uhlman, Elementary All County Chorus Advisor
2. Cynthia Bateson-Brown, Elementary Musical Choreographer
3. Sandi Blasz, Elementary Musical Costume Advisor

All consensus items IV. A-N. carried unanimously.

At 8:12 p.m., Mrs. Henry asked for comments from the public.

Comments

- Colleen Kot, Teacher and ETA President, read a resolution to support the "I Refuse Movement" to oppose high stakes testing. Parents and teachers cannot view the tests their students have taken. She asked those in attendance to support the resolution.
- Nicole Wegrzynowski, parent, expressed her disappointment at testing practices.

Appointed part-time FACS Teacher – C. Hanania

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Courtney Hanania**, who is initially certified in Family and Consumer Science, be appointed as a .5 FTE Family and Consumer Science Teacher effective April 15, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Salary is based upon **Bachelor's, Step 1**. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Accepted access points

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, spare access points be accepted from BOCES Erie 2 at no charge. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Note: These are spares for our wireless network and will be added to our inventory. They are a donation from BOCES. They will become part of our existing system and will not be individually asset tagged.

Approved overnight softball trip

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Varsity Softball overnight trip to the North Star Elite Weekend Tournament in Cicero, NY April 25th through April 26th, 2015 be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Cast ballots for BOCES Board of Education

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Eden Central School District cast one vote for ***five*** of the following candidates for the BOCES Board of Ed:

1. Mr. Sylvester Cleary, Forestville Central School District
2. Mr. Gary DeLellis, Sherman Central School District
3. Mr. Thomas Fenton, Frewsburg Central School District
4. Mrs. Kathyann Queeno-Lorka, East Aurora Central School District
5. Mr. David Nielsen, Orchard Park Central School District
6. Mrs. Nancy Renckens, Dunkirk Public School District
7. Mrs. Nancy Stock, Pine Valley Central School District

Discussion ensued. The Board cast votes for Mr. Gary DeLellis, Mrs. Kathyann Queeno-Lorka, Mr. David Nielsen, Mrs. Nancy Renckens, and Mrs. Nancy Stock. Carried unanimously.

Approved BOCES admin budget

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Eden Central School District, at a public meeting held on April 21, 2015, hereby adopts a resolution approving the 2015-2016 tentative BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of $2,903,664. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved BOCES svc commitment

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2015-2016 Commitment for BOCES Services be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved SEQR process vote

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Process Vote for the $100,000 Capital Outlay Project 2015-2016 be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved adjustment in hours for transportation personnel

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the hours for transportation personnel be adjusted as follows

1. Bus Driver, **Robert Barton** decrease .75 (4.5 to 3.75 hours/day) effective March 25, 2015.
2. Attendant, **Deborah Barton** increase .5 (4 to 4.5 hours/day) effective February 2, 2015.

Carried unanimously.

Approved decommission of tech equipment

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Technology equipment as presented be decommissioned and recycled as necessary. Carried unanimously.

Approved increase in appropriations

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2014-2015 appropriations be increased by **$5,281.80** to **$26,476,740.55** to account for increased revenues. Carried unanimously.

Note: The District received $5,263.00 from the Jr./Sr. High Musical and $18.80 from Great American Fundraising for GLP.

Business report

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

- Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Anzalone will be going to groups in and around the district for budget outreach sessions. A list of locations was provided. The Board was asked to let him know if they thought of anyone else who might like a presentation. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend the budget hearing in the Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria on Tuesday, May 5th at 7 p.m.

Supt. report

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

- Speed Zone Signs have been installed on Schoolview Road. The new speed limit is 25 mph from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Tickets will be issued to drivers exceeding the speed limit. There will be a global connect call to remind people about the new limit, a notice in the April District Newsletter and in local papers.
- Eden Chopper Club was featured on page 32 in Hardtales Magazine. The magazine can be accessed from Google.

- The computer position will probably be reinstated, but scheduling needs to be reviewed before making that decision. The 45 minutes will probably be embedded into data time.
- Andy Spence from BOCES will be interviewing people in the District as to what they do as far as Technology is concerned. He also interviewed the 7th-9th and 10th-12th grade Superintendent Advisory Councils. Mr. Graff will set up interviews for the 5th and 6th graders.

Board report

- Update from Athletics, Physical Education, and Site Utilization Committee – Mr. Campbell reported that this is one of the three committees for the capital project. They have had two meetings so far. This committee also deals with technology, the phone system, security issues, power generation and energy efficiency, masonry issues, mechanical systems, drainage and plumbing. The architects prepared a list of possible improvements in all areas and presented them to the committee. Items were discussed. Some of the more in-depth conversations centered on bus pick up and drop off at the Elementary School. A couple alternatives were presented to change and improve the traffic patterns there. There was discussion about better use of the Jr./Sr. High School upstairs gym space, which is currently used for wrestling and a weight room. Some would like to see it used for physical education classes. Other areas being considered are pool improvements, athletic field renovations, possibly turf, a building near the turf for concessions, locker rooms, maybe a classroom and storage. The goal is to get the maximum building aid ratio. The committee was asked to score the list from 1-3. Sheets will be reviewed by the architects and results will be shared at the APES meeting on Wednesday, April 29th. The APES committee will report to the Board in May.
- Mrs. Anzalone reported that on May 5th, the Facility Advisory Committee will meet. This committee consists of three board members, Paul Shephard, Mike Byrnes and Colin Campbell; the Architect, Shawn Wright, and Project Director, Mike McCarthy from Young & Wright Architecture; Tom Caruso, and Madelyn Murphy, from Campus Construction Management; the Administrative team and Dave Kean, administrative intern. The goal is to take the information coming into the District and make sense of it all and give some scope to the Capital Management Advisor, Ryan Neumeister, to try to lock into some figures to determine if we can go forward with a capital project that could be close to a zero tax impact.

Future dates

- Annual Budget Hearing – Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – 7:00 pm JSHS Cafeteria
- Annual Budget Vote – Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – 9:00 am – 9:00 pm – JSHS Aud Foyer
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, May 20, 2015 – 7:00 pm JSHS Cafeteria.

Entered Executive session

At 8:48 p.m., Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that the Board of Education anticipates entering Executive Session to discuss current litigation, Supervisory Staff Organization Contract, and the employment history of a particular person. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Thomasulo

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District Clerk

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Returned to regular session

At 10:26 p.m., Mr. Byrnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that the Board of Education return to regular session. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Byrnes
Board President

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