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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Scott Henderson, Mrs. Barbara Henry, Mrs. Patricia Krouse, Mr. Paul Shephard. Mr. Michael Byrnes arrived at 7:14 p.m.

ABSENT:

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; Ms. Marisa Fallacaro, Athletic Director; 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

Called to order

At 7:01 p.m., Mr. Breeden called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

From Admin and Staff

- First Grade Astronomy Presentation. Mrs. Chatwood and her students, Mia Scott, Leo Balfe, Kylie Wegrzynowski, Samuel Steward, Caleb Occhino, Trinity Chatwood, Evan Ecker, and Austin Schlegel gave a presentation on Astronomy. Mrs. Chatwood's students explained what they had learned about astronomy. The lesson was enhanced with special effects, such as a video shown on the SMART Board, a "rocket" that she built in the room with the help of her husband and daughter, a "planetarium" and a Star was named for them. Mrs. Carter said she is fortunate to have teachers who have truly embraced the Common Core Learning Standards. They have made very rigorous learning for primary students and made them memorable experiences. She stated that Mrs. Chatwood uses her own money to purchase all the materials and works weekend after weekend to build things for her class and to share with other classes in the building.
- Music Presentation – Mrs. Roberts, Jr./Sr. High School Band Director gave a presentation on Music in Our Schools Month. It is the 30th anniversary of the National Association for Music Education's celebration of Music in Our Schools Month. Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA) is an honor's ensemble, much like ECIC's for sports. Students in 5th through 12th grade can participate. Judges rank the student performances, and the best are selected for the All-County Orchestra Festival at the Elementary, Junior High and Senior High levels. She congratulated students who participated, Alan Henry, Gavin Hill, Alex Bianchi, Erin Carpenter, Lauren Henning,

and Holly Zimmerman. RJ Inserra was a first alternate. The next level is the New York State School Music Association for 7th through 12th grade. It is Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County. Students participate in a solo festival in the Spring and are selected in the Fall. Students selected for this festival perform in November. Gavin Hill, Alex Bianchi, and Erin Carpenter were selected for NYSSMA. The Conference All-State is for 10th and 11th graders. It is a very rigorous process. Students must perform a Level VI solo, which is the highest NYSSMA level. Teachers must complete recommendation forms for the students. They are graded by higher ranked judges according to their instrument. The teachers' recommendations, students' scores, and the rankings go to the State, and the State selects the group. Out of 6,521 auditions, 2,736 were recommended and only 878 were selected. This year, Lauren Henning made symphonic band as an 11th grader. Mrs. Roberts thanked the Board of Education for their support of the Music program.

- Capital Project – Cost Analysis – Mrs. Anzalone introduced Mike McCarthy, Young & Wright Architecture Project Director, Shawn Wright, Young & Wright Architect, and Tom Caruso, Campus Construction. Mr. Caruso reported that Campus and Young & Wright issued a report to the Board of Education and the Administration. Ideas, information and space planning solution contained in the report are conceptual in nature. The costs reflect concepts, but they are based upon real costs from K-12 education work recently completed throughout Western and Central New York. Young & Wright and Campus Construction would like direction from the Board at the meeting tonight on which way they would like to proceed. The summary of conceptual cost estimating was prepared for all five options developed by the Academic Organization Committee. Option 1 – Pre-K-4, 5-8, and 9-12 is the most expensive option at approximately $21 million. It is the most expensive, because you are loading up two buildings with two different programs. The Elementary School becomes the Middle School with required Middle School functions, such as revamping of the kitchen and cafeteria and other rooms. Option 2 – at approximately $10 million, is the least expensive option, because only one grade level would be moved. It would have a Middle School model by moving 6th grade to the Jr./Sr. High School. The other two buildings would keep the existing configurations. There is not a significant amount of work in relationship to the other options. Option 3 – is minimizing the use of GLP and loading up Eden Elementary. The cost is similar to Option 1 at approximately $17 million. There is major work to be done at the 6-12 building. Option 4 – closes GLP. There is a cost associated with decommissioning. It also loads up the other two buildings. Option 4 is estimated at approximately $20 million. Option 5 – leaving all grade levels where they are and doing only necessary repair work and renovations is estimated at $6 million. If the Board wishes to create a 6th grade model and make a plan for the next five to ten years with *GLP, it* makes sense to consider Option 2. Mr. Wright stated that part of each of the options has to do with reconfiguring main offices in order to provide secure entrance ways. Some of the other items will be addressed whether or not any program changes are made – for instance, there is a lack of sufficient power in the GLP classrooms. State Education will flag items they consider health, safety and welfare items. They will compare the work being proposed to that list. If they feel things are left out that should be addressed, they would like you to address those items first and foremost. If you know you have health and safety items, you should address those as part of the capital project. One such item might be air quality in the High School Art and Technology rooms.

Approved capital project option 2

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Byrnes upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Option 2 as presented by the AOC, which would reconfigure the Jr./Sr. High School to a Middle School and a High School and keep the GLP School open with some lease space. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Requested to withdraw items

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

Approved consensus items

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

Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Minutes of the February 25, 2015 Special Board of Education Meeting.

Revenue Budget Status Report for the period ending February 28, 2015.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2015.

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending February 28, 2015 in the amount of **$1,222,746.37**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund portion **$1,160,065.14**, Cafeteria Fund portion **$17,829.47**, Federal Fund portion **$243.89**, and Trust & Agency Fund portion **$44,607.87**.

Extraclassroom Activities Fund Report for the period ending February 28, 2015.

Appropriation Status Report for the period ending February 28, 2015.

Budget Transfers for February 2015.

Claims Auditor Report for January 2015.

Claims Auditor Report for February 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
Jessica Maiorana	PK-12 Teacher	March 19, 2015	SWD CD 1-6
Melissa Ciaravino	PK-12 Teacher	March 19, 2015	SWDB-6 CE1-6
Adam Bitnun	Cleaner	March 19, 2015	None
Brian Heffernan	PK-12 Teacher	March 19, 2015	None."

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. Kathy Klopp, Volunteer GSA Advisor
2. Carrie Hamlett, Volunteer GSA Advisor
3. Diana Bley, Musician – JSHS Musical
4. Phil Rehard, Musician – JSHS Musical
5. Bill Cocca, Musician – JSHS Musical
6. Myles Kifner, Volunteer Musician – JSHS Musical
7. Brendan Beiersdorfer, Volunteer Musician – JSHS Musical
8. Phil Bley, Volunteer Musician – JSHS Musical
9. Alaina Cruise, Volunteer Musician – JSHS Musical
10. Samantha Cappola, JV Cheerleading Coach - Winter
11. Matt Haier, Boys Modified Baseball Coach

All consensus items IV. A-M carried unanimously.

Comments

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Campbell asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

Appointed election inspectors

Mr. Campbell 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** and **Mrs. Marion Phelan** be appointed as inspectors for the Annual Meeting and Budget Vote on May 19, 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 May 19, 2015 with individuals from the Board of Elections Inspector Personnel List. Carried unanimously.

Recalled Aide – S. Keefe

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Sara Keefe** be recalled as a Teacher Aide effective February 10, 2015. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a substitute aide position for one full day, effective March 13, 2015 to assist with a special needs student be created and **Sandra Pintabona** be approved to fill the position. This is a one-day appointment. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Appointed one day sub Aide — S. Pintabona

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the legal notice for the Annual District Meeting and Vote be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved legal notice

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be nominated for the BOCES Board of Education: Gary DeLellis, Thomas Fenton, Nancy Renckens, Nancy Stock, and David Nielsen. Carried unanimously.

Nominated BOCES Board candidates

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Wind Ensemble and Orchestra overnight field trip to Cleveland, OH May 15-18, 2015 be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved WE & O trip

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the FBLA overnight field trip to Rochester, NY to attend the State Leadership Conference April 15-17, 2015 be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved FBLA trip

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Technology Club overnight field trip to the Donnie Smith Chopper Challenge in St. Paul, MN March 26-30, 2015 be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved Tech trip

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Model UN overnight field trip to the St. Bonaventure Model UN Competition March 20-21, 2015 be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved Model UN trip

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the attached resolution be approved authorizing Eden Central School District to participate with other school districts in Erie 2 BOCES in the joint bidding of items listed on the attachment. Carried unanimously.

Approved resolution for co-op. bidding

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Eden Elementary Library books as presented be excessed and disposed of as the District deems necessary. Carried unanimously.

Approved excessing of EE library books

Approved increase in appropriations

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2014-2015 appropriations be increased by **$1,727.71 to $26,471,458.75** to account for increased revenues. Carried unanimously.

Note: The District received $150 from NARL Assoc College Adm. Counsel for JSHS Guidance; $540 from Elementary field trip donations for Eden Elementary; $65.46 from Target for Eden Elementary; $840 from Tae Kwon Do for GLP; $32.25 from Target for GLP; $100 from the Sam Family for GLP classroom supplies.

Business report

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

- Budget – We had a Budget Advisory Team Meeting prior to the Board Meeting. There was a question regarding athletics. The question was about eliminating JV sports teams and which teams would be eliminated. Ms. Fallacaro stated the teams in question were JV Girls Field Hockey, JV Girls Soccer, JV Boys Soccer, JV Girls Volleyball, JV Boys Volleyball, Modified Football, JV Girls Basketball, JV Boys Basketball, JV Softball, JV Baseball, JV Girls Lacrosse, JV Boys Lacrosse. This equates to a rough savings of about $50,000. Most team sports would be left with two levels – Modified and Varsity. Some smaller schools are on-board for certain sports for a 7-8-9 Modified model. Some will stay at 7-8. Softball and baseball are 7-8-9 in five schools. Some districts are interested in doing a 7-8-9 for Girls Soccer next year. Some are interested in it for Girls Volleyball, but not for Boys Volleyball. Eden is considering these changes due to budget. Other districts are doing this for enrollment reasons. JFK, Lackawanna, Tonawanda, Cleve-Hill are looking at options. Change is difficult, because there are by-laws for the State, Section and ECIC's. Selective classifications have been changed by NYS. There are now more difficult mandates that a 7th or 8th grader must pass to move up to the JV or Varsity level. Fewer students would have to be cut from sports using the Modified and Varsity programs than the JV, Varsity programs. Sharing sports with other schools would have some drawbacks, such as the District could be moved up to A School status depending on numbers. Eden could not compete with A schools. Mr. Campbell suggested thinking about keeping everything for now, until we go through the more strategic process. He felt that options may be lost by deciding too soon. Mr. Breeden felt that the small sports teams would be the ones that suffer. Ms. Fallacaro does not want to cut a whole sport for fear of not being able to get those athletes back in the future. She cannot ask for athletics to be saved at the expense of curriculum.
- Budget Adoption Dates – There are two options for a budget adoption, April 7th or April 21st. A decision on budget cuts must be made. Hopefully, information about State Aid will be available by April 7th. Even if the State does not adopt the budget on time, the school district *must* adopt a budget by April 22nd. If the State budget is adopted on

time, it is possible that we may be able to add some items back into the budget. Mrs. Anzalone asked the Board to consider whether they wanted to use some of the fund balance and reserves again this year. Mr. Byrnes stated that he was ok with that, but once the State aid numbers are available, he anticipated that the District would get an additional $160,000 and suggested that a portion of that would go to restore some of the cuts that impact the students, and a portion would go back into reserves. Mr. Murphy agreed that perhaps $100,000 could go towards cuts and $60,000 could go back into reserves. Mr. Shephard agreed.

- May 5th is the Budget Hearing at 7 p.m.
- May 19th is the Budget vote.

Supt. report

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

- Update from the Infrastructure, Technology, Building Conditions Committee. About 24 people attended the ITBC meeting on March 14th. Shawn Wright, Mike McCarthy, and Jeff, plus another engineer were at the meeting to go over the building condition survey. SED requires a building condition survey every five years. Shawn Wright has offered for tours of the buildings if there are areas people would like to see. We are trying to build a long-term plan over time.
- Community Forum Update was also held on March 14th. The Power Point presentation is posted to the web-site.
- A huge thank you to the ETA and PTA for organizing the rally today. It was a very good turnout.

Board report

- Mrs. Krouse asked Liz Karstedt to talk about the State Cheerleading Competition. Liz Karstedt reported that Eden took third place out of seventeen teams at the State Competition in Rochester. Cheerleading is now considered a sport in New York State. Ms. Fallacaro said that although this is the first year it was considered a sport, nothing needed to be changed, because Eden has always treated cheerleading as a sport.
- Mr. Byrnes thanked Carol King and Colleen Kot for the invitation to participate in the rally.

Future dates

- Budget Advisory Team Meeting – Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – 5:45 p.m. JSHS Cafeteria.
- Special Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – JSHS Cafeteria.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. JSHS Cafeteria.

Entered executive session

At 8:41 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that the Board of Education anticipates entering Executive Session to discuss Staff Supervisory Organization contract negotiations, 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 9:40 p.m., Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that the Board of Education return to regular session. Carried unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Byrnes
Board President

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