BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
DECEMBER 17, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. Michael Byrnes, Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Scott Henderson, Mrs. Barbara Henry, Mrs. Patricia Krouse, Mr. Paul Shephard
ABSENT:	
OFFICIALS PRESENT:	Mrs. Sandy Anzalone, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Finance; Mrs. Barbara Thomasulo, District Clerk
ALSO PRESENT:	Mrs. Loran Carter, GLP Principal; Mr. Jeff Cervoni, JSHS 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 7:04 p.m., Mr. Byrnes called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation to the BOE

- Mrs. LaRosa introduced the third grade teachers. Tiffany Kwas, Terri Blasz and Christine McTigue showed a movie of their students in an expeditionary learning environment where the students were to read and talk with their peers about the subject they were studying.
- Mrs. Anzalone congratulated Amy Steger, who was granted National Teacher Certification. Only about 1,600 out of 10,000-12,000 New York State teachers who apply receive this recognition.
- Ms. Fallacaro discussed the resolution to combine with North Collins for football for the 2015-2016 school year. Sharing sports with other schools is not always feasible due to team size, but it does work for Eden football. It's possible that field hockey could be combined, but it would probably push us up to A School status due to BEDS numbers. Golf is a possibility. North Collins offered a trial for bowling, but we are not interested in combining that. This will be discussed further during budget season.

Request 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 Mrs. Henry that the following consensus items be approved as listed in the Administrative Memorandum (#IV. A.-M.):

Revenue Budget Status Report for the period ending November 30, 2014.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2014.

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending November 30, 2014 in the amount of **$1,040,520.33**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund portion **$1,002,491.14** and Trust & Agency Fund portion **$38,029.19**.

Extraclassroom Activities Fund Report for the period ending November 30, 2014.

Appropriation Status Report for the period ending November 30, 2014.

Budget Transfers for November 2014.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

Claims Auditor Report for October 2014.

Claims Auditor Report for November 2014.

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
Hailee Herc	PK-12 T, HI	December 18, 2014	SS 7-12

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. Mary Banko, Sporting Event Worker
2. Chris Naughton, Sporting Event Worker

An unpaid medical leave of absence be granted to **Linda Christ** effective December 12, 2014 through approximately February 6, 2015.

A child-bearing leave of absence be granted to **Marisa Kanick** effective approximately May 26, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

All consensus items V. A-M carried unanimously.

At 7:32 p.m., Mr. Byrnes asked for comments from the public.

Comments

- Bob Weisedel spoke in favor of the Veterans' Tax Exemption. He added that Post 880 is a major supporter in Eden and will continue to support the community. Post 880 donates to several different organizations. He believes veterans deserve the school tax exemption.
- Mike Best, bus driver, spoke regarding the current deteriorating condition of the buses. He spoke out against outsourcing transportation services. Despite some drama and attitude at the bus garage, the drivers treat the students like they would their own kids.

Approved Veterans' Tax Exemption at Level C

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry to adopt a resolution pursuant to New York State Real Property Laws Section 458-A to allow certain veterans in the Armed Forces of the United States to be eligible for partial tax exemptions in the manner and to the extent provided by State Law equivalent to the Veterans' Exemption Cap Level C; $6,000 /$4,000 ($10,000 combined) / $20,000. Discussion ensued. Mr. Campbell voted yes, Mrs. Henry voted yes, Mr. Breeden voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes. Mr. Shephard voted no, Mrs. Krouse voted no, Mr. Byrnes voted no. Motion passed.

Accepted resignation – Sr. Clerk Steno, Judy Ludwig

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Senior Clerk Stenographer, **Judith Ludwig**, be accepted effective February 9, 2015. The Board and Administration wish to thank Mrs. Ludwig for her 38½ years of service to the District. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved Standard Work Day Resolution

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for the Treasurer be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Accepted donation of Kitchen Aid mixer

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a donation of a Kitchen Aid Stand Mixer with all the attachments for use in the Jr./Sr. High School Family and Consumer Science Class, valued at $200.00 be accepted from Michelle Berne. Carried unanimously.

Accepted donation of Kitchen Aid mixers

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a donation of a red Kitchen Aid Stand Mixer and a silver Artisan Kitchen Aid stand mixer, both with all the attachments, plus microfiber towels and washrags, valued at $750 be accepted from Paula Farrell. Carried unanimously.

Approved athletics sharing agreement

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Interscholastic Athletics Sharing Agreement combining Eden and North Collins football be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved increase in appropriations

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2014-2015 appropriations be increased by **$6,861.86 to $26,464,259.97** to account for increased revenues. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Note: The District received $50.90 from TLC West for the UPK Playground; $295.96 from the Food Class for a field trip; $166.00 from Varsity Club for Cross Country officials; and $6,349.00 from the Booster Club for Volleyball officials.

Business report

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

- Thank you to the members of the Budget Advisory Team (BAT). The first BAT meeting was prior to the Board Meeting. The group looked at what went well last year, some potential changes for this year, and basic information was reviewed.
- Transportation – At the last meeting, the Board asked what the cost of a contracted bus would be. Fisher was at $50,000 per contracted bus and Orchard Park was at $49,000. The cost of the driver and maintenance for buses would be included. Mr. Shephard suggested investigating districts that have switched, because some people at Pioneer are not happy with the bus contract due to scheduling of field trips and sporting events. There have been problems with drivers not showing up on time for trips and unfamiliarity with where they are going for sporting events. After you excess your fleet, you are at the mercy of the company you are contracted with. Mr. Murphy suggested having a presentation to the Board by some bus companies. The District needs to look at what the options are. John O'Connor is in charge of transportation services at Erie 2. Several companies presented at the ASBO meeting. Mr. Breeden asked about delaying the start time at the high school. More buses would be needed to do a single run. Money would be saved on mileage. It would cause the school day to end later, which would bump into sports. Many older students are responsible for babysitting younger siblings, which has caused some angst.
- BOCES Capital Project – The BOCES buildings are aging. For the past two years, they have done some stop/gap measures. For Eden, it amounted to about $40,000 each year. They are looking at a larger, $24 million project, which would take care of health and safety items. If approved, financing and debt service payments in our annual budget would begin around 2018. BOCES personnel may visit here to discuss the project, which would include Carrier, Hewes, LoGuidice and Ormsby. There will be no impact on the coming year's budget. Mr. Breeden asked if it was possible that BOCES could rent space from Eden, rather than sinking money into their buildings. BOCES does currently rent rooms from us. The overhead of having some of the specialized programs in our own district is too expensive, so there will always be a need for these centralized locations.

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following: **Supt. report**

- The administrative council and the ETA executive council have been discussing a plan for early go home due to weather. If buses can't get to a home or parents are not there, then the buses come back to all three buildings. We are trying to come up with a plan that would be having one building open – possibly the Elementary School – closer to the Boys & Girls Club or Tim Horton's and looking for volunteers to stay in case they are needed.
- Superintendent Advisory Council is made up of students in grades 7-9 and 10-12. The students in grades 7-9 have offered to create games and look for volunteer students who would agree to stay and work with kids. There was a question regarding the quality of the cafeteria food. Miss Menkiena met with the older students and has started to create a survey that will be given to all the students in the district in terms of the amount and quality of food, and the difference between before and now. Some of the changes were based on federal regulation changes. The 7^{th} – 9^{th} graders scored the food lower than the 10^{th} – 12^{th} graders. Mr. Breeden stated that at the federal level, a bill was just passed to allow for more carbohydrates and a little more flexibility for the schools. Mr. Shephard said that Preferred Meals would buy as much as they could at the local level. He sampled some of their food at a conference and thought it wasn't too bad. They are willing to come here again to present some samples and if contracted, they would try to keep the same personnel we currently use for their staff. Currently, students can buy a second entrée, but not a double lunch for the same price, because it is subsidized.
- P-Tech – Information flyers will be sent to 7^{th} and 8^{th} graders. The P-Tech initiative is to help younger students who may be at risk to focus on something they are passionate about - mechanical, engineering, etc. The P-Tech program would take them on to their Associate's Degree. An informational meeting for parents, students and staff will be held in January about what the program means and how to apply for the grant.
- Capital Project – Invitations to join the three committees for the capital project have gone out – Academic Organization, Site Utilization and Athletics, and Technology and Infrastructure. The goal is a December 2015 referendum. Health and safety must be addressed. Masonry work, location of offices, and electrical work would all fall under health and safety. Academics and technology and other issues would also be addressed. It is hoped that the Board will make a decision at one of the March 2015 meetings regarding whether the 6^{th} grade continues to be taught at Eden Elementary School or if a Middle and High School should be created and what the architects would need to do to make that happen. Regarding GLP, should it be kept as is, used for Pre-K-2, offices, district space, and wrap-around Pre-K, or sold? Those decisions will impact everything else. The kick-off meeting will be January 7^{th}.

Future dates

- Budget Advisory Team Meeting – Wednesday, January 21, 2015 @ 5:45 p.m. Jr./Sr. HS Cafeteria
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, January 21, 2015 @ 7 p.m. Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria

Executive session

At 8:26 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss a matter identifying a disabled student, which is made confidential by federal law, the employment history of a particular person(s), ETA Contract matter and possible litigation. Mr. Byrnes added the Superintendent's Contract and the motion was amended by Mr. Campbell and re-seconded by Mr. Shephard. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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District Clerk

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Regular session

At 10:33 p.m., Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell to return to regular session. Carried unanimously.

Approved health insur.

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry to approve health insurance for Cathleen Dobson effective July 1, 2015. The District share will be 89% for 2015-16, 87% for 2016-17, 87% for 2017-18 and 85% beginning June 30, 2018. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Byrnes
Board President

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