Board of Education Meeting
Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria
October 15, 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, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Ms. Marisa Fallacaro, Athletic Director; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology

Called to order

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

Presentation to the BOE

Abby and Emma LaVerdi presented cards and posters made by GLP and Eden Elementary students to the Board of Education members in recognition of New York State School Board Week.

From delegates -Audit report

Audit Presentation – Drescher & Malecki. Nicole Ruf and Matthew Montalbo from Drescher & Malecki met with the audit committee prior to the Board of Education meeting. Ms. Ruf stated that the District received an unmodified, clean opinion, which is the highest available. The management letter indicated there were no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies. The Extraclassroom Report received an unmodified opinion. The general fund was very stable over the past five years. The unrestricted fund balance is maintained at less than 4%, therefore in compliance. The school lunch fund has been analyzed for the past three years. Decreases in fund balance for the School Lunch fund are due to total expenditures consistently exceeding total revenues in the fund. It was recommended that the District carefully monitor the School Lunch Fund's position to prevent further deterioration. The District should develop both a short-term and long-term plan to enhance the fund's future position. The plan should pursue potential cost-cutting and/or revenue enhancing options.

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

Minutes of the September 17, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

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

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending September 30, 2014 in the amount of **$510,317.64**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund portion **$494,316.64** and Federal Fund portion **$16,001.00**.

ACH/Wire Transfer Warrant for the period ending September 30, 2014 in the amount of **$500.00**. This warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund (other) portion $500.00.

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

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

Budget Transfers for September 2014.

Claims Auditor Report for August 2014.

Claims Auditor Report for September 2014.

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
Melissa Russillo	T, TA	October 16, 2014	None
Patricia Allen	PK-12 T	October 16, 2014	Sp Ed. N-6

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. **Joel Henning**, HS Musical Set Designer
2. **Jackie Gould**, HS Musical Choral Director
3. **Susan Wilhelm**, Apex Advisor
4. **Corrine Nelsen,** Homework Club Advisor
5. **Randy Perison**, Sporting Event Worker
6. **Susan Gianiodis**, Sporting Event Worker
7. **Darlene Smith**, Sporting Event Worker

8. **Jennifer Tylock**, Sporting Event Worker
9. **Courtney Hanania**, Sporting Event Worker

All consensus items V. A-M carried unanimously.

At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Byrnes asked for comments from the public. **Comments**

- Mr. Don Loretto asked for an advanced copy of what would be published regarding the non-binding referendum vote. He also stated that he would like to have input for what goes in the resolution. Mr. Campbell suggested he submit something to him, and he would look at it.
- Mr. Burns asked how the District would make sure everyone knows to vote. He suggested that something be mailed to every home in the District.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Extended Leave Substitute Teacher, **Sheila Sickau**, be accepted effective September 22, 2014. The Board of Education and Administration wish to thank Ms. Sickau for her service to the District. Carried unanimously. **Accepted resignation – ELS teacher – S. Sickau**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Kara Korhummel**, who is initially certified in Students with Disabilities B-6 and Childhood Education B-6, be appointed as an Extended Leave Substitute Elementary Teacher to replace Katherine Musso effective September 22, 2014 through approximately November 30, 2014. **Salary is $120.24 per day**. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously. **Appointed ELS teacher – K. Korhummel**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Brian Smith**, who is professionally certified in Technology Education be appointed as a .34 FTE Technology Teacher. Salary is based upon **ETA Contract, Master's, Step 1**, effective September 24, 2014. Discussion ensued. The motion was amended to appoint Mr. Smith as a .33 FTE Technology Teacher. Carried unanimously. **Appointed PT tech teacher – B. Smith**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Kristyn Bermingham** be appointed as an Extended Leave Substitute Guidance Counselor effective September 1, 2014 and ending approximately October 14, 2014 or upon the return of Mrs. Banks. **Salary will be $95 per day**. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously. **Appointed ELS counselor – K. Bermingham**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Judy Gustas-Stoj** be recalled to her position as a Bus Attendant for the 2014-2015 school year effective September 4, 2014. Carried unanimously. **Recall bus attendant – J. Gustas-Stoj**

Increased lunch monitor hours

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the hours for the Jr./Sr. High School lunch monitors, **Penny Chapman** and **Deanne Glendenning** be increased by 10 minutes per day each effective September 3, 2014. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Increased art teacher hours

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the hours for Art Teacher, **Amy McConeghy Witman** be increased from .70 FTE to .74 FTE effective September 2, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Note: This is due to the addition of a self-contained Special Education classroom at Eden Elementary School.

Adjusted transportation personnel hours

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the hours for transportation personnel be adjusted effective October 16, 2014 as follows:

1. **Leon Granger** – decrease by .75 hours
2. **Patty Bogue** – decrease by .50 hours
3. **Susan Pratt** – increase by .25 hours
4. **Dawn Preischel** – increase by .25 hours

Carried unanimously.

Approved audit report

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the external audit report prepared by Drescher & Malecki be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Excessed playground equipment

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, GLP playground equipment be deemed excessed and disposed of as the District deems necessary. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Excessed books

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, books from Eden Elementary and Eden Jr./Sr. High School be deemed excessed and disposed of as the District deems necessary. Carried unanimously.

Excessed scoreboard and shot clocks

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, existing Daktronics scoreboard and two shot clocks be deemed excessed and disposed of as the District deems necessary. Carried unanimously.

Accepted donation of mixer

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a donation of a new, professional model Kitchen Aid mixer with fabric cover and a set of microfiber towels and wash rags be accepted from Paula Farrell. The value of these items is approximately $450. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following items, including installation (11/16 & 11/17), be accepted from the Eden All Sports Booster Club:

Accepted donation of scoreboard and shot clocks

1. Main gymnasium scoreboard – Daktronics BB-2103-AR-PV-120-F, 6' H x 8' W, includes All-Sport 5000 control console and case, includes mesh wire screen to protect.
2. Secondary scoreboard – Daktronics BB-2103-AR-PV-120-F, 4'H x 8' W.
3. Pair of shot clocks with protective screen – BB-2114-R-PV-120

Upgrade all four with Uniview LED digits. Total value is $18,735.00. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Girls' Volleyball Overnight Trip to the Horseheads Tournament of Champions October 17-18, 2014 be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved girls volleyball overnight trip

Note: There will be no transportation costs, as parents will be transporting their own children.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2014-2015 appropriations be increased by $29,515.71 to $26,445,617.14 to account for increased revenues. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved increase in appropriations

Note: The District received $25,000 from the Eden Co-op for the GLP playground; $2,621.22 from the PTA for the GLP playground; $861.85 from PTA for GLP field trips; $85.62 from Target for GLP; $94.16 from Tops in Education for GLP; $289.20 from Target for Eden Elementary; $197.92 from Tops in Education for Eden Elementary; $130.08 from Tops in Education for Eden Jr./Sr. High School; and $235.66 from Legal Studies for field trip.

From admin & staff

- Mrs. Susan Wilhelm gave a presentation on the Learning Lab. The Learning Lab was started as a way to support student academics. It is staffed with teachers throughout the day. Students are pulled from lunches and study halls. It is fully functional. Core subjects are separated into sections. Usually, there is a teacher available for each subject. The Learning Lab averages about 70 students per day. It is used for help with homework and reinforcing concepts. It is a quiet place to read, research and/or make up tests. Student, Tara Marshall, praised the Learning Lab as a good environment to keep on task and focused. Jenna Jacobs said there is easy access for Castle Learning with patient teachers willing to help. Mrs. Wilhelm thanked the teachers who were willing to move their schedules around to help the students.
- Mrs. Ramaekers and Mrs. Wilhelm gave a presentation on Career Day. There were four half hour sessions – General Session, Wellness Session, Career Fair and Workshops – with over 100 presenters. Suggested

courses accompanied each of the career options, so students would be aware of what classes they should pursue. A video, "You Can Change the World," was shown. Each classroom represented a career cluster with over 80 professionals. Mrs. Ramaekers and Mrs. Wilhelm thanked the PTA for sponsoring a breakfast provided by Personal Touch for the presenters, Mr. Cervoni, Miss Menkiena, Eden Teachers, Ember students for taking pictures, and FBLA for greeting and assisting the presenters.

Business report

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

- There will be a hearing for the non-binding referendum vote on November 19, 2014 in the JSHS Auditorium at 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting, which will be in the Cafeteria. A representative from the Erie County Real Property Tax Service will be present.
- Mr. Murphy spoke with elected officials about the Gap Elimination Adjustment, which will continue this year. NYS has withheld over seven million dollars in state aid from the Eden School District since 2009. Despite the fact that they have balanced their budget, they are still taking money from school districts. Families with children under age 17 received a refund in the amount of $350, but $678 is the amount per student that was withheld. Mr. Murphy said that with the budget season approaching, taxpayers should talk to their elected officials. Elected officials' addresses and phone numbers are on our web-site.

Supt. report

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

- School Board Recognition Week is October 27-31, 2014. Grades 7-12 will be presenting something to the Board at the November meeting.
- Two sports teams folded this season. JV girls' soccer and JV football due to injuries and academic ineligibility. Enrollment has steadily decreased, and there are not enough kids on these teams to keep them going. This year's senior class is 140, and this year's Kindergarten class is only about 80. Fewer students equals less money. It is predicted that enrollment will grow again, eventually.
- Proposed capital project – Focus groups are being formed to discuss a possible capital project – 1) Health & Safety; 2) Instruction – Middle School Concept; 3) Athletics. Each focus group will report to the steering committee. One focus group will look at four options for GLP – close, sell, lease, keep as is (keep as is and re-purpose) and what could be done with a building in the middle of our campus. The Athletics focus group could look at turf, the need for an athletic complex, a fitness center, and physical education space. One gym could double at night as a fitness center. It is anticipated that meetings would begin in late November, with a possible vote on a capital project next November or December. A building condition survey, which is required every five years, is underway. Findings will be presented to the Board of Education.

- Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, November 19, 2014 – at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria. There will be a hearing for a Non-binding referendum vote on the Veterans' Tax Exemption at 5:45 p.m. in the Auditorium prior to the board meeting. **Future dates**

Executive session

At 8:23 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss ETA contract negotiations. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Thomasulo
District Clerk

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Regular session

At 9:32 p.m., Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell to return to regular session. Carried unanimously.

Conversation

The Board engaged in conversation about soccer at Tonawanda and putting a notice, a link and a resolution on the web-site about the Veterans' Tax Exemption.

Approved postcard mailing for VTE

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry to send postcards out to residents of Eden School District regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption Non-Binding Resolution and Public Hearing not to exceed $2,500. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Byrnes
Board President

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