

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Byrnes, Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Scott Henderson, Mrs. Patricia Krouse, Mr. Paul Shephard

ABSENT: Mrs. Barbara Henry

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; Mr. Marc Graff, Eden Elementary Principal; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology; Mrs. Kelly LaRosa, Director of Curriculum; Mr. David Martin, Director of Facilities; Ms. Patricia Menkiena, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal.

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Byrnes called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Called to
order**

Mrs. Anzalone reported these "Good News" items:

Good News

- ◆ Grade 6 Math Assessments - Mr. Graff recognized Claire Blandino and Tyler Gemza for achieving perfect scores on the Grade 6 New York State Math Assessment Exam.
- ◆ Eden was named PTA Western Region Outstanding Unit and won the National School of Excellence Award for Eden Elementary. Tiffany Kwas, past President thanked the many people who were instrumental in supporting her visions and making the award possible.

Mrs. LaRosa gave a presentation on teaching standards – comparing Common Core to the old standards. The Common Core Learning Standards initiative is a state led effort coordinated by the National Governors' Association for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare children for college and the workforce. They were designed to be built on strengths of previous standards-focused, rigorous, evidence and research based. Unlike traditional standards, Common Core Standards are structured to be easier to understand and remember. They are well coordinated and connected.

**From
administration
and staff**

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

**Request to
withdraw
items**

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

**Approved
consensus
items**

Minutes of the August 6, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting.

Minutes of the August 20, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2014.

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending August 31, 2014 in the amount of **\$383,130.01**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: **General Fund portion \$346,186.01** and **Trust & Agency Fund portion \$36,944.00**.

Accounts Payable Warrant for the period ending August 31, 2014 in the amount of **\$39,168.63**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: **General Fund portion \$28,283.33** and **Federal Fund portion \$10,885.30**.

ACH/Wire Transfer Warrant for the period ending August 31, 2014 in the amount of **\$123,028.13**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: **General Fund (Debt Service) portion \$122,028.13** and **General Fund (other) portion \$1,000.00**.

Extracurricular Activities Fund Report for the period ending August 31, 2014.

Appropriation Status Report for the period ending August 31, 2014.

Budget Transfers for August 2014.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

Claims Auditor Report for July 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Casey Orth	PK-6 Teacher	September 18, 2014	None
Rachel Kull	PK-12 Teacher	September 18, 2014	SS 7-12
Michelle Stocksclaeder	PK-12 Teacher	September 18, 2014	Music
Eric Schultz	7-12 Teacher	September 8, 2014	Science
Robin Ralph	Cleaner	September 18, 2014	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:

Chris Archabald, boys JV soccer coach
 Brian Smith, boys modified assistant football coach
 Jason Gleason, girls JV volleyball coach
 Fred Sickau, boys modified volleyball coach
 Samantha Cappola, cheerleading volunteer

Approved Policy #7440 Musical Instruments.

All consensus items V. A-M carried unanimously.

At 7:33 p.m., Mr. Byrnes asked for comments from the public.

Comments

- ◆ Carrie Jacobs, parent, stated she is concerned with the transportation changes this year; specifically, the safety of crossing Schoolview. She thanked Mrs. Anzalone for asking that the speed limit be reduced. She is also concerned about snow issues and unplowed sidewalks, which will force kids to walk in the street, and that there are more cars on the road today. No child's life is worth the money saved by cutting transportation.
- ◆ Bob Pietrocarlo, parent, also has concerns about transportation. He appreciates that there is a central pick up location, so the students do not have to walk. The house at Weller and Cobblestone Court has stakes in the grass, forcing about 15 students to wait in the road. The parents who drop their students at the stop must park in the road. Weller is a busy street in the morning. The area parents proposed that it would be safer to have a school bus travel down Cobblestone, pick up 15 or 20 students at the corner of Cherry and Cobblestone, proceed down Cherry Lane, come up Weller, make a right hand turn on Weller, and make a left hand turn on Merrill, picking up kids at a central location, then coming down Merrill, making a right hand turn and then proceeding to the school. Mr. Breeden pointed out that there is a blind curve on Weller. Mr. Byrnes said the Board will look into it.
- ◆ Greg Ecker, parent, re-emphasized what was said about the children's safety. The snowplow leaves big piles of snow on the corner of Weller and Cobblestone, which will make it difficult for students to wait there.
- ◆ Andrea Reed, parent, would appreciate a proper bus route for all the students to be safe.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Part-time Science Teacher, **Steven Dillsworth**, be accepted effective September 8, 2014. The Board of Education and Administration wish to thank Mr. Dillsworth for his service to the District. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

**Accepted
 resignation –
 Science
 Teacher, S.
 Dillsworth**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Bus Driver, **Gladys Kern**, be accepted effective September 5, 2014. The Board of Education and Administration wish to thank Mrs. Kern for her 36 years of service to the District. Carried unanimously.

**Accepted
 resignation –
 Bus Driver,
 G. Kern**

- Appointed ELS PK Teacher – T. Congilosi** Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Tammy Congilosi**, who is permanently certified as an N-6 Teacher, be appointed as an Extended Leave Substitute Pre-K Teacher to replace Margaret Cuddihy effective October 24, 2014 through approximately December 8, 2014. **Salary is \$95 per day.** Carried unanimously.
- Appointed PT Science Teacher – E. Schultz** Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Eric Schultz**, who is permanently certified in Biology & General Science 7-12, Earth Science 7-12 and Chemistry 7-12 be appointed as a Part-time Science Teacher (.33 FTE) effective September 8, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Salary is based upon **ETA Contract, Master's, Step 1.** Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.
- Approved district goals** Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2014-2015 District Goals be adopted. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.
- Approved increase in PE hours – A. Francisco** Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Amie Francisco's hours as a Physical Education Teacher be increased by .04 FTE to .85 FTE. Carried unanimously.
- Approved transportation route changes** Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the route/hour changes for transportation personnel be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.
- Approved excessing of sheet music** Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, sheet music from the Eden Elementary School Music Library that is outdated and beyond its useful life be excessed. Carried unanimously.
- From admin & staff**
- ◆ Update on GLP/EE Morning Program – Marisa Fallacaro gave a brief overview of the K-6 morning program for students, which is being run through Continuing Education in the Elementary School gym. The program is supervised by one of the physical education teachers each morning. The program consists of low impact activities daily. Kindergarten through second grade students are then walked to the bus and transported to GLP. The cost is \$7.00 per day.
 - ◆ Safety Meeting Committee Presentation – David Martin thanked all the employees who worked through the summer preparing for a new school year. He reviewed the emergency drill held on May 28th 2014. The District and the Town of Eden Emergency Services personnel conducted a district-wide emergency drill. The drill was videotaped by students in Mr. Jones media production class. The details of the drill were not shared with everyone in order to make it more realistic. No students were put in harm's way. Students and staff at all

buildings followed the emergency procedures extremely well, given the information they observed and heard as the drill progressed. In anticipation of the next drill, meetings are being scheduled with local officials and drill participants to review the shortcomings, such as communication, and to develop better plans to address future incidents.

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

**Business
report**

- ◆ Update on BAT Schedule – Mr. Murphy reviewed the Budget Advisory Team schedule for 2014-2015. Meetings will commence in December. As the end of the budget season approaches, more meetings may need to be added. There will also be two community forums again this year.
- ◆ Mrs. Anzalone added that the meetings are open for the community to attend and listen. Meetings begin at 5:45 p.m.
- ◆ The Smart Schools Initiative will be on the November ballot. It is a multibillion dollar referendum to increase Technology. It would mean an additional \$958,000 for Eden. The symposium from the Governor's office did not address specifics as to what would be required, plan recommendations, or when a plan would be due.

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

Supt. report

- ◆ Update on Real Property Tax Law Section 458a Resolution – the resolution was signed by the Board and sent to NYSCOSS, NYSSBA, District Superintendents, RSA, ECASB and the Governor. NYSSBA thanked the district and said they would use it as a model for other districts.
- ◆ Opening of School – Everyone was excited to see the students return. This summer was short. There was much to do. Mrs. Anzalone thanked everyone who stepped it up to make sure classrooms were cleaned and thanked those who worked on the sidewalk in front of the high school.
- ◆ Enrollment – The school year began with about 1,508 students. For 2012-13, there were about 1,611. We lost approximately 40-50 students per year for the past four or five years. The current projection for next year is about 1,453 students. Mr. Murphy added that fewer students equates to less state aid. The decrease in state aid puts more pressure on the District. The tax levy can only be raised by the tax cap. It affects capital project aid, building aid, transportation aid, and instructional aid.
- ◆ Mrs. Anzalone thanked Mr. Cooper and the Eden Athletic Association for the donation of dirt for the baseball and softball diamonds. There is a pending donation from the All Sports Booster Club for two scoreboards in the Jr./Sr. High School main gym and two shock clocks, valued at approximately \$16,000, including installation around December 1st.
- ◆ GLP will be installing a new community driven Pre-K playground. Donations were received from the Eden Co-op, Eden Community

Foundation and the PTA. The official build date is Saturday, November 1st from 8 am until 10 pm. The current playground is closed and will be torn down. The playground will have an Eden Community theme. Flyers will be going out to invite community members to help build the new playground.

Board report ♦ Veterans' Tax Exemption – Mr. Byrnes asked if the Board felt comfortable going forward with a non-binding referendum vote. Mr. Shephard made a statement that he is able to vote on the Veterans' Tax Exemption, even though he was in the Air Force for almost ten years, and he is a Veteran. After checking with the attorney, there is no conflict of interest. He went on to motion the following:

Approved non-binding referendum vote Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Krouse that on December 9th, we go to a non-binding referendum with the levels 18, 30 and 60. Discussion ensued. Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Breeden, Mr. Henderson, Mrs. Krouse, Mr. Shephard voted yes. Mr. Campbell opposed. Motion carried.

Future dates ♦ Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2014 – at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria. There will be an audit committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to the board meeting.

Executive session At 8:49 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations with the ETA and the employment history of a particular person(s). Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Thomasulo
District Clerk

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Regular session At 10:22 p.m., Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden to return to regular session. Carried unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Byrnes
Board President

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