

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
AUGUST 6, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Byrnes, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mrs. Barbara Henry, Mr. Paul Shephard

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Scott Henderson, Mrs. Patricia Krouse

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Marisa Fallacaro, Athletic Director; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology

At 6:08 p.m., Mrs. Thomasulo called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Called to
order**

Mrs. Thomasulo asked for nominations for a temporary chairperson for the meeting. Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry, to nominate Mr. Campbell as temporary chairperson. Carried unanimously. Mr. Campbell acted as Chairperson.

**Mr.
Campbell
nominated
Chairperson**

At 6:09 p.m., Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that the Board of Education will enter Executive Session to discuss the Confidential Employees Agreements and an interview with an Architectural Firm. Carried unanimously.

**Entered
executive
session**

At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry to return to regular session. Carried unanimously.

**Regular
session**

- ♦ Marisa Fallacaro thanked the Board of Education for allowing the use of school grounds during Corn Festival. District sports teams earned about \$23,000 in four days. Fourteen teams participated with parents and students helping to park cars. The money will be divided between the teams. Softball will use their portion for tournaments. Two teams will use the money for new uniforms.

Comments

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following summer bus drivers be accepted:

Marg Skura - effective July 18, 2014

Cynthia Rankus - effective July 25, 2014

Carried unanimously.

**Accepted
resignations
– summer
drivers**

**Appointed
summer
transportation
personnel**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following be appointed as summer school transportation personnel:

Patricia Bogue – Bus Driver, effective July 21, 2014

Janette Bonczar – Bus Driver, effective July 28, 2014

Juliann Blencowe – Bus Attendant, effective July 7, 2014

Carried unanimously.

**Appointed
school
physician –
Dr. Calkins**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Dr. Joan Calkins** from Village Pediatrics, be appointed as the School Physician for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$6,500 for student services only. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

**Appointed
summer sub
computer/av
cleaner – J.
Millson**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **John Millson** be appointed as a Summer Computer/AV Substitute Cleaner effective July 1, 2014 and ending August 29, 2014. Salary is \$8.50 per hour. Carried unanimously.

**Appointed
assistant
district clerk
– K.
McCarthy**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Kathy McCarthy** be appointed Assistant District Clerk for the 2014-2015 school year. Carried unanimously.

**Tax Rate
Presentation**

Tax Rate Presentation – Mr. Murphy

**Approved
tax levy**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that the Board of Education approve the tax levy for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$13,276,679. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

**Appointed
Architectural
Firm –
Young &
Wright**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Architectural Firm of Young & Wright be appointed for the Eden CSD 2020 project. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

**Bonded K.
McCarthy**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Kathy McCarthy**, Assistant District Clerk, be bonded under the blanket bond of the District. Carried unanimously.

**Postponed
items G,H,I**

Mrs. Henry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell to postpone items G, H, and I. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the school breakfast and lunch prices each increase by .05 to \$2.00 at the Eden Jr./Sr. High School and to \$1.90 at the GLP and Eden Elementary School effective September 4, 2014. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

**Increased
school
breakfast &
lunch prices**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher / Students with Disabilities 1-6 Certification position be created for the 2014-2015 school year. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

**Approved
Creation of
special
education 1-
6 position**

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following employees be approved to work summer hours as per the ETA Contract:

**Approved
summer
hours**

Susan Schnauffer, Staff Development Trainer – .1 FTE

Joseph Weis, School Psychologist – 60 hours

Jennifer Carriero, School Psychologist – 60 hours

Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Shephard made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Code of Conduct be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

**Approved
code of
conduct**

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

**Business
report**

- ◆ Student Accident Insurance is not for catastrophic needs, which would be covered under general insurance. It would be used if someone was injured in sports, on a school trip, etc. The student would first use their family insurance plan; the student accident insurance would be over and above that. In 2011-2012, the district paid about \$11,000 for this coverage. It currently ranges from \$13,000 - \$26,000. The district is budgeted for \$15,000 for 2014-2015. Option 2 most closely meets the needs of the District and costs \$15,326. It has no extra deductions, and it does contain Accidental Death and Dismemberment.
- ◆ Affordable Care Act mandates that the District must adopt a policy. Auditors may look for a policy beginning in January 2015. To date, no one has adopted one yet.

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

Supt. Report

- ◆ Meeting start times may be adjusted due to the BAT meetings. All of the meetings could be changed or only the meetings occurring during budget season. Mrs. Henry thought it would be easier to keep them all at the same time. Mrs. Krouse thought a 7:30 start would make the meetings end too late for the students in the Government class. Mrs. Anzalone suggested possibly starting them somewhere between 7:00 and 7:30. This will be discussed again at the August 20th meeting.

- ◆ The Music Policy is being revised to create a procedure for expectations of parents who rent instruments for their children. The parents will have to agree to proper maintenance of the instruments. There will be a first read of the policy at the August 20th meeting.

Board Report

- ◆ Mrs. Krouse suggested discussing a non-binding referendum regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption to get an idea of how many people are for and against it. She believes there is much support for the Veterans, but some people do not want to raise their taxes. A motion to go forward with the referendum would need to be approved at the September meeting.
- ◆ Mrs. Anzalone stated that the Board must decide by December if they will offer the exemption.
- ◆ Mr. Campbell would like to see a resolution to have the Governor fund the exemption with state dollars, rather than community taxes.
- ◆ Mr. Murphy stated that should the exemption be approved, if there is sentiment to end it, there must be a vote to end it. If the Board votes to enact the exemption, it wouldn't have to be the full amount. They can choose which option they would like. It may be difficult to do what the town does, as there are five towns in the District. They may not all choose the same exemption.

Future dates

- ◆ Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, August 20, 2014 – Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.

Adjourned

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Thomasulo

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District Clerk