BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MAY 21, 2014

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

ABSENT: Mr. Paul Shephard

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 School Principal; Ms. Rose Heckathorn, Transportation Director; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel; Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology; Miss Patricia Menkiena, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Mrs. Kelly Morgan-LaRosa, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Staff Development Intern.

Called to order

At 7:07 p.m., Mr. Byrnes called the meeting to order and asked those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. – L.):

Minutes of the April 22, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

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

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending April 30, 2014 in the amount of **$1,098,864.65**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund portion **$939,707.41**, Cafeteria Fund portion **$55,580.97**, Federal Fund portion **$9,691.81**, and Trust & Agency Fund portion **$93,884.46**.

ACH/Wire Transfer Warrant for the period ending April 30, 2014 in the amount of **$135,297.00**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund (Debt Service) portion **$134,297.00** and Trust & Agency portion **$1,000.00**.

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

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

Budget Transfers for April 2014.

April 2014 Claims Auditor Report.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

Appointed substitutes

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
Abigail Roza	PK-12 Teacher	May 22, 2014	None
Gina DeMaria	PK-6 T, TA	May 22, 2014	None

Appointed supplemental activities advisors & coaches

The following personnel be appointed as Supplemental Activity Advisors and Coaches for the 2013-2014 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:
See list.

Consensus items III. A. – L. Carried unanimously.

Comments

At 7:09 p.m., Mr. Byrnes asked for comments from the public.

- Mrs. Karen Hall stated her concern regarding the elimination of the REACH program. She feels that without a plan, the needs of the students in grades 3-6 will not be met. She inquired if the Board had any specific ideas for this group of students. A meeting with parents and teachers is planned to discuss options for enrichment, hopefully before the end of June 2014. She asked for support and would like to have a board member attend the meeting.

Kenny Awards presentation

Kenny Awards – Mrs. Tylock announced that Eden competed with 27 other schools for the Kenny Awards. Nominated for awards were: Kassaundra Funch for best actress in a leading role; Allison Winiecki for the Blossom Cohand award; Katie Schnaufer for best supporting actress role; Christa Greiner, Anna Wightman, Merrick Allen, Lindsay Dingman, Ed Koester, and Adam Rakiecki – were nominated for best ensemble. Isabelle Bateson-Brown, Choreographer was nominated and won best dance; Lauren Henning - nominated and won for best dance; Andrew Pszonak, 12th grader, won the award for the best male lead actor; Zach Gilbride - nominated for best supporting actor; and Greg Funch - nominated for best scenic design. Eden received a nomination for best overall performance and best orchestral performance and was the only school that had individual students and ensembles nominated in all the available categories.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Teacher, **Irene Lavin** be accepted effective June 30, 2014. The Board and Administration wish to thank Mrs. Lavin for her 13½ years of service to the District. Carried unanimously.

Accepted resignation – I. Lavin

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Long-term Substitute Business Teacher, **Kerry Daley** be accepted effective May 15, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Accepted resignation – K. Daley

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, after successfully completing her probationary period, **Nicole Lauer** be granted tenure as a Reading Teacher effective September 1, 2014. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Tenure appt. – N. Lauer

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following personnel be appointed for summer school positions, per contract effective July 7, 2014 through August 15, 2014:

Appointed summer school personnel

Christine Duringer – Special Education Teacher 3.5 hours/day
Kelly Fronczak – Special Education Teacher 3.5 hours/day
Jamie O'Brien – Teacher Aide 3.5 hours/day
Tom Wall – Teacher Aide 3.5 hours/day
Judith Rizzone – Teacher Aide 3.5 hours/day
Elaine Funch – Teacher Aide 3.5 hours/day
Melissa Kron-Gallman – Speech Therapist (max 48 hours)
John Robbins – Occupational Therapist (max 48 hours)
Marisa Fallacaro – Adapted P.E. Teacher (max 30 hours)
Gail Krebs – Substitute Teacher Aide
Sheila Sickau – Substitute Teacher

Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Administrative Staff Association MOU regarding a one-day Furlough be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved ASA furlough

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement MOU with the Administrative Staff Association be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved CBA MOU w/ASA

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Supervisory Staff Organization MOU regarding a one-day Furlough be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved SSO furlough

Approved DOF furlough Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Finance MOU regarding a one-day Furlough be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved Supt. Furlough Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Board, the Superintendent MOU regarding a one-day Furlough be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved bus use – Eden Town Rec Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, transportation via school bus be approved for Town of Eden Recreation for their July 30, 2014 summer field trip to Darien Lake. Carried unanimously.

Approved bus use – Eden Kindercare Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, transportation via school bus be approved for Eden Kindercare summer field trips. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved D.E. Contract Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a contract for Driver Education with **Ronald Uhlman** be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved use of credit cards for tax payments Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resolution to accept credit card payments for school taxes be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Accepted Discover Grant Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Discover Pathways to Financial Success Grant in the amount of $17,575.00 be accepted. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved appropriations increase Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2013-2014 appropriations be increased by **$2,224.37 to $25,780,628.21** to account for increased revenues. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Note: The District received $50.00 from the Sam Family for GLP Kindergarten Classroom Supplies; $289.73 from the PTA for GLP Hardwork Café; $13.57 from Abibow Recycling for Eden Elementary; $364.90 from Box Tops for Education for Eden Elementary; $5.39 from Abibow Recycling for Eden Jr./Sr. High School; $10.00 from Jostens for Eden Jr./Sr. High School; and $1,299.90 from the Jr./Sr. High Musical for two Wireless Mics at the Jr./Sr. High School.

From Admin & Staff

- Elementary Math Programming – Mrs. LaRosa discussed the piloting of a new Math program, which would match up with the Common Core. The Pilot began in September 2013. Seven teachers used Go Math K-5 and seven teachers used EnVisions K-5. Teachers rated the programs based on content, instruction, assessment, meeting student needs, teacher support and technology. Aimsweb Math Probes were used to identify the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the benchmark target. Go Math rated higher than Envisions in qualitative data, quantitative data and benefits. Mrs. Maynard discussed the benefits of the Go Math program and technology to help students in and out of the classroom.
- Elementary New Report Card Format – Mrs. LaRosa stated that the Elementary School report card is not aligned to the new standards and does not accurately report student progress to parents. A committee was formed in September 2013, which met monthly. The committee will work with technology to launch a new K-2 report card for the 2014-2015 school year. An upper elementary revision will begin in September 2014. New features of the standards based report card are: student progress is measured on key standards, such as reading, writing, foundational skills, and Math. Standard based report cards separate the characteristics of the learner and how they do on each standard. Report cards will be processed three times each year, rather than four, allowing for more instructional time. Parents will be notified through the District Newsletter, Global Connect, presentations at Open House, and Parent Teacher Conferences.

Business report

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

- Budget Vote Results – The proposed budget was $26,396,480. Proposition #1 passed 485 to 386, a rate of 61%. All four propositions passed: the bus and vehicle proposition; the proposition for the conversion of the capital reserve fund; and spending from the capital reserve fund for the capital project feasibility study. Candidates elected were the incumbents: Colin Campbell, Michael Byrnes, and Michael Breeden.
- Mr. Murphy thanked the Budget Advisory Team, the Board of Education, community members, parents, and union members for their efforts in getting information out to the public and back to the board regarding the budget. He thanked the Board of Education and Administrators for working as a group and everyone who came out to support the budget.
- The tax levy increase was 1.78%. The Governor said that in schools that don't go above their tax cap, the district taxpayers who receive STAR exemptions will receive rebate checks in the amount of the tax increase. He explained how equalization rates are determined.
- Veterans' Tax Exemption Credit Public Forum – There will be a Public Forum to discuss the Veterans' Tax Exemption on July 2nd at 5:30 p.m. A representative of the Department of Taxation will be present, as well as Fran McLaughlin, Town Councilman. The purpose

is to bring an understanding of what the exemption is and what the impact will be for both the veterans and the taxpayers. The next step will be to see whether the Board would like to consider initiating the Veterans' Tax Credit.

Supt. Report Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

- Emergency Drill – May 28^{th} the District will participate in an emergency drill. The drill will be publicized in the Sun, the Pennysaver, through a Global Connect call or two, and notification on the signs in front of the school, the American Legion and Immaculate Conception Church.
- Construction Management – An RFP was put out for a construction management firm to help schedule any proposed capital projects that the District may have. Six companies expressed interest. The plans are being analyzed. Interviews will be scheduled within the next few weeks. The goal is to bring something to the Board of Education in June for approval. A secondary goal is to hire an architect to help with the five-year mandated building plan/survey and to work with the construction management firm on any feasibility studies. There are technology difficulties at GLP due to the power. One possibility is to take some of the buildings off the Co-gen and put them back on the grid, which would give the high school more intensive power capabilities.
- Section VI Vote on Athletic Contests – Mrs. Anzalone and Miss Fallacaro attended the Section VI athletics meeting last week. Section VI encompasses Western New York schools. One of the proposals was to bring back some basketball competitions that were eliminated in 2010 on a two-year trial basis, followed by another two-year trial basis. The proposal was to start to bring back only basketball. The conversation centered on bringing back all of them, not just basketball. The Superintendents talked about the difficulty with school budgets. The vote by Section VI was to not increase any athletics at all.
- Possible meeting dates for 2014-2015 – July 2^{nd}, August 6^{th}, August 20^{th}. The Board of Education was asked to consider the night for board meetings for next year, which is currently the third Wednesday of the month. After some conversation, it was agreed that meetings would continue on the third Wednesday.
- Update on Speed Committee Discussions – the topic for discussion has been the traffic speed on Schoolview and Route 62. A meeting will be held on May 29^{th}. Eden is a municipality that has a lower population, so anything we want to do on local roads must have New York State and Erie County Department of Transportation representation and approval. Some of the items that have been discussed are: changing the intersection from Weller to Schoolview into a 90° angle onto Schoolview, similar to Henry's corners; creating school zone speed limits on Route 62 and Schoolview; look at "Don't Pass on Shoulders" on Route 62, which is an infraction that can be

ticketed but is not enforced as much as it will be, once signage is in place; and adding more flashing signs where the crosswalks are. Mrs. Henry would like to see sidewalks put in at all new buildings and have the town help with snow removal. Mrs. Anzalone said another idea that had been discussed was a blacktop path that would go from the athletic driveway to the receiving dock driveway. Mrs. Henry also inquired about another path from Hillbrook. Mrs. Anzalone stated that the transportation department hopes to get a better idea on how many students do not intend to ride the bus next year.

- Mrs. Anzalone thanked everyone on the Board for a great year. She congratulated Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Breeden and Mr. Campbell for their re-election to the Board of Education.

Board Report

- Mr. Byrnes thanked the community for supporting the school and the budget.

Future dates

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Thomasulo

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District Clerk

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At 8:51 p.m., Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss the CSEA Contract and the Confidential Employees contract. Carried unanimously.

At 9:58 p.m., Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Byrnes that the Board of Education return to regular session. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Byrnes
Board President

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