BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
APRIL 22, 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; Andrew Feldman, Student Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Loran Carter, GLP Principal; Mr. Jeff Cervoni, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; 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; Mr. David Martin, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds; 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 7:03 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. – U.):

Minutes of the January 24, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Minutes of the March 13, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting.

Minutes of the March 19, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Special Board of Education Meeting.

Revenue Budget Status Report for the period ending February 28, 2014.

Revenue Budget Status Report for the period ending March 31, 2014.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2014.

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

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending March 31, 2014 in the amount of **$923,386.39**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund portion **$923,186.39;** and Trust & Agency Fund portion **$200.00**.

ACH/Wire Transfer Warrant for the period ending March 31, 2014 in the amount of **$701.00**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: Cafeteria Fund (Sales Tax) portion **$701.00**.

Extraclassroom Activities Fund Report for the period ending March 31, 2014.

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

Appropriation Status Report for the period ending February 28, 2014.

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

Budget Transfers for March 2014.

March 2014 Budget Transfers Over $10,000.

March 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
Barbara Palmieri	PK-12T/CT/TA/Mon	April 23, 2014	None
Colleen Dzielski	Home Instructor	April 23, 2014	CE 1-6

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.

A child rearing leave of absence be granted to **Katherine Musso** effective September 2, 2014 through December 1, 2014.

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

Mr. Byrnes and Mrs. Anzalone presented certificates to Maun Best, Mike Best, and Scott Jaskier for save driving throughout the difficult winter weather season.

At 7:08 p.m., Mr. Byrnes asked for comments from the public. **Comments**

- Mike Best, Bus Driver, expressed concern about the elimination of a bus mechanic position in the Transportation Department. He feels that having only two mechanics will be a safety issue. If one mechanic is called out, there will not be anyone there to help the other one, should the need arise.
- Betsy McDonnell, Parent, expressed her concern about eliminating the Reach program. She stated that Reach focuses on creative thought and that gifted and talented students deserve a learning environment that engages and nurtures them.
- Jennifer Tylock, Music Teacher, spoke on behalf of the musical. She stated that the musical will have to raise 30% of the money they need to run the musical. They need to raise about $18,000 annually to keep it going. The rights for the musical cost approximately $3,000. Parents and students are very involved in the fundraisers. She asked that the cuts to the musical be reconsidered.
- Tammy Klein, Parent, also expressed her concern about the elimination of Reach. She does not feel that the classroom teachers can pick up the slack.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Teacher Aide, **Sheila Sickau** be accepted effective April 22, 2014. Carried unanimously. **Accepted resignation – T. Aide, S. Sickau**

Note: Miss Sickau will be resigning in order to accept the extended leave substitute Special Education Teacher position.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Family and Consumer Science Teacher, **Dianne McKale** be accepted effective June 30, 2014. The Board of Education and Administration wish to thank Mrs. McKale for her nine years of service to Eden Central School District. Carried unanimously. **Accepted resignation – FACS Teacher, D. McKale**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Auto Mechanic Crew Chief, **Daniel Ricotta**, be accepted effective April 30, 2014. The Board of Education and Administration wish to thank Mr. Ricotta for his service to Eden Central School District. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously. **Accepted resignation – Mechanic Crew Chief, D. Ricotta**

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the lay-off of Bus Attendant, **Judy Gustas-Stoj** be approved effective March 26, 2014. Mrs. Gustas-Stoj will be on a two-year recall effective March 26, 2014 through March 25, 2016. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously. **Approved lay-off – Bus Attendant, J. Gustas-Stoj**

Appointed ELS SS teacher, J. Vella

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Joseph Vella** be appointed as an Extended Leave Substitute Social Studies Teacher effective April 23, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Salary is $95 per day. Carried unanimously.

Appointed ELS Sp Ed teacher, S. Sickau

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Sheila Sickau** be appointed as an Extended Leave Substitute Special Education Teacher effective April 23, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Salary is $95 per day. Carried unanimously.

Approved joint bidding resolution

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the attached resolution be approved authorizing Eden Central School District to participate with other school districts in Erie 2 BOCES in the joint bidding of items listed in the attachment. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Voted for BOCES Board members

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Eden Central School District cast one vote for six of the following candidates for the BOCES Board of Ed:

1. Mr. Thomas DeJoe
2. Mr. Thomas Fenton
3. Mr. David Lowrey
4. Mrs. Christine Schnars
5. Mr. Richard Vogan
6. Mr. Sean Wittmann

Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved BOCES administrative budget

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the Eden Central School District, at a public meeting held on April 22, 2014, hereby adopts a resolution approving the 2014-2015 tentative BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of $2,852,064. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved commitment for BOCES services

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2013-2014 Commitment for BOCES Services be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Accepted donation of sewing machine

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a Bernina Bernette 46 Sewing Machine valued at $250 be accepted from James Landon. Carried unanimously.

Approved change in hours

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the hours for Bus Attendant, **Joann Zielinski** be reduced from 4.25 hours per day to 3.0 hours per day. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Teacher Early Retirement Incentive be approved for one teacher. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved early retirement incentive

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the building use fee schedule be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved building use fee

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the MOU regarding Department Chair stipend reductions be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved dept chair stipends MOU

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Board of Education, the 2014-2019 contract for the Superintendent be approved effective April 22, 2014 as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved Supt contract

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, $1,621 be transferred from the Unemployment Reserve Fund to the General Fund to cover first quarter billing for unemployment benefits. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved transfer of funds

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2013-2014 appropriations be increased by **$25,000 to $25,778,403.84** to account for increased revenues. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved appropriations increase

Note: The District received $25,000 from The Eden Co-Op Nursery School for the GLP Pre-K (Ages 3-5) Playground

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

Business report

- Budget Advisory Team – The Board of Education wanted to bring the community into the process of putting the budget together. There is more to putting the budget together than people realize. Tough choices had to be made. The Board agonized over this, but the budget must be balanced.
- Budget Update – The approved budget was reviewed for the public. The Gap Elimination Adjustment drove tough choices. The State took money back from the schools, as they have for the past several years. The District cut spending beginning in December to be able to encumber funds. A copy of the final budget presentation is available on edencsd.org under "Announcements" on the home page. There will be a public budget hearing on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.
- Veterans' Tax Exemption – There will be a Public Forum regarding the Veterans' Tax Exemption on July 2nd. The Governor passed this into law for school boards to vote on. This will affect every taxpayer.

The Board will ask someone from the county and someone from Veterans' Affairs to attend the hearing.

Supt. Report Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

- Eden Elementary Digital Sign – All donations for the digital sign have been secured. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and the Eden Community Foundation for $17,000 towards the sign. It will match the architectural design of the school. Toth will create the sign. It is estimated to take about eight weeks.
- May 23rd is a full Student Day due to the last snow day. We are only allowed four half days per semester.
- Budget Outreach We will go to all buildings, the PTA, VFW, and to any group that would like to hear the budget presentation.
- Kenny Awards Nomination – Mr. Cervoni and Mrs. Tylock gave an overview of the Kenny Awards. The Kenny Awards are the equivalent of the Tony Awards for high schools. Shows are nominated and judged. Parts of nominated shows are performed on stage at Sheas. The best show wins $5,000 toward their music program. There are awards for sets, choreography, acting, and supporting roles. The Lipke Foundation runs the Awards, named after Ken Lipke. Eden will be performing a portion of "The Wedding Singer" at Sheas on May 10th at 4:00 p.m.
- Mr. Cervoni thanked the Board for allowing the students to go on the band tour to New York City. The students experienced clinics, Radio City Music Hall, the Rockettes, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and more.
- Thank you to Alicia Greco (Hamburg Sun), Barb Thomasulo and Dave Kean for the article in the Hamburg Sun about Raiders Respond Day.
- Thank you to Lucinda Karstedt and Dave Martin for the emergency services planning meeting. Police agencies are preparing for the emergency drill.
- The Erie 1 and Erie 2 calendars are not the same for 2014-2015. Erie 2 spring break is the week before Easter, while Erie 1 spring break is the week after Easter. Erie 2 chose the week before, so they would not return the day before State Assessments.
- One of our tenth grade Varsity Softball pitchers has already qualified for States.
- A huge thank you to Robin Evenhouse for her very generous donation of $150 for Raiders Respond Day.

Board Report

- Mr. Byrnes thanked the ETA and the Administrators for their help with closing the budget gap. He truly appreciates it.

Future dates

- Annual Budget Hearing – Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 – 7 p.m. – Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.
- Board of Education Vote – Tuesday, May 20th, 2014 – 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. – Jr./Sr. High School Foyer

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Wednesday, May 21, 2014 – Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Thomasulo

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District Clerk

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