BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MARCH 19, 2014

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Patricia Krouse

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mrs. Sandy Anzalone, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Murphy, Director of Finance; Mrs. Barbara Thomasulo, District Clerk; Molly Neureuter & Andrew Feldman, Student Representatives

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

From Admin & Staff

- Mr. Martin presented information on the Safety Drill. The District has been working with Eden Emergency, Fire, and Police personnel on safety plans and drills. The March 21, 2014 staff development day will focus on safety. The District will have a safety drill on May 28th. No students will be directly involved in the drill. Personnel will practice what might occur to see how emergency personnel will react. A global connect call will be made to the community to alert them that it is a drill. Mr. Breeden stated that there are on-line training classes for NIMS and urged people to become familiar with them.
- Mr. Martin presented information on Auctions International. Auctions International can facilitate selling unwanted inventory, such as buses, the plate press and enlarger. The District will be able to realize higher revenues on buses through the auction. There is a minimum of $250 on any item. Auctions International takes care of collecting the money, paperwork, and taxes. Their revenue is paid by the buyer; 10% for cash purchases and 14% for credit card purchases. The buyer is notified of acceptance from A.I. The buyer then brings a letter from A.I. to the District to pick up the item they purchased. Auctions International sends a check to the District, less the 10-14% commission.
- Ms. Heckathorn discussed leasing buses. Should the District want to lease, it would have to go out to bid. If the lease is for over one year, it must go to a vote. Leased buses are state aidable. The District would be responsible for tires, maintenance, and repairs. Once terms

are completed, the District would have the option to buy-out the leased buses or return them.

- Mrs. Lindsi Archabald presented a check to the District for $25,000 for the Pre-K community playground at GLP. The Eden Co-Op closed this year, due to low enrollment. Proceeds from the sale of the building must be gifted. The Board of the Eden Co-Op felt welcomed by GLP and decided that they would give the money to GLP for a playground, because they feel that the children of the community are the heart of Eden.

Request to withdraw items

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

Approved consensus items

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that the following consensus items be approved as listed in the Administrative Memorandum (IV. A. – L.):

Minutes of the February 12, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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

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

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending February 28, 2014 in the amount of **$572,937.95**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund portion **$503,429.52,** Cafeteria Fund portion **$22,693.72,** Federal Fund portion **$416.07,** and Trust & Agency Fund portion **$46,398.64**.

ACH/Wire Transfer Warrant for the period ending February 28, 2014 in the amount of **$500.00**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund (Health Ins) portion **$500.00**.

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

Extraclassroom Activities Fund Report for the period ending February 28, 2014.

Budget Transfers for February 2014.

February 2014 Claims Auditor Report.

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:

Appointed substitutes

Name	Area	Effective Date	Certification
Racquel Bursee	PK-6 Teacher	March 20, 2014	CE/SWD 1-6

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.

Appointed supplemental activities advisors & coaches

Consensus items III. A. – L. Mr. Byrnes voted yes, Mr. Breeden voted yes, Mr. Campbell voted yes, Mr. Henderson voted yes, and Mr. Shephard voted yes. Mrs. Henry abstained. **Motion carried.**

At 7:43 p.m., Mr. Byrnes asked for comments from the public.

Comments

- Mrs. Tiffany Kwas reported on her trip to Albany on behalf of the PTA to lobby. She asked those present to go to their legislator, call and/or write them to ask that program cuts be stopped. She asked everyone to make their voice heard about stopping the Gap Elimination Adjustment and providing adequate funding for schools.

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Jr./Sr. High School Social Studies Teacher, **Mary Beth Sweeney** be accepted effective April 18, 2014. The Board and Administration wish to thank Mrs. Sweeney for her 15 years of service to Eden Central School. Carried unanimously.

Accepted resignation – SS Teacher, M. Sweeney

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of Jr./Sr. High School Special Education Teacher, **Christina Fettes** be accepted effective April 22, 2014. The Board and Administration wish to thank Mrs. Fettes for her 1½ years of service to Eden Central School. Carried unanimously.

Accepted resignation – Special Ed Teacher, C. Fettes

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Long-term Substitute Computer Lab Teacher, **Kerry Daley** be extended through June 30, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Extended appt. LTS Computer Teacher – K. Daley

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Patricia Menkiena** be appointed as the Civil Rights Compliance Officer. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Appointed Civil Rights Officer – P. Menkiena

Appointed election inspectors

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Mrs. Rita Stuhr**, Head Inspector, **Mrs. Maryann Cummiskey, Mrs. Karen Cornell, Mrs. Kathy Marshall** and **Ms. Barbara Caffery** be appointed as inspectors for the Annual Meeting and Budget Vote on May 20, 2014 at a rate of $13.40 per hour, and further authorize the District Clerk to fill any vacancies in these positions which may occur prior to May 20, 2014 with individuals from the Board of Elections Inspector Personnel List. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Appointed Director of C/I, SD, Guidance – K. LaRosa

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Kelly Morgan-LaRosa**, who is certified as a School District Administrator be appointed on probation as a School District Administrator in the position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Guidance effective July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017. Annual salary is $70,000. Carried unanimously.

Extended appointment LTS Computer Teacher – S. Schnaufer

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Long-term Substitute Business Teacher, **Susan Schnaufer** be extended through June 30, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Approved legal notice

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the legal notice for the Annual District Meeting and Vote be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Approved nominations for BOCES Board

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be nominated for the BOCES Board of Education:
Richard Vogan, Thomas DeJoe and **David Lowrey**. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved early retirement incentive for p.t. teachers

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Teacher Early Retirement Incentive for Part-time teachers be approved. Discussion ensued. Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Shephard voted yes. Mr. Breeden and Mrs. Henry voted no. Motion Carried.

Approved records retention schedule

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Records Retention Schedule be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved auction of equipment

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, an Enlargement Machine, Asset Tag A00067665, Model #9910, Serial #65717 and an Offset Press, Asset Tag A00067664, Model #208000 be excessed and auctioned. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Concert Band overnight field trip to New York City March 28 – 31, 2014 be approved. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved band trip to NYC

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shephard that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the overnight baseball trip to Myrtle Beach, SC April 14 – 18, 2014 to participate in the Mingo Bay Classic Baseball Tournament be approved. Carried unanimously.

Approved baseball trip to Myrtle Beach

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Library books as presented be excessed and disposed of as the District deems necessary. Carried unanimously.

Approved excessing of books

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Technology Equipment as presented be excessed and disposed of as the District deems appropriate. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved excessing of technology equipment

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the donation of canvas boards valued at approximately $1,379 be accepted for use in the Art Department. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Accepted donation of canvas boards

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henry that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2014-2015 school calendar be approved as presented. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved 2014-2015 calendar

Mr. Breeden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2013-2014 appropriations be increased by **$8,880.47 to $25,753,403.84** to account for increased revenues. Carried unanimously.

Approved appropriations increase

Note: The District received $16.73 from Abibow for Eden Elementary; $20.36 from Abibow for the Jr./Sr. High School; $7,000.00 from the Eden All Sports Booster Club for Modified Lacrosse (partial); $190.88 from the Jr./Sr. High School Musical for the Publicity Position; $652.50 from the Jr./Sr. High School Musical for Ticketing Equipment; and $1,000.00 from SUNY UB for the VIABLE-II Project.

Mr. Murphy reported the following:

Business report

- Budget Advisory Team – The BAT met prior to the Board Meeting. Athletics and Transportation were the focus. See minutes from BAT meeting for more information.
- Restoration Funding is changing daily. The Governor put his proposal forth. The Senate and Assembly put their own proposals forth.
  - Foundation Aid – The Governor and Senate are proposing no

increase for this year, but the Assembly is proposing \$335,000,000 across the State.

- Gap Elimination Adjustment – The Governor is proposing \$323,000,000 in restoration. This means that he isn't giving schools money; he is simply taking less away from school districts this year. The Senate proposed restoring \$541,000,000, and the Assembly proposed restoring \$367,000,000.
- Freeze in Aid – The Governor is proposing freezing aid according to the numbers entered in November. Districts cannot possibly put all their information in by November.
- Tax Relief – The Governor is calling for a property tax freeze tied to staying under the tax cap, and reducing the tax levy by up to 3% as the years go on. The Senate also called for a property tax freeze tied to stay under the cap, but the difference is that what you have done in savings before can count towards it. The Assembly is rejecting the property tax freeze.
- Reserves – The Employee Benefits Reserve (EBALR) – The Governor is not looking to change it. The Senate and the Assembly feel if districts have extra money in EBALR they would allow it to be used in other reserves.
- Universal Pre-K – The Governor is proposing that \$100,000,000 be available for full-day Universal Pre-K, which is not enough to run the program state-wide. Districts would have to pick up the difference. The Senate would like to have \$145,000,000 of that money used toward GEA outside of New York City. The Assembly proposed that \$100,000,000 be directed to high needs school districts for all day Pre-K. Eden is not a high needs school district, so that would not impact us at all.
- A financial run is due to us by April 1st, showing what we will receive.

♦ Sharing of Services for 2015-2016 – The Governor has offered an incentive to districts that can show a savings for combining services with another district in 2015-2016.

♦ Bus Proposition – The District would like to purchase two additional buses and a smaller bus. The May proposition could say buses or buses and other small equipment for next year. Another option would be to put forth a bus and other small equipment proposition of \$1,000,000, which would stay there and allow us to continue to put money into that reserve until it gets to \$1,000,000. A third option would be to roll that reserve into this proposal. It does not obligate a district for a capital project. This would allow the new reserve to be used for capital project use, bus use and not be restricted. Should the third option be chosen, the reserve should be for about \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000. It doesn't obligate us to capital projects. The Board Members discussed these options and most stated that they preferred Option C (third option).

Mrs. Anzalone reported the following:

- Mrs. Anzalone congratulated Tiffany Kwas, President of the PTA and third grade teacher, along with the PTA, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Krouse for their work in getting Eden Elementary named as one of 14 schools in New York State and one of five in the western region that are working to become recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence. Next year, they will start to work toward recognition for GLP and the Jr./Sr. High School. She also congratulated Tiffany for being selected as a New York Educator Voice Network Member. Ms. Kwas, Mr. Graff, Mrs. LaRosa and parent representative, Mrs. Witmer formed a team. They surveyed the Elementary School parents and found out that many of them wanted to learn more about the Common Core Learning Standards. Mrs. LaRosa started a parent academy; and information was added to the PTA link on the district website. A parent information night is being planned and an informational pamphlet is being created. After these items are finished, another survey will be sent to see how parents respond. A summary of efforts will be written. The application process will be completed by June 1st, and if Eden is selected as a National School of Excellence, notification will be given by August 1st, 2014. It is a two year designation. If Eden is not selected, we would get a National PTA certification of merit.
- Ms. Kwas applied for New York Educator's Voice. She was one of 29 teachers in New York State selected. The purpose is to try to assure people that the Common Core is a good thing. She will interview teachers to see what the positive and negatives are about Common Core.
- Digital Sign – Thank you to Eden Chamber and the Eden Community Foundation. The Foundation is housing the money and the Chamber is soliciting sponsors. An anonymous donor has offered to match any amount donated up to a certain level.
- Snow Days – May 23rd will be a full day of school due to the blizzard last week.
- Community Forum – Thank you to the BAT and everyone who has helped with the community forums. Thanks to Mike Byrnes for getting the representative from Senator Gallivan's office.
- Veterans' Exemption – A recommendation will be made to hold a public hearing for June or July. In the Western New York southern tier region there is only one Board that has adopted the Veterans' Tax Credit. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for July 2nd, immediately following the board meeting.

Future dates

- BAT Team – Special Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.
- Tentative Special Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, April 15, 2014 – Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, April 22, 2014 – Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9: 35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Thomasulo

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District Clerk

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