BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
DECEMBER 10, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Steven Cerne, Mr. Michael Breeden, Mr. Michael Byrnes, Mr. Colin Campbell, Mr. Scott Henderson, Mrs. Barbara Henry, Mrs. Kristen Pinker

ABSENT:

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. Ronald Buggs, Superintendent; Ms. Lisa Almasi, Director of Finance; Mrs. Barbara Thomasulo, Stenographer

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Loran Carter, GLP Principal; Mr. Marc Graff, Jr./Sr. High Principal; Mrs. Shawn Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel, Mrs. Lucinda Karstedt, Director of Information Technology; Miss Patricia Menkiena, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Richard Schaefer, Eden Elementary Principal

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Cerne 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. Breeden that the following consensus items be approved as listed in the Administrative Memorandum (III. A –L):

Minutes of the November 19, 2012 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Revenue Budget Status Report for the period ending November 30, 2012.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2012.

Multi Fund Warrant for the period ending November 30, 2012 in the amount of **$1,008,421.17**. This Warrant is broken down as follows: General Fund portion **$931,542.76**, Cafeteria Fund portion **$38,759.55**, Federal Fund portion **$427.48** and Trust & Agency portion **$37,691.38**.

Appropriation Status Report for the period ending November 30, 2012.

Extraclassroom Activities Fund Report for the period ending November 30, 2012.

Budget Transfers for November 2012.

November 2012 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
Isabelle Bateson-Brown	K-12 T / TA	December 11, 2012	Pending - French
Marni Lewis	7-12 Teacher, HI	December 11, 2012	Social Studies
Tina Diello	K-12T/TA/Mon/CT	December 11, 2012	None

Supplemental activities

The following personnel be appointed to Supplemental Activities positions for the 2012-2013 school year as presented: Isabelle Bateson-Brown, Volunteer Choreographer for the Jr./Sr. High School Musical.

Extended leave of absence – V. Zoll

A child rearing leave of absence be extended for Elementary Librarian, **Vanessa Zoll**, effective January 2, 2013 until approximately March 15, 2013.

Consensus items A-L carried unanimously.

Class Size Update

Mrs. Sandy Wess-Rishel thanked the Board of Education for helping GLP to reach a conclusion regarding class size. The GLP Principal and teachers feel that it is not in the best interest to reassign first graders at this point in the year. The best option at this point is to hire a first grade teacher and deploy that person into each first grade classroom equally. They hope to have someone approved at the January Board of Education Meeting. In addition, they would like the Board to consider hiring another kindergarten and second grade teacher for next year. Mrs. Wess-Rishel also thanked Mr. Byrnes for stopping at GLP to listen and help.

Comments

At 7:04 p.m., Mr. Cerne asked for comments from the public present.

There were no comments.

Appointed laborer – T. Preischel

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Thomas Preischel** be appointed on probation as a Laborer effective December 11, 2012 through June 10, 2013. Salary is based upon **CSEA Contract, Level 5, Step 1**. Carried unanimously.

Appointed external auditor – Drescher & Malecki LLP

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, **Drescher & Malecki LLP** be appointed as the External Auditor for the 2012-2013 school year. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cerne, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Henderson, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Pinker voted yes. Mr. Breeden abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a 1:1 Teacher Aide position be created effective December 11, 2012. Carried unanimously.

Approved creation of TA position

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, transportation hours be adjusted as follows:

Approved change in hours

	Change From	Change To	Effective
Kathy Funke	5.0 hours	4.75 hours	November 7, 2012
Susan Pratt	8.0 hours	6.5 hours	November 14, 2012
Cynthia Rankus	4.75 hours	6.25 hours	November 19, 2012

Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, six two-way Radios as per the attachment, be declared excess and disposed of as the District deems necessary. Discussion ensued. Carried unanimously.

Approved excessing of two-way radios

Note: These radios are unable to be narrowbanded as required by the FCC.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Breeden that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2012-2013 budget be increased by $494.12 to $25,191,167.28 to account for increased revenues. Carried unanimously.

Approved budget increase

Note: The District received $320.12 from Volleyball Club for Tournament Security and $174.00 from Varsity Club for XC Officials.

From Administration & Staff

- Jr./Sr. High Scheduling – Mr. Graff presented a research overview of scheduling. Some key points in this research were that no discernible differences in student achievement were found regardless of the scheduling model used, and the most important factor in student achievement is the presence of a highly skilled and committed teacher. Four types of schedules were studied: block, semestered/trimestered, traditional and hybrid/modular. Pros and cons of each type of schedule were discussed. Input from the school departments showed all but the Music Department preferred some type of block schedule. Eden's Regents Exam passing rates were higher under the semestered schedule than the traditional schedule. Mr. Graff's recommendation would be to use a hybrid model with approximately 60 minute periods.

Business report

Ms. Almasi reported the following:

- Bus Repair – Bus 170 (16-20 passenger vehicle), which was discussed at the November meeting, was fully depreciated after eight years. Painting and repairing the bus will cost approximately $15,000. Partial painting and repair is estimated at $12,000. Replacement will be about $40,000. Repairing or replacing the bus would be eligible for transportation aid. Mr. Cerne indicated he was ok waiting until a bit longer in the budgeting process.
- Fiscal Cliff – There is a January 1, 2013 deadline for congress to compromise on taxes and spending. If no agreement is reached, there is a potential to lose $641,586 in federal funding to the district. Title I loss will be $143,035; Title II loss will be $55,043; Section 619 loss will be $13,657; Section 611 loss will be $295,235; and Universal Pre-K loss will be $134,616. In addition, approximately seven teaching positions and five support staff positions could be lost. If no grants are received in 2013-2014, the options are to eliminate all programs funded with federal dollars, add staff/supplies back to the general fund, and eliminate federal fund staffing, while having the general fund pick up some of this staffing.
- Revenue and Expenditure Projections – Revenues are projected to stay fairly level over the next four years, while expenditures are expected to increase by about $4 million. There is an estimated deficit projection of approximately $3.9 million by 2016-2017. After using fund balance reserves, the unfunded deficit is projected to grow from $507,911 in 2013-2014 to $2,856,564 by 2016-2017.

Supt. Report

Mr. Buggs stated there are 180 minutes per credit. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their legislators regarding school budget issues.

Board report

Mr. Cerne commented that most of the budget gap last year was closed. That will not be the case for this year. Mr. Cerne and Mrs. Henry met with parents last week about music in the Elementary School. Funding will be tight. He encouraged people to be proactive and work together.

Future dates

- Board of Education Meeting, Monday, January 14, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., Jr./Sr. HS Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Almasi

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District Clerk

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