

Eden Central School

TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: APRIL 28, 2010
RE: *"Highlights"* of the April 27, 2010 Board of Education Meeting



1. From Administration & Staff and Delegates

- ◆ **Character Awards** – Mrs. Johnson presented character awards to Steven Mika, Grade 12 and Cory Woolston, Grade 10. Mr. Schaefer presented a character award to Edward Koester, Grade 6. Mrs. Grimm presented character awards to Megan Walsh, Grade 2 and Aidan Nasca, Grade 2.
- ◆ **Employees of the Month** – Employee of the Month Awards were presented to Sharon Wright, Lori Patterson, Carol Stumpf, Brenda Burgstahler, Joan Brechtel, Sue-Lynn Wieberg and Mary Lee Roush from GLP and to Patty Steinmetz from Eden Elementary who were all recognized for lending assistance for a bus accident.
- ◆ **Curriculum and Staff Development Update** – Mrs. Carter presented an update on Curriculum. Some of the highlights were Data Analysis Meetings by department and grade level, the partnership with the Western New York Writing Project, the use of AIMSWEB for data analysis, review of most recently revised curriculum, RTI – Response to Intervention, District Shared Decision Making Team, management of resources/materials/textbooks for instruction, Lexia Pilot – skilled based reading support for Jr. High Students, and CDEP – Comprehensive District Education Plan.
- ◆ **Jr./Sr. High School Update** – Mr. Graff introduced Technology Teacher, Mr. Stevan Jones. Mr. Jones is the advisor of the Technology Club. The Technology Club built a motorcycle to compete in the Donnie Smith Chopper Challenge in St. Paul, Minnesota. Eden's motorcycle won first place for the third year in a row. There were over 48 students in grades 7-12 involved with the project who did research, design, and testing. Donations were received from many companies and groups. Mr. Jones thanked everyone for their support with this project.

2. Accepted Resignations from Secondary Math Teacher, Heather Pietro

3. Appointed the following:

- ◆ Jennifer Kane, Substitute Nurse
- ◆ Taylor Lee DeCesare, Substitute PK-12 Teacher

4. Approved Leave of Absence:

- ◆ Jennifer Carriero, Psychologist, effective June 17, 2010 through June 30, 2010.
- ◆ Mary Ann White, Cleaner, effective April 26, 2010 through approximately June 18, 2010.

5. Approved Policies:

- ◆ #6212 Certification and Qualifications
- ◆ #6212.2 Professional Certification: 175 Hours of Professional Development Requirements
- ◆ #6200 Employment of Retired Persons
- ◆ #7222 Credential Options for Students
- ◆ #6111 Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization)
- ◆ #5410 Purchasing
- ◆ #6120 Equal Employment Opportunity
- ◆ #6550 Leaves of Absence
- ◆ #7611 Children with Disabilities
- ◆ #7670 Impartial Due Process Hearings/Selection of Impartial Hearing Officers

6. Approved increase in hours for Cleaner, Darren Azzarella from 19 to 35 hours per week to replace Mary Ann White effective April 26, 2010 through approximately June 18, 2010 or upon the return of Ms. White.

7. Approved 2010-2011 BOCES Service Commitments.

8. Adopt 2010-2011 BOCES Administrative Budget.

9. Voted for BOCES Board of Education:

- ◆ Linda Hoffman
- ◆ Dr. Jerome Brown
- ◆ Ronald Catalano
- ◆ Joanne Martin
- ◆ Anita Ray

10. Approved a transfer of funds not to exceed \$10,500 from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund to purchase equipment necessary to replace a serving line at Eden Elementary School.

11. Approved bus use for Eden Boys & Girls Club for summer field trip program.

12. Increased the 2009-2010 Budget by \$9,967.00 to \$25,697,850.30 to account for increased revenues – The district received \$1,500 from Embers Yearbook for a pool scoreboard and \$8,467 from All Sports Booster Club for Modified Lacrosse.

13. Comments:

- ◆ Mr. Vona reported that Eden received an award for community service from NYSUT. Mr. Vona thanked the faculty for all they do above and beyond the call of duty. Some of the organizations supported by the district are: Family Support Center, Warm the Children, Mercy Flight, Food Pantry, Eden Library, Eden Boys & Girls Club, Bash for Cash, Eden Athletic Association, Eden Musical, Breast Cancer Walk, Adopt a Walk, Eden Volunteer Fire Department and Eden Emergency Squad.
- ◆ Mrs. Kot thanked Mrs. Carter and Mr. Buggs for working to benefit teachers for buy back time and develop staff development days.

14. Business Report:

- ◆ On March 17th, the Board unanimously approved the 2010-11 budget in the amount of \$26,197,143. This represents a 2.09% increase in expenditures over the 2009-10 budget. Proposition #2 is for the purchase of three school buses and a plow truck at an amount not to exceed \$352,542. There are currently two buses that either have not or will not pass DOT inspection without making expensive repairs. Passing this proposition will allow the district to keep the children safe by allowing buses to be replaced that have reached the end of their useful life. Proposition #3, if adopted, will fund the Repair Reserve, established by the Board on February 10, with guaranteed savings reimbursement funds from Siemen's for the co-gen project. To date, the District has received reimbursement checks in the amount of \$102,206, because the actual savings realized were less than the savings guaranteed by Siemen's.
- ◆ Linda Nellis, Kristen Pinker and Thomas Gannon are running for the Board of Education. Mr. Gannon and Mrs. Schenk's terms of office will expire at the end of the school year.
- ◆ If the budget is defeated and the board adopts a contingency budget, cuts in the amount of \$551,173 will need to be made. Equipment items not necessary to preserve the health and safety of students and staff must be eliminated. In addition, the District would need to begin charging for the community use of facilities if the proposed budget is defeated.
- ◆ The annual budget hearing will be held on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria and the annual district meeting and budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School foyer.
- ◆ Last month, a Request for Proposal for a Third Party Administrator for the Section 125 and 105 flexible benefit plans was sent out, and responses were received from eight vendors. Responses were reviewed and analyzed and Benefit Resources, Inc. did a presentation and answered questions yesterday. As long as both Associations sign off in agreement, the District will be changing to Benefits Resources as the TPA effective July 1.
- ◆ The bleacher replacement is progressing. According to the schedule given by the contractor, pool bleachers will be delivered on May 3 with installation complete on May 5. Demolition of the gym bleachers will be from May 6 – May 10, with new bleachers being delivered on May 11 and installation concluding on May 21.

- ◆ The Governor has signed into law the 55/25 Retirement Incentive. This would eliminate the early retirement penalty (reduction in benefits) for employees with at least 25 year of service in the system who retire between June 1 and August 31, 2010. The total retirement costs to TRS will be socialized and cause .09% increase in the employer contribution rate beginning with 2011-2012 salaries. This increase applies to all employers regardless of whether any of their employees took this incentive.
- ◆ Moody's has recalibrated the credit ratings for its United States municipal clients to a global scale rating comparable to other credits with a similar risk profile. Although the District's credit rating increased from A2 last week to Aa3, this should not be viewed as an upgrade in rating, but rather as a "recalibration of the ratings" to a different rating scale.

15. Superintendent's Report:

- ◆ Mr. Buggs presented the Utica Mutual Safety Award.
- ◆ The Transportation Department has a 100% DOT bus inspection passing rate again. They should be congratulated.
- ◆ Students in grades 3-8 are taking New York State Assessments in English and Math over the next two weeks or so.
- ◆ Raiders Respond will take place May 26, 2010. This is Eden Central School District's version of a Day of Caring for the Eden Community.

16. Board Report:

- ◆ Mrs. Gardner reported that she traveled with the Boys Varsity Baseball Team to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Eden Boys Baseball Team behaved very well. Other coaches commented on their positive sportsmanship.

17. Future Dates:

- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting - Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.
- ◆ The Annual Budget Hearing - Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria.
- ◆ Budget Vote and Election - Tuesday, May 18, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Foyer.

18. Approved change in July meeting date from Wednesday, July 7, 2010 to Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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