

## Eden Central School



**TO:** ALL STAFF  
**FROM:** RONALD K. BUGGS, SUPERINTENDENT  
**DATE:** MARCH 19, 2010  
**RE:** “Highlights” of the March 17, 2010 Budget Workshop and Board of Education Meeting

**1. Approved 2010-2011 Budget in the amount of \$26,197,143.**

**2. From Administration & Staff and Delegates**

- ◆ **Employee of the Month** – Mr. Martin presented an Employee of the Month Award to Robert Henry, Laborer.
- ◆ **GLP Primary School Update** – Mrs. Bossert gave a brief presentation on Art at GLP. The current focus is on the character trait of cooperation. The art studio is using peer teaching by empowering second grade students to help teach first graders about color theory. Emphasis was placed on reusing materials. The students created art portfolios using pizza boxes donated by Eden Seafood and Pizzeria. GLP students also traveled to the Jr./Sr. High School art room to work on ceramic bowls for the Empty Bowls project. Mrs. Alessi Nicastro’s students helped the GLP students with the Empty Bowls project. Mrs. Alessi Nicastro reported that she invited faculty and staff to take part in Empty Bowls. Nine people have participated.
- ◆ **Eden Elementary School Update** – Mrs. Kindley discussed the Western New York Writing Project and the Summer Institute, which gives teachers first-hand experience in writing. Dr. Suzanne Borowicz, Director of the WNY Writing Project thanked the Board for allowing her to come and talk about the project and their work in Eden. WNY Writing Project has been at Canisius College for 25 years. There are 200 sites across the country that are part of the National Writing Project, a federally funded program based on the belief that teachers can teach teachers. Over 10,000 teachers have been served through the National Writing Project. Their mission is to improve the quality of writing at the school level through the teacher. Ms. Molly Borowicz discussed the workshops offered through the WNY Writing Project and the Summer Institute. In August 2010, a young writers’ camp will be offered to Eden incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders for free.
- ◆ **Athletic Department Winter Season Recap** – Mr. Beetow reported that all seven of our Winter sports teams were Scholar Athlete Teams. Students with a 90% or higher overall grade point average will receive a Scholar Athlete pin and certificate.

**3. Accepted Resignations from:**

- ◆ **Iann Miller** – Microcomputer Repair Technician, March 12, 2010
- ◆ **Judy Miller** – Cleaner, July 1, 2010

**4. Appointed the following:**

- ◆ Juliann Blencowe, Substitute Bus Attendant
- ◆ Sheila Campbell, Substitute PK-12 Teacher
- ◆ Patricia Szulewski, Permanent appointment – Bus Driver
- ◆ Dawn Preischel, Permanent appointment – Bus Driver
- ◆ Judith Gustas-Stoj, Permanent appointment – Bus Attendant
- ◆ Mark Stephens, Permanent appointment – Part-time Cleaner
- ◆ Rachel Turner, Track Assistant
- ◆ Dan Hujer, Modified Boys’ Lacrosse

**5. Approved Leave of Absence:**

- ◆ Extended medical Leave of Absence for Teacher Jill Rapp through April 2, 2010.

**6. Approved FBLA overnight field trip to NYS FBLA Student Leadership Conference in Rochester, NY, April 21 – 23, 2010.**

**7. Accepted donation of Enhanced Vision Machine from the family of the late Donald W. Spencer.**

8. **Approved Wind Ensemble overnight trip to New York City, April 10 – 13, 2010.**
9. **Approved resolution for cooperative bidding with Orleans/Niagara BOCES.**
10. **Approved Code of Conduct.**
11. **Approved legal notice for the Annual District Meeting and Vote.**
12. **Approved risk assessment update.**
13. **Approved risk assessment testing in extraclassroom activities.**
14. **Appointed election inspectors:**
  - ◆ Mrs. Christine Blaszczyk, Head Inspector
  - ◆ Mrs. Maryann Cumiskey
  - ◆ Mrs. Constance Newton
  - ◆ Mrs. Rita Stuhr
  - ◆ Mrs. Diane Wood
15. **Nominated for BOCES Board of Education:**
  - ◆ Jerome Brown
  - ◆ Linda Hoffman
  - ◆ Joanne Martin
16. **Increased the 2009-2010 Budget by \$1,863.27 to \$25,687,883.30 to account for increased revenues –** The District received \$1,847.00 from the Musical Club to fund positions and \$16.27 from Abitibi Recycling for Eden Elementary School.
17. **Comments:** There were no comments.
18. **Business Report:**
  - ◆ The District was required to file a Supplemental Application for Education Stabilization Funds (or ARRA funds) with the State Education Department by March 15. This application shows how we will use \$320,101 of “spin up” funds that the Governor used for the Supplemental Deficit Reduction. This brings our total ARRA funding for 2009-10 to \$1,136,209. These “spin up” funds cannot be applied for until the application is approved by State Ed.
  - ◆ A Request for Proposal for a Third Party Administrator for our Section 125 and Section 105 flexible benefits plans was prepared and sent out to 8 different vendors. Responses are due back by April 7, when we will begin the review. The results will be shared at next month’s meeting. The District is hoping to get better pricing, better reporting and better customer service from the successful proposer.
19. **Superintendent’s Report:**
  - ◆ First reading of 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

**20. Future Dates:**

- ◆ BOCES Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 2010
- ◆ BOCES Component Vote Date – Tuesday, April 27, 2010
- ◆ The next Board of Education Meeting is Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr.Sr. High Cafeteria.

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